



### Wednesday 31 January

Movie Night—Chicken Run

### Friday 9 February

School closes for February half term

### Monday 19 February

School re-opens after February half term

### Wednesday 21 February

Parents open morning 9-10am

### Tuesday 5 March

Year 5 visit to Saltaire

### Wednesday 6 March

Whole School Science Day

### Thursday 7 March

World Book Day



### Wednesday 13 March

Movie Night

### Tuesday 19 March

Year 6 parents—SATs meeting 9.00-9.30am

### Wednesday 20 March

Parents Evening 1-5pm

### Friday 22 March

School closes for Easter holidays



### Tuesday 2- Friday 5 April

Year 6 SATs boosters 9.00am-1.00pm

### Monday 8 April

School re-opens after Easter holidays

### Wednesday 8 May

Movie Night

### Week commencing 13 May

Year 6—KS2 SATs week

### Thursday 23 May

School closes for Spring Bank

### Tuesday 4 June

Parents open morning 9-10am

### Thursday 6 June

School re-opens after Spring Bank

### Tuesday 11 June

Year 5 and 6 Countryside Day

### Wednesday 19 June

Year 3 visit to Cliffe Castle

### Thursday 20 June

Year 5 visit to Murton Park

Year 6 trip to Flamingo Land

### Wednesday 3 July

Movie Night

### Friday 5 July

Sports Morning (TBC)

### Wednesday 10 July

Whole school picnic-themed lunch

### Thursday 18 July

Summer Disco



## Headteacher's Message



Happy New Year! I don't know about you, but Christmas seems such a long time ago now!

I want to start by thanking you all for your patience and positivity this week. We try our absolute best to keep school open during adverse weather and that sometimes means we need to make amendments to our arrival, collection and end of day arrangements. Though safety—and not speed—will always be our priority, all pupils and their parents and carers had left the school grounds in less time than they would on a 'normal' day! The snow and adverse weather policy is published on page 3 of this newsletter for your information.





On 4th January, all pupils from Reception to Year 6 visited the Alhambra Theatre in Bradford to watch the Cinderella Pantomime. Hopefully your children have already told you how fantastic it was and how much we all loved it! However, I also wanted to let you know what an absolute credit your children were: to school, to their families and most importantly, to themselves. They were polite, courteous, sensible and appreciative. I spent a significant amount of time just watching the children's faces beaming with enjoyment and wonder and felt so incredibly proud of them. I discovered after the performance that many other members of staff and volunteers did the same! We are already beginning to explore what we can do and where we can go for next year's whole school trip!

And finally, well done to every pupil who competed in the Bradford Schools Cross Country event at Peel Park on 10 January. It was cold, wet, muddy and slippery: the perfect conditions for a Cross Country event! The children rose to the challenge and were all determined to do their very best. We were so proud of them all!



## Attendance

Attendance data for the last 3 weeks is as follows:

w/c 1.1.2024		w/c 8.1.2024		w/c 15.1.2024	
Reception	100% 	Reception	96.4%	Reception	90.8%
Year 1	99.4%	Year 1 	96.5%	Year 1	93.4%
Year 2	97.4%	Year 2	93.3%	Year 2	93.7%
Year 3	100% 	Year 3	94.6%	Year 3	91.8%
Year 4	98.8%	Year 4	95.7%	Year 4	92.1%
Year 5	95.4%	Year 5	94.3%	Year 5 	93.9%
Year 6	96.7%	Year 6	89.0%	Year 6	84.3%
Butterfly Room	56.3%	Butterfly Room	81.3%	Butterfly Room	73.8%

Well done to Reception Class and Year 3, who achieved 100% attendance in the first week back and earned themselves a non-uniform day as well as an extra long playtime, hot chocolate and biscuits. Well done!

## Free Childcare



From April 2024, working families may be eligible for up to 15 hours free child care in our wonderful pre-school.

Scan the QR code to visit [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk) to find out more, or pop in to the school office.



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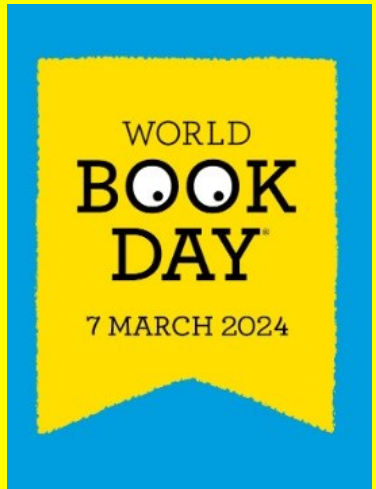
Chicken Run

Movie night will finish at 5.00pm approx.

Tickets cost £2; please pay via ParentPay.

Thursday 7 March

Pupils are invited to come to school dressed as a character from a book or story. Please do not go to an unnecessary expense!



## 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.