



Newsletter Friday 27th February 2026

Ben Rhydding Primary School

Dear Parents,

Please take time to read the weekly newsletter and keep up to date with news and upcoming events.

Message from Mr Timms

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a busy first week back and it has been great to see the first signs of spring! This week's learning value has been 'Courage' and in assembly we talked about the climate activism movement and standing up for what you believe in. It was great to see that we raised £683.40 for the Matthew Rusike Charity in Zimbabwe through our Year 1 and 2 fundraising. It was also great to hear our boys football team are already champions of the league with some games still remaining! Have a lovely weekend everyone and a reminder it is World Book Day next week!

Parents Evening

Parents evening will take place on 10th and 12th March for all years except Y6, which will be on 17th and 19th March. Please book your slot on Arbor if you haven't already done so. If you are experiencing difficulty, please contact the office.

The Great Ben Rhydding Easter Bake Off!

On Monday 23rd March we will be holding an Easter baking competition. We would love to see your best Easter themed cakes, buns and biscuits. We will be inviting the children to vote for their favourites over the course of the day. All the entries will be donated to the Free School Meals Easter parcels which support families across Ilkley. There will be Easter Egg prizes for the winners. Please bring in your entries in on the morning of Monday 23rd March in a container that you don't want back. If you have any questions, please contact Miss Lambert.

Upcoming events:

Saturday 28th February – PTA Ceilidh event

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

Friday 6th March – Y5 trip to Clip n Climb

Tuesday 10th March – Parents Evening

Thursday 12th March – 9-10am – Y1 Stay & Play

Thursday 12th March – Y5&6 Trip to Nell Bank

Thursday 12th March – Parents Evening

Thursday 12th March – Y4 Empathy event

Wednesday 18th March – 9-9.30am – Y5 & 6 Home Learning Gallery

Wednesday 18th March – Y1&2 Great Fire of London workshop

Thursday 19th March – 9-10am Reception Stay & Play

Thursday 19th March – 9-9.30am Y3&4 Home Learning Gallery

Also saved on the website at
<https://benrhyddingprimary.co.uk/parents/weekly-newsletters/>



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PTA News

We had our Ilkley Carnival meeting on Thursday, thank you to those that attended. Comms will be issued out by the class reps so that everyone can start to get prepped for our theme 'Where's Wally?'. Class reps will also be asking you to indicate via your What's App groups if your child is planning to take part so that we get an idea on numbers.

Our class bake sales start back next week, with year 3 hosting the after school bake sale on Thursday 5th March. Please support the year group with sales via cash, card, parent pay.

The Spring film night is coming soon, Tuesday 24th March. Details will be shared soon on the film and timings. Tickets will be available on parent pay in the next few weeks. Proceeds from this event will go towards the end of year house treats.

For those of you that have bought tickets for our Ceilidh event this weekend, thank you and ENJOY! All proceeds from this event will go towards our school playground fund and it is much appreciated.

World Book Day

We are looking forward to seeing all the children in their costumes on Thursday. Please don't feel obliged to buy anything or spend too much time making costumes (if you are busy). Plenty of characters wear normal clothes. Lots of book related activities will be happening in school all day. Please see the attachment with the various World Book Day competitions.

Boys football

The boys had their 6th game in the IGS league on Wednesday evening against All Saints Primary. They won 2-0 and Mr Ewbank announced that they were officially the League Champions in spite of still having 1 game to go. What an achievement. We are really proud of the boys who have worked so well as a team. Congratulations everyone!

Fundraising for Zimbabwe

A massive WELL DONE and THANK YOU to Year One and Two who have raised a total of £683.40 for the Matthew Rusike School and Children's Home through their fundraising efforts. The charity will be extremely grateful, and it will go towards resourcing the newly built Year One and Two classroom. Thank you to everyone who took part, helped with the events, sponsored the children or had a go at the Lucky Dip stall. – Miss Alston and Miss Lee

Upcoming events continued

Tuesday 24th March –
4.30pm – PTA Film night

Wednesday 25th March –
Carnival Art Day

Thursday 26th March –
2.00pm – Rock Steady concert to school and parents

Friday 27th March – 8.45am
- Autism Network meeting

Friday 27th March – school closes for the Easter holidays

Our Learning Value this week was Courage. Our Learning Heroes have been chosen because they have demonstrated this learning value this week.

Our Learning Heroes are:

Reception: Sammy H
Year 1: Seb F
Year 2: Cayde L
Year 3: Lily M
Year 4: Jack R
Year 5: Alice M
Year 6: Matilda C

Our Learning Value next week is Curiosity. Please do support your child by talking about the importance of this learning value.



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Well done to our Learning Heroes of the week

