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Newsletter: Thursday 1st October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Golden Diners Table

Well done to our lucky golden diners last week - Tom, Dee Dee, Alex and Hannah. Great manners in the dinner hall and trying new foods.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to everyone who attended and supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning. We are delighted to share that together we raised an amazing £732 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you for your generosity, donations and support. Events like these make a real difference, and we are incredibly grateful to our school community for helping us support such a worthwhile cause. Well done, everyone!

Parent Consultations

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our Parent Consultation meetings this week. We greatly value the strong partnership between home and school, and these meetings provide an important opportunity to celebrate successes and discuss how we can best support every child. As always, if you have any questions or concerns throughout the year, please do not wait until the next consultation evening. Staff are happy to meet with you at any time. Simply contact the school office to arrange an appointment with your child's teacher. We are always here to help and support your child's learning and wellbeing.

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

Please note that school will finish at 2:00pm on all three of these dates.

Thank you for your understanding.

Arbor Parent App

Thank you for signing up to this. We currently have 95% of parents using this, if you are having problems downloading or using the app please contact school office for help.

Young Voices

Miss Mephem and Miss Burns are attending the Young Voices training in Manchester tomorrow. 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>

Attendance

As many of you will be aware, our school is due an Ofsted inspection during this academic year. One of the key areas inspectors consider is pupil attendance, as regular attendance is closely linked to children making good progress and achieving their full potential. Whilst 95% attendance may sound high, it actually equates to around 10 days of learning missed across the school year. Attendance below 90% is classed as persistent absence, meaning a child has missed a significant amount of their education and may be at greater risk of falling behind. Currently, 90% of our pupils have attendance above 90%. We would like to see this figure increase and ask all families to support us by ensuring that children attend school every day unless they are genuinely unwell. Every day in school counts and helps children to develop academically, socially and emotionally. Parents and carers can now easily monitor their child's attendance through the Arbor app, allowing you to keep track of attendance levels throughout the year and address any concerns before they become more significant. Thank you for your continued support in helping us achieve the very best outcomes for all of our children.

Free School Meals

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 already receive a free school meal through the universal infant free school meals scheme.

However, if you receive Universal Credit or other qualifying benefits, you should still apply for free school meals. This ensures that our school receives the funding it is entitled to.

Please can all parents of children in Class 1 check if they are entitled to free school meals - it doesn't take long to do and will make a real difference for our school. Scan this QR code to apply. Thank you!



Autumn 1

Extra-Curricular Sports Clubs 3:30-4:30pm

Mondays - KS2 Netball with Mrs Cousin starting Monday 7th September for 7 weeks
Thursdays - Whole School Team Building with Juno Sports starting Thursday 10th September for 7 weeks. (5 spaces available)
These club will be £2 per session.
Please book using Parent Pay.
Spaces are limited for both clubs - first come, first served basis.

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!

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.

Autumn 1 Sports Clubs 3.30-4.30pm

Mondays - KS2 - Netball with Mrs Cousin starting Monday 7th September for 7 for 5 weeks - last session Monday 19th September

Thursdays - Whole School - Team Building with Juno Sports starting Thursday 10th September for 7 weeks - last session Thursday 22nd September

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
02/10/26	C3	12:30-2:30pm	Tchoukball Event at Appleby Grammar School Please wear PE kits and bring waterproof coat and water bottle. Staff: Miss Holmes and Becky Featherstone (Parent Governor)
05/10/26	EY	9:45am	JAM Session at the Church
07/10/26	C2	AM	RHE Session with Mrs Hodgson - We are in Year 1 of the 2 Year Cycle More information can be found on our website https://bolton.cumbria.sch.uk/bolton-primary-curriculum/relationship-health-and-sex-education-rhse-at-bolton
13/10/26	Governors	1:30pm	Governors - Staffing, Finance and Premises Meeting
14/10/26	KS2	All Day	Lowther Castle Trip Please wear PE kits and bring waterproof coat, packed lunch and water bottle. Please give your consent and pay £5 voluntary contribution towards the bus cost on ParentPay. Staff: Mrs Cousin, Miss Mephram and Miss Burns
14/10/26	Y1/2	AM	RHE Session with Mrs Hodgson - We are in Year 1 of the 2 Year Cycle More information can be found on our website https://bolton.cumbria.sch.uk/bolton-primary-curriculum/relationship-health-and-sex-education-rhse-at-bolton
19/10/26	KS2	All Day	Bikeability
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 3km 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. More details will follow soon. We hope to see lots of families there! 😊
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
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	KS2 RISE Gymnastics Event
11/11/26	All	11am	Remembrance Service
12/11/26	Selected KS2	PM	Asby Quiz
13/11/26	All	All day	Children in Need Event
27/11/26	KS1	9:30am-12pm	KS1 Basic Moves Event
30/11/26	All		School Photo Day - Individual Photos
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	<u>Young Voices Concert - Manchester</u> Forms have been handed out to children for audience tickets and t-shirt bundles. There is no obligation to buy these, a plain white t-shirt will suffice. Please return forms by Monday 21 September. Please register your child, via the link emailed yesterday, on the Young Voices website. Thank you 