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Newsletter: Thursday 15th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Star Award - Enjoying

Congratulations to this week's Value Award winners for demonstrating our value of Enjoyment. They have shown enthusiasm for learning, embraced new challenges and made the most of every opportunity. Well done to Emily, Serafina, Dee Dee, Benji A, Flynn and Penny.

Golden Diners Table

Well done to our lucky golden diners last week - Jesse, Charlotte, Benji T and Beau. Great manners in the dinner hall and trying new foods.

Sponsored Walk - Thursday 22nd October

A reminder that we would love families to join us for our Sponsored Walk. It is a fantastic opportunity to strengthen the partnership between home and school while supporting your child as they take on their walking challenge. Please remember to come prepared for the weather. Waterproofs are essential, and wellies are recommended (the route is muddy). We look forward to seeing lots of families there and enjoying the event together! [Sponsored Walk - Thursday 22 October - Fill in form](#)

Lowther Trip

KS2 had a wonderful day at Lowther, where they learned about the importance of caring for the environment and protecting local wildlife. The children enjoyed exploring the beautiful grounds and taking part in activities to develop their understanding of sustainability. We were extremely proud of their enthusiasm, behaviour and the way they represented our school throughout the day.

Anglo Saxon Event

Class 2 stepped back in time and enjoyed an exciting Anglo-Saxon Experience Day! The children immersed themselves in life as Anglo-Saxons, taking part in a range of hands-on activities that brought their history learning to life. The children explored Anglo-Saxon clothing, artefacts and traditions, learned about daily life during this period, and took part in practical activities that helped them understand what life was like over 1,000 years ago. They showed fantastic curiosity, asked thoughtful questions and demonstrated excellent historical knowledge throughout the day. It was wonderful to see the children so engaged in their learning, and the experience has helped them develop a deeper understanding of this fascinating period of

British history. Well done, Class 2, for your enthusiasm and excellent participation!

e-books

A reminder to Class 1 families that your child's Little Wandle eBook can be accessed online using their individual account. Regular reading of the eBook alongside their reading book can help to build confidence and fluency. Your child's new login details have been attached to their reading record.

School dinners

Please order schools dinners for week commencing 2nd Nov by Tuesday 20th October.

Inclusion Strategy Questionnaire

We are currently developing our Inclusion Strategy to ensure that every child feels valued, supported and able to thrive within our school community. We would greatly value the views of parents and carers as part of this process. Please take a few minutes to complete our survey and share your thoughts, ideas and experiences. Your feedback will help us to shape our future priorities and ensure that our approach reflects the needs of our children and families.

[Bolton Primary School Inclusion Strategy Survey 2026-27 - Fill in form](#)

Phonics Workshop

We are pleased to invite parents of children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to our Parent Phonics Workshop, starting on Tuesday 3rd November for 5 weeks. This workshop will provide practical information about how phonics is taught in school and ways you can support your child's reading and spelling development at home. If you would like to attend, please complete the Microsoft Form that has been sent out. Please note that we require a minimum of five parents to register for the workshop to go ahead. We look forward to working together to support your child's reading journey.

[Class 1 parents - Focus on phonics workshops - Fill in form](#)

Communication

As part of our ongoing work to streamline communication with families, we are now using the Arbor Parent App and email as our main methods of communication. Parents and carers can reply directly through both of these channels if they need to contact the school. Text messages will only be used as a last resort for important reminders or urgent messages. Please do not reply to text messages, as responses are not monitored. Thank you for your support making communication more efficient.

Attendance

Our attendance officer visited us today to review our attendance. Our attendance for the year so far is 96.7%. She has shared some further information around FAQs - please find the information attached.



Autumn 2

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 with Juno Sports starting Thursday 5th November for 6 weeks (last session Thursday 10th Dec).

These clubs 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)

Summer 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!

After School Care Provision

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 – Autumn 2026



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.

Autumn Term – 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.

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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
19/10/26	KS2	All Day	<u>Bikeability</u> Please bring your child's bike and helmet to school on Monday 19 th October for Bikeability week. Bikes should be roadworthy, with working brakes, inflated tyres and a helmet that fits properly. Bikes and helmets can be left at school for the rest of the week, but they remain the responsibility of families at all times, and the school cannot accept liability for any loss, theft or damage. If you'd like to secure your child's bike, please send in a lock.
20/10/26	C3	AM	Bikeability
21/10/26	C3	AM	Bikeability
22/10/26	All		<u>Sponsored Walk - Save the Date!</u> Join us for our Sponsored Walk! We would love as many parents, carers, grandparents and family members as possible to come along and walk with us. It promises to be a fun community event and a great opportunity to raise money for our school while enjoying some time together outdoors. We will be setting off from school at 9:15am. The walk should take roughly 2 hours and we are aiming to be back at school by 11:30am. Thank you to the families who have already supporting us in planning this event. Children have all been given a sponsorship form. We hope to see lots of families there! 😊
22/10/26	C3	12:30-2:30pm	<u>Hockey Event</u> Please can parents click off the parental consent to attend EVA events on your Arbor App. Children will need: a packed lunch, waterproof coat and water bottle and to wear their PE kits. Children will travel to and from the event by coach and return in time for the end of school day. Staff: Mrs Rankin and Mrs Austin
23/10/26	All	Finish at 3:30pm	End of the half-term! - Non-uniform day
23/10/26	All	3:30-5:30pm	Halloween Disco - Children are welcome to bring a change of clothes for the disco. This can be Halloween costume or their usual party clothes.
02/11/26	All		Start of Autumn 2
02/11/26	EY	9:45am	JAM Session at the Church
04/11/26	All	PM	Highlights Tour in School
06/11/26	All	9am	Buddy Reading
06/11/26	Selected KS2	9:30am-12pm	<u>KS2 RISE Gymnastics Event</u> Selected: Penny, Clara, Amelia, Hannah, Lucy, Cadie, Beau and Lacey Please use this form - KS2 Rise gymnastics at Appleby Sports Hall Friday 6 November 2026 9.30am - 12.30pm - Fill in form And check that you have given consent on the Arbor App to attend EVA events.
07/11/26	BFA	5pm	Save the date - Bolton Bonfire & Firework display - more details to follow
11/11/26	All	11am	Remembrance Service - more details to follow
12/11/26	Selected KS2	PM	<u>Asby Quiz</u> 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.
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			time for the end of school day. Staff: Miss Holmes and Mrs Rankin
13/11/26	All	All day	Children in Need Event Come to school in PJs or Spotty! We will be completing lots of Pudsey themed activities throughout the day. 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 Attending: Hannah, Lucy and Flynn
17/11/26	Y4-6 Individuals	9:30am- 3pm	Annual chess workshop at Long Marton School Attending: Beau, Flynn, Rufus, Hannah, Lola and Benji A
27/11/26	KS1	9:30am- 12pm	KS1 Basic Moves Event
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, Benji A and Benji T Y5 runners - Clara, Beau, Eryn, Cadie, Flynn, Rufus, Alex and Barnaby Y6 runners - Lucy, Penny, Amelia, Bobby and Wilson
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			Rocksteady Concert
10/12/26	All		Christmas Jumper Day Reindeer Run Christmas Lunch
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 2pm	Last Day - Christmas Party Day - Party clothes *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 