



## Diary Dates

### Monday 16 January

Kickboxing club grading 3.20-5.20pm

### Tuesday 17 January

Year 2 visit to St George's Hall

### Wednesday 18 January

Chester Zoo trip—Reception to Year 6

### Thursday 19 January

Group of y5&6 Kurling Festival

### Monday 23 January

Year 3 visit to St John's Church

Year 6 dodgeball tournament

### Monday 30 January

Year 5 dodgeball tournament

### Monday 6 February

'Plumber Drummer' performance to whole school

Year 4 dodgeball tournament

### Friday 10 February

School closes for February half term

### Monday 20 February

School re-opens after February half term

### Thursday 2 March

World Book Day

### Wednesday 8 March

Year 6 map skills day in Grassington

### Monday 20 March

Year 1 living eggs week

### Thursday 23 March

Year 1 and 2 poetry assembly 10.15am

### Wednesday 29 March

Parents Evening 1-5pm

### Friday 31 March

School closes for Easter holidays

### Monday 17 April

School re-opens after Easter holidays

### Wednesday 26 April

Year 1 visit to Gill Garth Farm

### Tuesday 2 May

Reception and Year 6 photos

### Wednesday 3 May

Year 4 cybercrime workshop

Year 1 visit to Madni Mosque

### Tuesday 23 May

Whole school open morning 9-10am

### Wednesday 21 June

Year 5 visit to Murton Park

Year 2 Grass Woods survival day

### Thursday 22 June

Early Years poetry assembly 10.15am

### Friday 7 July

Year 4 visit to Gurdwara

### Monday 17 July

Year 6 Residential



## Headteacher's Message



Happy New Year! I hope all our families had a peaceful and relaxing Christmas. I can't quite believe there's already only four weeks left of this half term. Thank you to all of our parents and carers who came to our open morning on Thursday. It was lovely to see so many of you visiting school to spend time with your children in their classroom environment and find out what they've been learning about.



As you know, all pupils from Reception to year 6 are visiting Chester Zoo on Wednesday. Below you will find some important information, including details about where to collect your children upon their return to school:

- Pupils must be at school by **8.00am** prompt; breakfast club will be open from 7.15am on the day
- All pupils from reception to year 6 should enter school via the main gate and main entrance and make their way to either breakfast club or their classroom. The Early Years gate will not be open
- Children are not required to wear school uniform. Please ensure your child is appropriately dressed for January weather: a warm, waterproof coat, comfortable shoes, layers, hat and gloves
- Please also ensure children bring plenty to drink for the day and a packed lunch; school can provide this
- Children will be responsible for carrying their own water and lunch throughout the day and as such, we strongly recommend pupils bring a rucksack/backpack
- No eating or drinking is permitted on the coach
- There is a gift shop at the zoo. Pupils may bring up to a **maximum** of £10 spending money which must be in a named wallet, purse or bag
- If your child requires any medication for the visit, please ensure that a valid 'administration of medication' form has been completed via the school office
- We will be leaving Chester Zoo at 3.00pm—returning to school for approximately 5.30pm (depending on traffic) and will provide updates via text and our social media platforms
- **Parents and carers are invited to wait in the dining hall from 5.15pm. As each coach arrives, staff and adults will enter school via the main entrance and release their groups to their parents or carers via the dining hall doors. We then ask that, once you have collected your child/ren, you leave by the dining hall fire exit in order to avoid congestion in the main entrance**
- We are just a teeny tiny bit excited!

## Attendance

Attendance data for the last 2 weeks is as follows:

w/c 2 Jan 2023		w/c 9 Jan 2023	
Reception	93.8%	Reception	93.9%
Year 1	91.5%	Year 1	91.1%
Year 2	98.3%	Year 2	95.0%
Year 3	91.1%	Year 3	89.3%
Year 4	97.4%	Year 4	92.1%
Year 5	91.7%	Year 5	97.3%
Year 6	95.8%	Year 6	97.9%
Butterfly	100%	Butterfly	100%

A huge well done to Butterfly Class, who have achieved 100% attendance for the past two weeks!

