



Newsletter Friday 13th March 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,

Its been a very busy but productive week at school! This week's Learning Value was Empathy and was especially chosen to link into Year 4' visit to Empathy Week event in Leeds yesterday. We've also had visits to Kings Hall for Year 3/4 and Ilkley and Nell Bank for Year 5/6. It's Mrs Dodsworth last day before her maternity leave, so we wish her the best of luck whilst also welcoming Mrs Smithson to the staffing team as she covers Year 5 in Mrs Dodsworth's absence. Thank you for attending Parents Evening this week, and a reminder to all parents that we have presentation about joining Moorlands Academy Trust on Wednesday 18th at 3.30 next week. Finally, well done to the boys football team who are champions of the league and 7 games undefeated; thankyou also to Mrs Crannigan to helped lead them to victory in Miss Stead's absence. Have a great weekend everyone!

SEND parent network meeting: Friday 27th March at 8.45am.

In this session we will be looking at Speech and Language Needs including DLD (Developmental Language Disorder). We will be joined by Kirsty Strickland, who is a parent at the school and a Speech and Language Therapist. She will explain a little more about how to support our children with speech difficulties and will be on hand to answer any questions.

There will be 2 more SEND Network meetings this year:

22/5/26 - When we will look at physical and sensory barriers to learning

17/7/26 - In this session we will revisit the subject of neuro divergence (including Autism). We will be joined by Catherine Asta.

Comic Relief

On Friday 20th March, we will be supporting Comic Relief. The children are invited to wear a red accessory. Any donations can be made on ParentPay. Thank you

Upcoming events:

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

Friday 20th March – Comic Relief – Wear a red accessory

Tuesday 24th March – 4.30pm – PTA Film night

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

Friday 17th April – Carnival Art Day



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PTA News

We hope everyone who attended the Ceilidh had a great evening. A massive thank you to Kirsty and Becs for organising the event. We made £880, which will go towards our playground funds. Details of how you could add to this fund pot will be sent via email.

🐰 Easter donations 🐰!

We are looking for donations of small Cadburys Easter eggs (~100g size). Please drop donations into the office 😊. Thank you!

P.s these are for us to hand out to all children in school on the last day of term.

Paddington in Peru will be shown at our upcoming film night on Tuesday 24th March. Tickets are available to buy on parent pay. Proceeds from this event will go towards the end of year house treats.

For information, the carnival art day at school has been changed to Friday 17th April in the afternoon.

Boys Football

The final game for the Y5&6 boys in the IGS League this week was against Ashlands and the boys came away with another win. A total of 7 undefeated games. What an amazing team. The trophy was awarded and there was lots of excitement.



Upcoming events continued

Monday 20th April –
Wednesday 22nd April - Y3
residential to High
Adventure

Friday 1st May – 9-10am – Y1
Stay & Play

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

Our Learning Heroes are:

Reception: Ralph H

Year 1: Rupert S

Year 2: Jamie L

Year 3: Anna W

Year 4: Lyra K-C

Year 5: Izzy N

**Year 6: Everyone in Y6 for
their hard work during
practice SAT's week**

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

Pupil Newsletter

Thank you to Abi, Lucy, Orla and Aoife in Year 5 who have written a pupil newsletter. Please see attached.



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Well done to our Learning Heroes of the week





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Ilkley Foodbank Easter Appeal

With Easter approaching, many households experience increased financial pressure. We would love to support the Ilkley Foodbank by organising a collection for families in our community.

They are currently in need of items such as Easter treats, tinned meats, tinned vegetables, biscuits, sugar, pasta or curry sauces, washing-up liquid, laundry detergent, and toilet rolls.

If you are able to donate any of these items, we would be incredibly grateful. Your generosity will help ensure local families receive some extra support during the Easter period. Please bring your donations to the school office by next Friday, March 20th.

Thank you for helping us support our community.

Junk Modelling supplies required

We have run out of recycling for junk modelling. Please can you save and bring in any cereal boxes (nothing bigger than this), cartons and containers or bottles. Thank you