

SAVILE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER
2025



The school year has got off to a flying start, it seems amazing that we are speeding towards half term. I joined the Eagles and the Hawks classes at Robinwood last week. It was delightful observing all the children embrace every opportunity and being told how fabulous they were all being. We have many more exciting events planned for October, so we will continue to be busy.

World Mental Health Day- Hello Yellow 10th October 2025

No child should feel alone with their mental health and that's why Hello Yellow matters. We're taking this opportunity as a school to come together and show our children that we are with them and they are never alone with their mental health. To achieve this our whole school community is being actively encouraged and supported to wear yellow on Friday 10th October.

These resources are available from YoungMinds to help and support parents/carers if this is ever needed.

- online resources (www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/)
- a phone line, open 9.30am-4pm (0808 802 5544)
- an online chat for parents and carers to speak to trained professionals if you're concerned about your children's mental health (www.youngminds.org.uk/parents-helpline/)

If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, please send your child with some money on Friday 10th October.

Playtimes

As the weather is starting to get colder and more unpredictable please could we ask that the children have a coat in school every day. Also it would be really helpful if the coat was named. Thank you for your support.



Parking Around School



Parking around school continues to be a real cause for concern; both for the safety of our children and the inconvenience it is causing our neighbours. Please can you ensure that you always park sensibly; not obstructing roads or pavements, junctions or driveways and supervising your children at all times when they are in the car park at Heath. If possible, try and park a little further from school and walk the rest of the way. Please encourage others to do the same.

Once again thank you to everyone who always parks appropriately.



Marsden Visit

Year 6 have had a great start to the year! In the first week back we went to Marsden to carry out a river study as part of our Geography topic all about water. We tested the depth and the flow of the river and have brought back some data to analyse in school. We were very proud of how we represented school and how we remembered key facts on the features of a river. A great day all round - with a few soggy socks on the mini bus home!

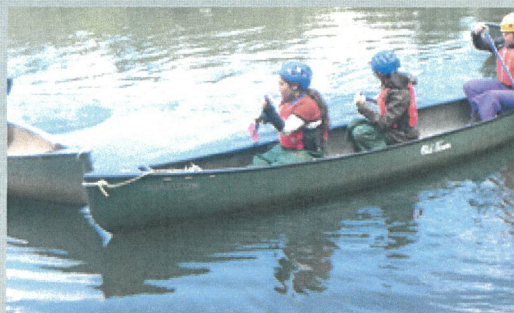


Robinwood Residential Visit 2025

Wow! What a fantastic three days Eagles and Hawks had at Robinwood. We are so proud of all the pupils for their resilience, bravery, positivity and independence during our residential. Pupils experienced a range of challenging activities such as: caving, canoeing, the giant swing, piranha pool, nightline, zip wire, trapeze, archery and many more. They also worked together successfully to complete lots of team challenges such as: quest, crate challenge and the dungeon as well as quizzes on an evening. Our Year 6's showed such determination, teamwork and consideration of others during everything they faced and have definitely matured and gained independence during their time away.

The Robinwood leaders commented positively on how supportive and encouraging the pupils were towards each other when faced with a challenge. It was really lovely to see. We will enjoy reminiscing about our time at Robinwood as the year goes on and treasure the memories made.

Look out for some more pictures on our facebook page!

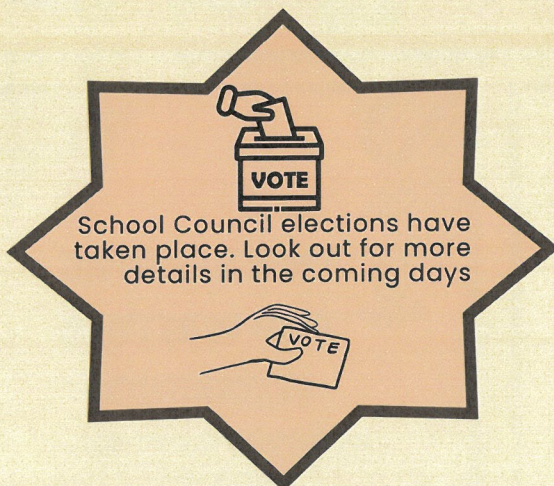




Save the Date

Hello autumn

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| Wednesday 8 th October | Year 1 Manor Heath Park |
| Friday 10 th October | World Mental Health Day (wear yellow) |
| Wednesday 15 th October | Year 5 Forbidden Corner |
| Thursday 16 th October | Year 4 Bradford Police Museum |
| Friday 17 th October (Moorfield) & Friday 24 th October (Heath) | Individual Photographs |
| Monday 20 th & Tuesday 21 st October | Year 4 Multiplication Check parents meeting |
| Wednesday 22 nd October | Year 2 Shibden Hall |
| Monday 27 th -Friday 31 st October | School Closed for Half Term |
| Monday 10 th November | Anti - Bullying Week starts Odd Socks Day |
| Friday 14 th November | Children in Need (Non Uniform) |
| Wednesday 19 th November | Parents Evening |



Black History Month



The theme for Black History Month UK 2025 is "Standing Firm in Power and Pride," a tribute to the resilience, strength, and unwavering commitment to progress that defines the Black community across the globe. This year, the theme highlights the contributions made by Black people be they leaders, activists, or pioneers who have shaped history, while also looking towards the future.

