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## Newsletter: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2026

### Welcome Back!

We hope that you all had a fantastic summer and that you are ready for a new and exciting term ahead.

A special welcome to our new reception starters: Emily, Isla, Millie and Tommie, Isla who has joined Nursery and Harry who has joined Y5 and all their families. We appreciate that when starting school there's a lot to take onboard, so please do not hesitate to contact us and we will do our best to help with any queries.



### Communications

Please note that this Newsletter is the main form of communication between school and you. This week, there is a lot of information due to it being the first of the year. We will often send out texts, with reminders but it is very important that you read the newsletter so that things run smoothly for your child/ren and you know about any events or changes. At the end of this letter, there is a simple calendar for reference; you can also use our website calendar and sync your phone to the school's calendar. Please ask if you require help with this. Please only contact teachers on school emails and only if there is a unique reason about your child.

Teachers will respond to emails within the core working day hours (8am to 6pm). Teachers are with children 8:45am to 3:30pm and spend mornings preparing for lessons and after school planning, preparing and marking so

have limited time to respond to individual emails. General queries should be sent to

[admin@bolton.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bolton.cumbria.sch.uk)

### Class Dojo

Class dojo is only for communications linked to behaviour/dojo points. You will have been added to your child's Class Dojo account, please be aware that it says that Mrs Cousin is your class teacher for all children in school and this is due to Mrs Cousin being the admin for Class Dojo.

### Facebook (social media)

From September 2026, our public Facebook page will be used to promote school and advertise events taking place. We will be setting up a **private Facebook page** where children's photos will be posted that you will have to be invited or join and be accepted into the group.

Our social media (Facebook) should not be used as a contact place for school information. Thank you for your support with this.

### Data Forms

Please complete your child's privacy forms that will be handed out tomorrow and return to the school office by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September. Please ensure that all emergency contacts are correct and check the permissions for our private Facebook page.

### School Improvement 26/27

As we look ahead to the coming academic year, we are excited to focus on three key areas of school development. Firstly, we will continue to develop writing across the curriculum, ensuring that all children have regular opportunities to write with confidence,

creativity and purpose. Secondly, we will further strengthen our inclusive offer, ensuring that every child feels valued, supported and able to achieve their full potential. Finally, we are delighted to be expanding our Early Years provision with the opening of our new school-based nursery. This will provide a nurturing and inspiring environment for our youngest learners and help ensure a smooth and successful start to their educational journey. We look forward to working in partnership with families as we continue to enhance opportunities for all children.

### Staffing for 2026-2027

Headteacher: Mrs Tinkler

Class 1 (Nursery/Reception/Year 1 and Year 2): Mrs Tinkler, Mrs Moody and Miss Holmes

Class 2 (Year 3/4): Mrs Cousin

Class 3 (Year 5/6): Miss Mephram

Miss Lowthian will teach Science all 3 classes and Miss Harper will be teaching KS2 instrument tuition.

### PE Days -

Class 1: Wednesday and Thursday

Class 2: Wednesday and Friday

Class 3: Monday and Friday

Please come to school in PE kit.

Miss Burns and Mrs Rankin will be supporting in all 3 classes and Mrs Bradley will be supporting children in Class 1.

School Business Manager: Mrs Austin

## Summer Celebrations

Next Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September will be our first celebration assembly of the year. Please bring in any achievements from the summer holidays, such as Library Summer Reading Challenge awards, any sporting achievements etc.

## Celebration Assemblies

We will be choosing one value to focus on during our celebration assemblies each half term. The value that we have chosen this half term is Enjoying. Each Friday, teachers will choose 1 child per year group that has shown the value of caring in school. We will be continuing to celebrate strive for five, Lexia Levelling Up Awards, house points, golden diners and personal achievements.



## Drop off

Please remember that the school gates will open at 8.45am each morning. We'd like to remind you that children are not supervised before this time. Don't forget that Bolton Nursery offer breakfast club from 8am if you do need childcare before school.

## Lunches

Don't forget to order your school lunches by Wednesday every week on ParentPay for the two weeks ahead.



## Events

We are very pleased with the provision of curricular activities and non-curricular activities that we offer our children at this school. We have got a lot planned for this year, including trips linked to our curriculum topics, charity events, sporting events and much more.