**NON-UNIFORM DAY**

## Worth Valley Primary School Snow and Adverse Weather Policy



We will always endeavour to keep our school open and operating as normal. However, in the event of severe adverse weather, it may be necessary to make a decision to close the school for the safety of the children and staff.

### This plan aims to prevent:

- Unnecessary risks travelling to and from school (through good communication)
- The stranding of pupils and staff
- Excessive impact on children's education
- Accidents on the school site

### Policy

It is Worth Valley Primary School's policy that we will open on all normal school days, even when some poor road conditions exist. However, in the event of severe or adverse weather, we cannot guarantee that staff will be able to attend school. Therefore, a decision to close or restrict school opening may have to be made. It is likely that we would have to close our Nursery and Pre-School classes if we have heavy snow or severe ice, due to the high legal staffing ratios required for non-compulsory school age children. Many of our teachers travel some distance to the school and we simply would not have sufficient staff to open Nursery or Pre-School should road conditions prove difficult.

### Decision

The decision to open or close the school will be taken by the Headteacher and CEO and will be made by 7.15am. This decision will be based on an inspection of the school site by the Site Manager, an analysis of road conditions around the school and consideration of the weather forecast for the rest of the day. Parents and carers will then be advised that the school is either open or closed. A delayed opening may be considered. The decision will be final.

If the weather conditions are severe enough to force closure, this will be communicated to parents, carers and staff by the following means:

- Via text message to parents/carers and staff.
- Through the Bradford Schools Online website:  
<https://bso.bradford.gov.uk/Schools/Home.aspx#schoolclosures>
- On the school's Facebook pages
- On the school's website

Parents and carers are asked to exercise extreme caution when bringing their children to school and should walk through the school grounds with great care. Staff will do their best to remove snow and ice, however this may not always be possible and parents should be mindful that this will not completely remove the risk of slips and falls.

We will relax our normal high expectations of punctuality and no child will receive a late mark. At the end of the school day, children should be collected from their normal exit as usual (unless informed otherwise by our text messaging service). There will be no after-school clubs or staff meetings. Parents and carers who wish to collect their children early due to road conditions or worsening weather may do so from the main office. On such days, children's access to the school playground and outdoor areas may be restricted for Health and Safety reasons. Parents and carers are reminded to ensure that their children have warm coats, hats, gloves and suitable footwear for the weather conditions.

### Communication

Once a decision is made, the school phone system is likely to be very busy and it may not be possible to get through. *Could we ask that parents do not contact school by phone to check if we are open. Please use the forms of communication listed above.*

If the school is closed, a member of staff (where possible) will be available at school to ensure that messages and communication are maintained for the first few hours of closure.



## PLAYERS WANTED!! SCHOOL YEAR'S 4 & 5

### Oxenhope Juniors FC needs new players...

We are a team that is here to serve Oxenhope, Haworth, Cross Roads & Stanbury, for too long the rural community has not had a junior team to call it's own. NOW WE DO!!!! We are looking for more players in school year's 4 & 5 (under 9 & 10's) to come along and enjoy playing football.

**School year's  
4 & 5**

**Monday's  
6-7pm  
@ Oakbank  
School  
BD22 7DU**

**£5 to train,  
just turn up**

**Home  
matches  
played @  
Oxenhope FC  
ground**

Join us on Facebook  
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Email:  
[oxenhopejuniors@gmail.com](mailto:oxenhopejuniors@gmail.com)



## BCFC Academy Trials

Bradford City Academy is always looking to 'identify talent and develop the future generation', giving local players a chance to succeed.

We are holding open trials at the Marley Development Centre, Keighley. The trials are for boys between the ages of U7 to U12 (for season 2023-24).

The trials will cost a fee of £7.00 per player. You must book in advance; we will not take any bookings on the day.

### Marley Development Centre Monday 13th February

Aireworth Rd, Keighley BD21 4DB

- 2.00 pm till 3.00 pm – Under 7s, Under 8s and Under 9s  
Registration from 1.45 pm

- 3.00 pm till 4.00 pm – Under 10s, Under 11s and Under 12s  
Registration from 2.45 pm

