



Broadbent Fold Primary School and Nursery Headteacher's Newsletter March 2026

WHAT LEARNING HAS BEEN HAPPENING THIS HALF TERM?

At Broadbent Fold we continue to provide a rich and broad career led curriculum, which meets the needs of all our pupils and gets them prepared for their future. This half-term has been packed:



EYFS – Our pupils have been taking a walk through the jungle and learning all about the rainforest. Take a peek in their classrooms when you visit for parents evening their artwork is incredible. We can't wait for the zoo lab.

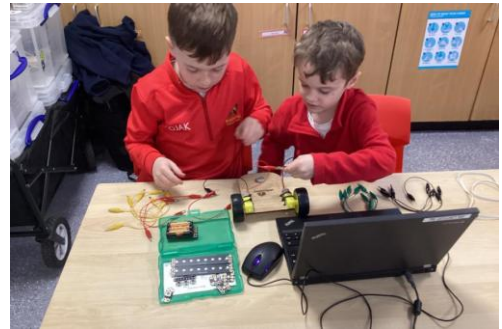
Year 1 –Pupils have been learning all about plants and the environment, exploring how things grow and why nature is so important.

Year 2 – Our pupils have been learning all about bees. What a brilliant topic for us Mancs! They displayed their food technology skills and made honey cakes. Keep baking at home year 2, you measured everything so well.

Year 3 – Pupils have been going D&T mad! They have been exploring how different pulley mechanisms work. They are ready to make informed designs to create a crane to help the Iron Man escape from a trap. How exciting.

Year 4 – They have been busy spotting the key features of newspapers to help them with writing their own newspaper articles. These are coming together nicely.

Year 3 and 4 - also had Coding Workshops. They have been electrical engineers and scientists whilst exploring how Crumble Kits work. They wired our kits up and learnt how to program them to move in various ways.



Year 5 – What an amazing half term our year 5s have had on climate change and the future of the earth. They are planning a (calm) protest on the issues.

Year 6 – To have a rest from their boosters, SATs revision and daily hard work. We took our pupils to Castleton to climb bridges and make rafts. It was the best day and our pupils faced their fears and took on all the challenges. I am immensely proud of them and I have not laughed so much in a long time. Thank you to Mrs Higham and Mrs Gething for joining the day – it was a wet one but memorable.

CURRICULUM AND SPORT

'Leaders have developed an ambitious curriculum. This helps pupils, including those with SEND, to acquire and develop the knowledge that they need to succeed.'

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Magistrates Mock Trials – A selected group of year 6s attended a mock trial with local magistrates. We took on Inspire Academy Ashton. Each pupil had to be part of the defence and they were exemplary! We await our results to see if we are in the next round.





Youth Sport Trust Ambassadors – Myself and Miss Mainprize represented Broadbent Fold at a recent YST conference. We spoke about our Active Uniform and the changes we have made for our pupils. Hopefully, we have inspired more schools to make the change. We have applied for a wellbeing award, so I shall let you know how we do.



Science Fair – Mrs Higham and our brilliant year 6s delivered an incredible science week full of fairs and experiments. What role models we have. Thank you Mrs Higham for all your hard work.

World Book Day – We had another brilliant year celebrating the world of books. There were so many wonderful World Book Day competition entries. All of the winners received their book prize in assembly and the winning characters are displayed in our school library. Thank you everyone and Miss Harvey our Reading Leader.



Ash Randall – We were lucky enough to have a visit from Ash Randall, the freestyle footballer. He showed his fantastic skills that he has been practising for over 20 years and taught us the importance of perseverance. Our Game Changers and some of the teachers even got to have a go at some of the skills!

Game Changers - Our Game Changers have done a fantastic job organising events for Made for this Game Day. The girls enjoyed having a girl only football competition at lunchtime and the whole school have loved challenging themselves to see how many passes they can do in 1 minute.

ATTENDANCE – Time to Celebrate!

We are currently 97%. Let's keep this going!

Holidays in term time have had a significant impact on our attendance. Please keep this in mind as we are monitoring these and families will receive a notice to improve from the local authority if these continue. As a school we aim for 98% attendance, which is above the national average each year. Please look at your child's attendance certificate on Arbor, as this will show you their percentage. Term-time holidays are not authorised. If you feel you need support, please contact school. Well done everyone!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to our staff for making everyday memorable for our pupils
Year 5 start Forest Schools with Inside Out Forest Schools – please remember your kit.
We shall see you all on Monday 13th April 2026. Have a safe and happy half term.