## Homework

Homework will be set on GoogleClassroom for all year groups on a Friday and handed in the following Thursday. This will start Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September.

Each class will be given a set of homework that is appropriate for their age.

There will be 4 tasks set each week.

1. Reading 3-5 times per week
2. Lexia 20 minutes (Y1-Y6)
3. Spelling Activity
4. Maths Activity

We will continue to monitor the homework that our children are being asked to do and will ask for feedback from parents throughout the year. Please focus on reading this week and striving for five reads.

## GoogleClassroom

All children have been set up in a new online class and all KS2 children have accessed this in school. Class 1 children will be doing this on Monday in Computing. You will be given a copy of your child's login information. The easiest way to access GoogleClassroom is via the app.

## Homework Clubs

We will be running a homework club on a Thursday for any children who need any support with their homework.

## Healthy Snacks/Drinks

We ask that the only snacks that come into school are fruit (including dried fruit) and/ or vegetables. Please send your child in with a bottle each day with water only.



## Treat tuck-shop on Thursdays

Mrs Austin will still be doing her treat tuck-shop on Thursdays as we feel that an occasional treat is having a healthy attitude towards diet. Please send 50p or pay for the full half term (£4.00).

## Young Voices

We are absolutely delighted to share some exciting news with our KS2 families!

We have secured a place for all of our KS2 children to take part in Young Voices in Manchester! This is a fantastic opportunity for our children to be part of the world's largest school choir, performing alongside thousands of other children in what promises to be an incredible and unforgettable experience. We are really excited about the opportunity for our children to sing, perform and create memories together as a whole KS2 group.

We have tried to keep the cost as low as possible:

Young Voices T-shirt & torch pack: £16.50 per child - this is optional. Children can instead wear a plain white T-shirt at no additional cost. Coach travel: £10 per child. Parent/carer ticket: £25 per adult - parents are very welcome to come and watch the performance, but you do not have to attend. Parent/carer coach travel: £10 per adult - we will have spaces available on our coach for parents/carers who would like to travel with us. We need your response ASAP!

We now need to confirm our numbers with Young Voices, so please let us know as soon as possible whether your child will be attending - YES or NO via responding to the Microsoft form emailed yesterday.

We appreciate that this is a commitment for families, but we genuinely believe this will be a magical and memorable experience for our children and one that they will talk about for years to come!

More information about the date, timings, arrangements and payment will be shared once we have confirmed the final numbers.



## Footwear

All children need some black indoor shoes that will stay in school. Children should come to school in trainers that they will use for playtimes and PE. There are a range of football boots in school for KS2 children for their PE lessons. If needed, your child can try some at school and keep these for the year instead of buying new. For those children who have their own, we will let you know when you need them in school. If anyone has any children's football boots that are outgrown, are of a decent condition and you would be happy to donate to school... we'll gladly take them off your hands! Please pass them on to Mrs Cousin.



We'd like all children to have a pair of wellies in school, so that they can access the whole school grounds at playtimes and occasionally in other lessons. We do have some spares in school too.

## Uniform

On School Uniform days, we would like children to wear uniform-style skirts, long shorts, trousers or pinafores. The clothing on the non-PE days should look different and more formal. Comments have been made about some girls' skirt/shorts being very short and not appropriate for school.



## MacMillan Coffee Open Morning

Our first charity event that we will hold will be the annual MacMillan Coffee Morning. Come along and enjoy some coffee and cake, as well as the chance to join in with lots of activities.



## BFA News

BFA are our very active parent group, who have raised an amazing amount of money for the school that has meant that we've been able to buy a number of resources, including enough iPads for each class. A big thank you from us! If you'd be interested in joining the BFA, please contact us for more information.

The next parent meeting will be this month to organise events for this term - **Date to be confirmed**

## 100 Club

The 100 Club is a great way to help the school to raise money. £3 per month with the chance to win cash!

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: £15

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: £10

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: £5

If you would like to join our 100 Club, please email [bfabolton@gmail.com](mailto:bfabolton@gmail.com) for more information.

