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Dear Parents and Carers,

Communication

We work hard to keep families informed through our newsletters, emails and the Arbor Parent App. Please take a few minutes each week to read our communications carefully, as they contain important information about school events, expectations and reminders. Thank you for your continued support.

Star Award - Enjoying

Congratulations to this week's Value Award winners for demonstrating our value of Enjoying. Through their enthusiasm, positive attitudes and eagerness to learn, they have made the most of every opportunity both in and out of the classroom. Well done to Isla, Brody, Charlotte, Toby, Lacey, Beau and Kai.

Golden Diners Table

Well done to our lucky golden diners last week - Serafina, Tyler, Isabelle and Wilson. Great manners in the dinner hall and trying new foods.

Sponsored Walk

A huge well done to all of our children who took part in today's sponsored walk. It was wonderful to see so many pupils showing determination, enthusiasm and resilience as they completed the route, and we were delighted that family members were able to join us along the way. Thank you to everyone who supported the event, whether by walking or sponsoring our children. Thank you to the Quinlan/Butterworth family for supporting the event and allowing use their land and a great refreshment stop on the way. We are pleased to announce that, following today's success, the sponsored walk will become an annual fundraising event for our school. Please can all sponsor money be returned to school as soon as possible. Thank you once again to all the families who joined us and helped make the day such a success. We look forward to doing it all again next year!

Bikeability

This week, Class 2 and Class 3 took part in Bikeability (Class 2 for a session on Monday and Class 3 for a number of sessions Monday-Wednesday). The children developed their cycling skills before heading out onto the road (class 3). They learnt skills and confidence for cycling on single-lane roads and simple junctions with mostly moderate motor traffic flows. The training prepares our children to deal with short journeys such as cycling to school or the local

shops. The Bikeability staff commented on how great our children were and how much they have enjoyed delivering the sessions at Bolton. Well done KS2- safe, happy cycling!

Hockey Event

Class 3 had a fantastic time taking part in a hockey event organised by Penrith Hockey Club. The children showed great enthusiasm, teamwork and determination as they developed their hockey skills and took part in a range of fun activities and games. We were incredibly proud of how well they represented our school, demonstrating excellent sportsmanship and encouraging one another throughout the event. A big thank you to the coaches from Penrith Hockey Club for providing such an enjoyable experience and inspiring our children to get involved in the sport. Well done, Class 3!

Youth Club - out of school hours

Following the half-term break, staff will no longer accompany children to Youth Club. Children in Years 5 and 6 will be expected to walk to Youth Club independently. If you would prefer your child not to do so, please make arrangements to walk them to Youth Club yourself. Thank you for your understanding and support.

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. Your feedback will help us to identify future priorities and shape an inclusive environment that reflects the needs of our children and families. If you have not yet completed the survey, please take a few minutes to share your thoughts, ideas and experiences. [Bolton Primary School Inclusion Strategy Survey 2026-27 - Fill in form](#)

Phonics Workshop

We are keen to run our Parent Phonics Workshop for parents of children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, starting on Tuesday 10th November. The sessions will provide practical guidance on how phonics is taught in school and share simple ways you can support your child's reading and spelling development at home. Unfortunately, we have only received two registrations so far, and we require a minimum of five parents to sign up for the workshop to go ahead. If you are interested in attending, please complete the Microsoft Form that was sent out as soon as possible. We would love to be able to

offer this opportunity and work together to support your child's reading journey. [Class 1 parents - Focus on phonics workshops - Fill in form](#)



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/Laser Tag 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)

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

Have a wonderful October half term!

Yours Sincerely, Debbie Tinkler
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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.

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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
23/10/26	All	Finish at 3:30pm	End of the half-term! - Non-uniform day Suggested donation £1
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. Children will need: waterproof coat, water bottle and to wear their PE kits
07/11/26	BFA	5pm	Save the date - Bolton Bonfire & Firework display - more details to follow
11/11/26	All	10:30am	Please join us at Bolton Memorial Hall for the Remembrance Service
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.
12/11/26	C2	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: Miss Holmes and Mrs Rankin
13/11/26	All	All day	<u>Children in Need Event</u> 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	<u>Hunter Hall Cross Country</u> 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	<p><u>Young Voices Concert - Manchester</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>https://open.spotify.com/album/7KzH6UTW6SiEdZFM4jkbwm?si=ac5ef34ddb354c25</p> 