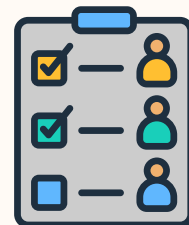




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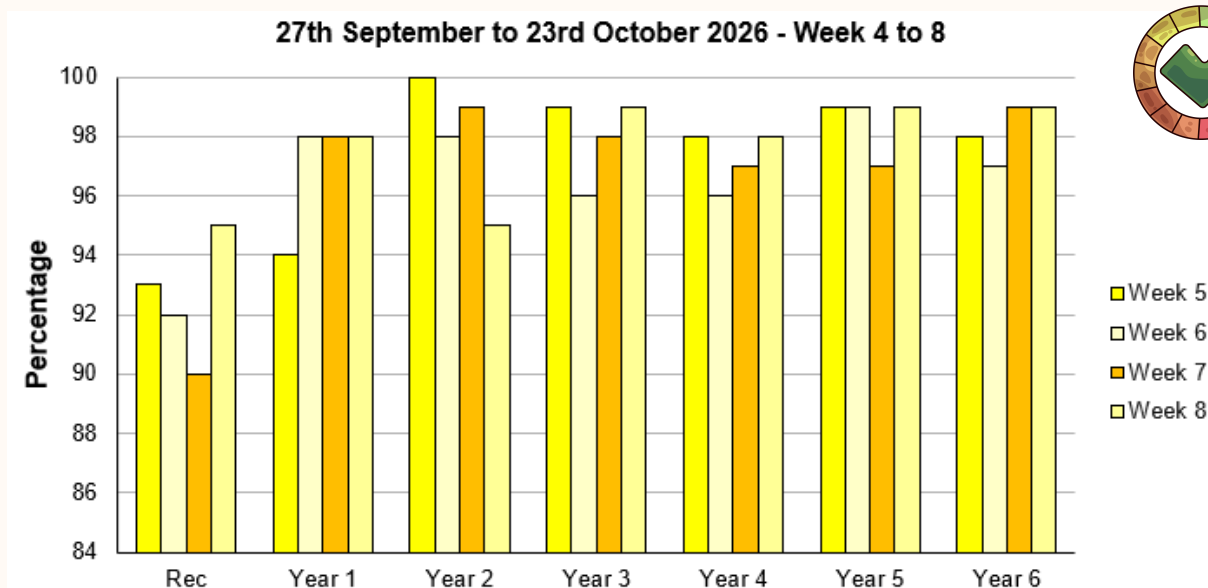


AUTUMN TERM 2026/2027

WEEK 1 - 8

ATTENDANCE BY YEAR GROUP

Here is a chart, showing you each year groups attendance over the last 4 weeks.
The target for every year group is 96% per week.



ATTENDANCE LADDER

Where is your child on the attendance ladder?



MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Please try to make non urgent medical appointments out of school hours or during the school holidays.

If your child needs to attend a medical appointment please inform the office as soon as possible so we can make a note in the diary. Please bring proof of the appointment to the office or email it to office@wal.bcwcat.co.uk

Thank you

THE SCHOOL DAY

Breakfast Club is open daily from 7:45am.

School opens at 8:45am for registration at 8:50am

School closes at 3:15pm

If you are late collecting your child they will be put into After School Club.

Please contact school if you know you are going to be late for pick up.

ABSENCE REQUESTS & PENALTY NOTICES

If you are planning on taking your child out of school during term time, please complete the online request form which can be found on our school website under the [school holiday section](#). Once you have completed this form we will be notified and you will be invited to come in to school for a meeting with Mrs Fearnley. Please provide evidence of travel (flight and accommodation booking) or anything else you may feel supports your application - you can email these to school prior to your meeting or bring them with you.

Requests for leave during term time are never taken lightly. Social, emotional, and cultural reasons are taken into consideration as well as the overall level of attendance, academic attainment, and any impact it may have on your child's learning during their time away.

Bradford Council issue fines for unauthorised term time absence. This is for all children over 5 years of age who are absent for 10 sessions (5 days) in a 6 week period.

- **First Offence** - £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days; rising to £160 if paid within 28 days.
- **Second Offence (within a 3 year period)** - £160 per parent, per child (do early payment discounts)
- **Third Offence (within a 3 year period)** - No further penalty notices issued - cases are referred directly for prosecution by the Magistrates Court.
- **Per Parent Per Child** - fines are issued individually to each parent for each child. For example, a two parent household with two children taking an unauthorised holiday would receive separate fines for each parent.
- **Severe Absence (20+ days)** - if a child is absent without permission for 20 or more continuous school days, Bradford Council may bypass the penalty notice state and prosecute parents directly.