## Free School Meals

Children of households in receipt of Universal Credit may now qualify for Free School Meals from September 2026. Please check and apply now via [Citizen Portal - Sign in](#)

The Customer Services Team are happy to support families to fill in the online form and answer any questions they may have. They can be contacted by: [FSM.ClothingGrants@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk](mailto:FSM.ClothingGrants@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk)

Or 0300 373 3300 and choose option 2 and then option 2 again.



## Governor News:

We have a very active governing body with a great representation of parents. We are looking for some new governors with any skills in finance, education, health and safety or HR.

Do you know someone who could get involved behind the scenes to help us make decisions about the school? If yes, please contact our clerk Rachael McMann, so we can tell you more about the role - [clerk@bolton.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@bolton.cumbria.sch.uk)

## Our Governors for 26/27

Chair - Stephen Tudway

Vice Chair - Kate Allison

Lorna Baker - LA Gov

Kaya Bennett

Joanne Cragg

Becky Featherstone

Katie Gracie

Steph Greenhow

Kathryn Macfarlane

Carla Miller

Debbie Tinkler - Headteacher

Bianca Cousin - Staff Governor

Clerk - Rachael McMann

Here's to another fantastic year at Bolton!

Yours sincerely,

Debbie Tinkler

[head@bolton.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:head@bolton.cumbria.sch.uk)



## 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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|-----------------|-------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 01/09/26        | <b>Teachers</b>         |                  | INSET Day                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 02/09/26        | <b>All</b>              | All day          | Start of the Autumn Term                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 03/09/26        | <b>All</b>              | 9:00am           | School Council Assembly<br>Children will be given some information about joining our School Council - Please help your child to write their speech ready for the elections!                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 03/09/26        | <b>Governors</b>        | 5:30pm           | Governors - Full Governing Body Meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 04/09/26        | <b>All</b>              | 9:15am           | Buddy Reading                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 07/09/26        | <b>EY</b>               | 9:45am           | JAM Session at the Church                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 09/09/26        |                         | 9:15am           | School Council Elections - Good luck everyone!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 16/09/26        | <b>All</b>              | All day          | Andi Taylor - Art Workshops                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 16/09/26        | <b>C3</b>               | AM               | RHSE Session with Mrs Hodgson                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 17/09/26        | <b>All</b>              | AM               | Andy Tooze - Poetry Workshops                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 17/09/26        | <b>KS2<br/>Selected</b> | 3:30pm           | Morland Football and Netball Tournament<br>Teams TBC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 23/09/26        |                         |                  | Nasal Flu                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 24/09/26        | <b>C3</b>               | All day          | History trip to York to visit the Jorvik Centre and Dig York to enhance our unit of work on the Vikings. The cost is £20 per child on Parentpay. Children should arrive at school at 7.50am ready for a prompt 8am departure, and will return to school approx. 5pm. Please wear PE kits and bring waterproof coat, packed lunch and water bottle. |
| 25/09/26        | <b>All</b>              | 9:30am-11:30am   | Macmillan Coffee Morning - Join us!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| w/c<br>28/09/26 | <b>All</b>              | TBC              | Parent Consultations - Focus: Settling in meeting<br>Invitation will be sent shortly                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 05/10/26        | <b>EY</b>               | 9:45am           | JAM Session at the Church                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 07/10/26        | <b>C2</b>               | AM               | RHSE Session with Mrs Hodgson                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 13/10/26        | <b>Governors</b>        | 1:30pm           | Governors - Staffing, Finance and Premises Meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 14/10/26        | <b>KS2</b>              | All Day          | Lowther Castle Trip                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 14/10/26        | <b>Y1/2</b>             | AM               | RHSE Session with Mrs Hodgson                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 19/10/26        | <b>KS2</b>              | All Day          | Bikeability                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 20/10/26        | <b>C3</b>               | AM               | Bikeability                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 21/10/26        | <b>C3</b>               | AM               | Bikeability                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 22/10/26        | <b>All</b>              |                  | Sponsored Walk TBC<br>All families welcome to join our walk!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 23/10/26        | <b>All</b>              | Finish at 3:30pm | End of the half-term! - Non-uniform day                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 23/10/26        | <b>All</b>              | 3:30-5:30pm      | Halloween Disco                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 25/01/27        | <b>KS2</b>              | All day          | Young Voices Concert - Manchester                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |