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Newsletter: Thursday 12th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Golden Diners
Well done to our Golden Diners this week for eating well, showing excellent manners and making positive choices in the dining hall. Well done Olly, Flynn and Barnaby.

Buddy Reading
Our children have loved spending time together during Buddy Reading last Friday. Older pupils have enjoyed sharing stories and helping younger children develop their confidence and love of reading. It has been wonderful to see friendships growing across the school as children read, listen and learn together.

English Hub
This week, we welcomed Nancy Fletcher from the English Hub to look at reading across our school. It was a great opportunity to showcase the many strengths in our reading provision and the fantastic work taking place in classrooms every day. The visit also gave us some valuable feedback and ideas for further development, helping us to make reading at Bolton Primary even stronger. We are proud of what our children and staff have achieved and look forward to building on this success.

Golden Rules in School - Respect
As part of our ongoing work to strengthen behaviour across school, children have helped to develop our new Golden Rules, which set out our expectations in different areas of school, from the classroom and playground to lunchtime and the end of the day. We will be encouraging all children to show respect through their words and actions, listening carefully, being kind to others, looking after our environment and making positive choices. By working together at school and at home, we can continue to make Bolton Primary School a happy, respectful and caring place for everyone. We place great importance on treating one another with kindness and respect. As part of our ongoing focus on our Golden Rules, we ask all members of our school community, including staff, pupils and parents, to communicate respectfully at all times. By working together with mutual respect, we can continue to create a positive and caring environment where everyone feels valued and safe.

Highlights Tour
Last week, we enjoyed a visit from Highlights Drama Tour, who shared an engaging performance with our children. Through drama, the children explored the importance of looking after our environment, caring for animals and making positive choices to help protect the future of our planet. It was an enjoyable and thought-provoking experience that inspired lots of discussion and reflection.

Remembrance Service
The children did us proud during yesterday's remembrance service at the village hall. They demonstrated respect, understood the importance of the service and listened well. Class 1 had great fun making the poppies for everyone to wear. Thank you to Class 2 for their role in the laying of the wreaths and a big well done to Class 3 and School Council who delivered their presentations confidently and emotively. Thank you to those who were able to join us at the service.

Hockey Event – Class 2
Our Year 3 and 4 children took part in a hockey event today, representing the school with enthusiasm and excellent sportsmanship. They developed their hockey skills, worked well as a team and showed great determination throughout the sessions. We are very proud of their positive attitude and the way they represented Bolton Primary School.

Parking
We have received concerns about vehicles continuing to double parking in the layby and along the road outside school, which can make it difficult for other vehicles to pass safely and can reduce visibility for pedestrians. We kindly ask all parents and carers to avoid double parking and to follow parking guidance. Thank you!

Phonics Workshop Reminder
We are keen to run our Parent Phonics Workshop for parents of children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, but we need more parents to sign up to make this viable. If you are interested in attending, please complete the Microsoft Form Class 1 parents - Focus on phonics workshops – Fill in form

Inclusion Strategy Questionnaire
A reminder to all parents and carers to complete our Inclusion Strategy Survey. We are keen to hear your views as we continue to develop our approach to ensuring that every child feels valued, supported and able to thrive at Bolton Primary School. Bolton Primary School Inclusion Strategy Survey 2026-27 – Fill in form



Extra-Curricular Sports Clubs 3:30-4:30pm
Mondays – Class 1 Gymnastics with Miss Holmes starting Monday 2nd November for 6 weeks (last session Monday 7th Dec).
Thursdays – KS2 UV Dodgeball/Laser Tag with Juno Sports starting Thursday 5th November for 6 weeks (last session Thursday 10th Dec).
Theses club will be £2 per session.
Please book using Parent Pay.

Lunchtime
KS2 children provide a range of lunchtime clubs for our children including football, Lego and drawing club.
Staff will be running a running club (Wednesdays)

After School Care Provision
3:30-5pm / 3:30-6pm
Mondays – Art Club
with Mrs Tinkler and Kaya
Tuesdays – Construction Club
with Mrs Tinkler/Mrs Rankin and Shannon
Wednesdays – Desserts Club
with Miss Holmes/Mrs Rankin and Rebecca
Thursdays – Craft Club with Mrs Austin and Kaya
Fridays – Cinema Club
with Mrs Tinkler and Rachael/Anne
(If you **do not** consent to your child watching a PG rated film, please contact the office)
3:30pm-5pm at School £7.50 per session
5-6pm (Mon to Thurs) at Nursery £10.50 per session (includes 3:30-5pm session)
Please collect your child at 5pm from Bolton School or at 6pm at Bolton Nursery.
Please book your place via the school office!

There will be no after-school care provision on the following dates:

- Friday 18th December 2026
- Thursday 25th March 2027
- Friday 16th July 2027

Yours Sincerely, Debbie Tinkler
head@bolton.cumbria.sch.uk

After School 'Wrap Around' Care Provision

Bolton Primary School and Bolton Nursery will be providing the 'After School Care' Provision

3.30-5pm – At School - £7.50 (includes a snack)
Collect your child from school at 5pm

5-6pm (Mon to Thurs) – At Nursery – (£10.50 includes 3.30-5pm session) Collect your child from nursery at 6pm

Bookings to be made via School – Please call us on 017683 61511 or email admin@bolton.cumbria.sch.uk to book your child's place.