Thank you for your support.



HOW WE CELEBRATE GOOD ATTENDANCE

WEEKLY - during Merit assembly the class with the highest attendance receive the attendance trophy to keep until it is passed on to the next winning class. If the class have 100% attendance for the week, they are rewarded with an extra playtime.

TERMLY - each child with 100% attendance for the term is placed into a drawer. Three names are chosen at random during assembly, those children receive a £5 Amazon Voucher.

FREE SCHOOL MEAL ENTITLEMENT

From September 2026, all households receiving Universal Credit will qualify for Free School Meals. This change also includes children in school-based Early Years settings.

UNIVERSAL - All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to Universal free school meals. When children move into Year 3, they are no longer entitled to Universal meals.

Do you qualify for Targeted or Expanded Free School Meals? This is separate to Universal FSM and if you qualify you could get help with the cost of uniform, school trips, music lessons etc.

TARGETED - Available for families receiving Universal Credit with annual net earned income of £7,400 or less, or other qualifying benefits like Income Support or Pension Credit. These pupils also unlock additional Pupil Premium/disadvantage funding for their schools.

EXPANDED - Available for families receiving Universal Credit with annual earnings above £7,400. This provides free lunches only, without the additional funding ties of Targeted FSM.



To check if you are eligible visit www.bradford.gov.uk click on the **Benefits** tab and then **Free School Meals**. It only takes a few minutes to apply and you will get an instant response.

TERM DATES 2026 -2027

Here are the term dates for this academic year. You can also view these on the school website.

Autumn Term	Re-Open	Thursday 3 rd September
Half Term	Close	Friday, 23 rd October
	Re-Open	Tuesday, 3 rd November
	Close	Friday, 18 th December
Spring Term	Re-Open	Monday, 4 th January
Half Term	Close	Friday, 12 th February
	Re-Open	Monday, 22 nd February
	Close	Wednesday, 24 th March
Summer Term	Re-Open	Monday, 5 th April
May Holiday	Closed	Monday, 3 rd May
Half Term	Close	Friday, 21 st May
	Re-Open	Monday, 7 th June
	Close	Tuesday, 20 th July

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

After School Club now runs every day Monday to Friday; 3:15pm - 6:00pm.

If you are interested in a place for your child and you would like more information please contact the ASC Team on:

Tel: 07944 109173
Email: SWOOSC@gmail.com



SEASONAL ILLNESS & MEDICAL CONDITIONS

It is that time of year when seasonal illnesses are being passed around, often affecting children who have a pre-existing medical condition.

It is fine to send your child to school with a slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature (38 degrees or above). Morning aches and pains often disappear, please give medication at home and if they begin to feel better bring them to school. We would rather your child arrived late to school than miss a whole day.

We have 16 members of staff in school who are First Aid trained so if your child becomes unwell while they are here, they will be looked after. We are able to administer antihistamines and pain relief medication with your consent.

INHALERS - inhalers need to be in the original box with your child's details on. We do have some emergency inhalers in school if your child needs to access one.

EPIPENS - please make sure we have 2 EpiPens in school at all times. These will need to be in the original box with your child's details on.

If your child has long term medication in school, this is stored safely in a zippy wallet with your child's name and photograph on the front.

ANTIBIOTICS - we can only administer these in school if they need to be taken 4 times per day.

SICKNESS & DIARRHOEA - a child who has sickness or diarrhoea needs to be absent for 48 hours from the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea.

Please contact the school office if your child is going to be absent from school. If absent for 3 days or more we suggest seeking medical guidance from your local pharmacy and/or GP. Please bring any evidence to school to support your child's absence.



You can also find advice from the NHS by following going to:
www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club is available every day for all children from Reception to Year 6.
You do not need to book a place, simply arrive from 7:45am.

It is £5 per day to attend and this will be added to your Parentpay account.

There is a lot of choice available including; waffles, bagels, a variety of cereal, toast, brioche, yogurt and juice.

Mrs Barraclough and Mrs Ashton always have a selection of activities to keep the children busy until it is time to go to class for registration.



Please inform staff if your child has any dietary requirements that we do not already know about.

OVERALL %

Whole School
attendance from
3rd September to
23rd October is
an impressive
97%