As usual we will be sending home information about the focus for each class. I look forward to seeing the children's work throughout school.

Attendance Matters

Good attendance in school is key to a successful education. Even small absences from school can have a large effect on children's education. The government has set a target of 95% attendance for pupils. This rate allows for periods of illness or circumstances when absence from school is unavoidable. Attendance lower than 95% is a cause for concern and is likely to have a negative impact on your child's education.

- 90% attendance = ½ day missed EVERY week.

The government classes anything less than 90% as persistent absence.



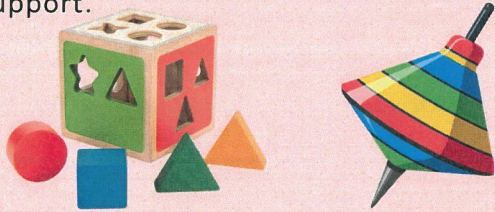
Toy Donations Wanted

We are seeking some baby/toddler type toys for school. If you are having or are due to have a clear out, then any donations would be very gratefully received.

We are specifically wanting:

- Sensory/ light up toys (balls or anything that lights up)
- Toys that pop up/ flip up
- Puzzles or those shape sorter activity toys
- Any sensory / musical toys
- Baby rattles or soft toys

Please hand any unwanted but still useable toys, into the school office. Many thanks for your support.



Stone Age Workshop

Year 3 had a fantastic time when Una the Stone Age Lady came to visit!

The children were fascinated as they learned about life in the Stone Age- discovering how people dressed, how they survived in such tough conditions; even trying their hand at grinding flour. Una shared incredible stories and brought along real artefacts for the children to handle, which made the past come alive in such an exciting way.

The children's engagement and behaviour was amazing and made us so proud. It was a wonderful day of learning and fun!



Reception Intake September 2026

If you know anyone who is looking for a school starter place in September 2026 please encourage them to come and see us!

We have two open days planned for prospective families to come and look round both the Heath and Moorfield sites.

Wednesday 22nd October 2025

Wednesday 26th November 2025

Please share these dates with your friends and families.

WELCOME

Christmas Concerts

We have some exciting news around our Christmas Performances this year in school. We have introduced a 'Winter Festival' for Reception and Year 1, in addition to our fabulous Key Stage 2 Summer festival in the summer term.

This year the Winter performances will be as follows:

Year 2 Nativity Performance- Pelicans and Puffins will be working together on a Nativity performance for parents and carers. There will be two performances on Wednesday 17th December, both of these will be at our **Heath site**. The first one will be at 10.00 am and the second one at 2.30 pm.

Reception and Year 1 Winter Festival- Robins, Wrens, Kingfishers and Hummingbirds will be working together to create a Winter Festival for parents and carers to come and enjoy. This will be held at our **Moorfield site** and will be Monday 15th December at 2.15pm.

We will send out further details on both events closer to the time. We hope you can all come and watch, the children and staff are already very excited!



REMINDER EYFS READING AND WRITING WORKSHOP

WEDNESDAY 15 OCTOBER
HEATH SITE

9-10

4-5

What to expect:

- An overview of phonics, what it is and how we teach it
- How we teach writing
- What writing expectations look like
- Practical tips for supporting at home



Savile Park Governors

Our governors continue to work extremely hard to support the school and they want to make a positive contribution to our children's education. School governors play a key role in setting a school's strategic direction, ensuring high educational standards, and managing finances, acting as an accountable body that supports the headteacher whilst holding them to account.

Currently, we have two vacancies on our governing body. If you would be interested or know anybody who would be interested in joining us please let the office know.

office@savilepark.calderdale.sch.uk

Our six serving governors are:



Debbie Pettiford
Co-Chair
Co-opted Governor



Liz Cresswell
Co-Chair
LA Governor



Rukhsana Maqsood
Vice Chair
Co-opted Governor



Robina Sarwar-Hayat
Parent Governor



Neelam Awan
Parent Governor



Nina Lucas
Staff Governor

Catering update

Hopefully everyone has received correspondence about the new menus at both the Heath and Moorfield sites. If you have not seen the letter please speak to the office about getting a copy sent to you. When you receive the new menu we will require you to confirm any changes to your child's meal pattern.

Thank you for your support.



Parent/carer Questionnaire

**YOUR
OPINION
MATTERS**

We will be sending home a parent/carer questionnaire next week, this will be an online form for you to complete. Please can we ask that you find a little time to send us your thoughts as your opinion really does matter to us. It is also gives you opportunity to share what you feel should be the school's priorities moving forward.

Thank you



Parent Learning Support Sessions

Would you like to be able to help your child more with their reading?

Would you like to be able to read the letters we send home more easily?

Would you like to develop your skills to help you to volunteer or to help get a job?

Come and join our sessions in school to develop your English skills alongside looking at different themes around health and wellbeing to help you support your children.

Sessions will be led by Calderdale College Adult Education starting on **Friday 7th November 2025**. They are being held in school at the **Heath site**.

Register your interest with the school office
office@savilepark.calderdale.sch.uk

For more information please speak to Mrs Dixon.