Please book to secure your place.

Theme each night!

Monday: Art Club

Tuesday: Construction Club

Wednesday: Dessert Club

Thursday: Craft Club

Friday: Cinema Club

Invoices will be sent via Nursery – You can still use your childcare account to receive 20% top up from the government to support with payments. Please call nursery on 017683 62468 or email admin@boltonnursery.org.uk if you need guidance with your invoices.

Extra-Curricular Sports Clubs

Bolton Primary School will continue to offer 'Extra-Curricular Sports Clubs'

There will be a club for Rec/KS1 and a club for KS2 each week.

These clubs will be sports based.

These will be £2 per week as we can subsidise these with our Sports Premium Money

These will run for the whole half term.

Autumn 2 Sports Clubs 3.30-4.30pm

Mondays – Class 1 Gymnastics with Miss Holmes starting Monday 2nd November for 6 weeks (last session Monday 7th Dec).

Thursdays – KS2 UV Dodgeball with Juno Sports starting Thursday 5th November for 6 weeks (last session Thursday 10th Dec).

Following the 'Extra-Curricular Sports Club' – You can book your child into 'After School Care Provision'.

4.30-5pm will be £3 and 4.30-6pm will be £6

Autumn 2026 Diary Dates and Key Information

Don't forget to sync the school calendar to your phone from our website!
This page will be updated each week.

Date	Who	Time	Information
13/11/26	**All**	All day	**Children in Need Day** Come to school in PJs or Spotty! We will be completing lots of Pudsey themed activities throughout the morning in our house groups. Suggested donation of £1 if you are coming to school in non-uniform.
13/11/26	**C3 Individuals**	10:30am-2:30pm	**Writing workshop with a focus on playscripts, drama and creative writing at Morland Village Hall** Consent form - English Themed Day Friday 13 Nov 2026 – Fill in form Attending: Hannah, Lucy and Flynn Staff: Mrs Rankin
17/11/26	**Y4-6 Individuals**	9:30am-3pm	**Annual chess workshop at Long Marton School** Consent form - Chess Tournament at Long Marton School Tuesday 17 November - Fill in form Attending: Beau, Flynn, Rufus, Hannah, Lola and Benji A Staff: Mrs Rankin
24/11/26	**All**	9:10am	Reindeer Run Assembly
25/11/26	**C1**	PM	Road Safety Session
26/11/26	**Selected KS2**	PM	**Asby Quiz – note change of date** Selected: Kai, Hunter, Hannah, Casey. Pupils will travel to Asby Village Hall with Mrs Austin in her car after lunch and return by the end of the school day.
27/11/26	**KS1**	9:30am-12pm	**KS1 Basic Moves Event** Y1 and 2 to travel to AGS with Miss Holmes and Mrs Rankin on the mini bus and return to school before lunchtime. Children to wear PE kits and bring a water bottle and long hair tied back.
30/11/26	**All**	AM	School Photo Day – Individual Photos
30/11/26	**Y4/5/6**	PM	**Hunter Hall Cross Country** Y4 runners – Isabelle, Lacey, Charlie and Benji A Y5 runners – Clara, Beau, Eryn, Cadie, Flynn, Rufus, Alex and Barnaby Y6 runners – Lucy, Penny, Amelia, Bobby and Wilson Staff: Miss Mepham and Mrs Rankin
03/12/26	**All**		Christmas Event at Bolton Church for all classes
04/12/26	**All**	AM	**Christmas Craft Morning** Come along! Let us know if you can help during the morning.
07/12/26	**EY**	9:45am	JAM Session at the Church
08/12/26	**KS2**	TBC	Theatre Trip
09/12/26		PM	Rocksteady Concert
10/12/26	**All**		Christmas Jumper Day Reindeer Run Christmas Lunch – we will order a school Christmas lunch for all children on this day via Parentpay. We encourage all children to join us with a festive meal on this day - please contact office to opt out.
11/12/26	**All**	3:30-5:30pm	Christmas Disco!
16/12/26	**Class 1**	TBC	Nativity Afternoon Performance
17/12/26	**All**	AM	Children to make Christingles in school with Stephen Tudway and helpers!
17/12/26	**All**	TBC	Christingle Service
17/12/26	**Class 1**	TBC	Nativity Evening Performance
18/12/26	**All**	Finish at	Last Day - Christmas Party Day – Party clothes

		2pm	*Please note there will be no After School Care Provision on this date
04/01/27			INSET DAY
05/01/27	**All**		Start of the Spring Term
25/01/27	**KS2**	All day	**Young Voices Concert – Manchester** The children need to begin practising the songs (and dances!). Some song practice will be covered at school but we would really appreciate your support to help your child to learn the songs at home too! Here is the link to the Spotify playlist. https://open.spotify.com/album/7KzH6UTW6SiEdZFM4jkbwm?si=ac5ef34ddb354c25 