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Newsletter: Thursday 5th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have enjoyed a restful break and have had the opportunity to spend some quality time together. We are incredibly proud of everything our children achieved during the first half term. From excellent learning in the classroom to our fantastic Sponsored Walk, the children demonstrated enthusiasm, resilience and a real commitment to our school values throughout. We are looking forward to many exciting learning opportunities, events and experiences across the school. We continue to focus on providing high-quality teaching and a positive learning environment where every child feels valued, supported and able to thrive. We would also like to thank our staff, parents and carers for your continued support. Working together as a school community helps us to give our children the very best experiences and opportunities.

Sponsored Walk
A huge thank you to everyone who supported our very first school Sponsored Walk. We are delighted to share that, together, we raised an amazing £1,320.50! This achievement would not have been possible without the generosity of our families and the hard work of our staff in organising and supporting the event. Thank you for helping to make it such a memorable success. We are incredibly proud of all of our children and look forward to making this an annual school tradition!

Halloween Disco
Our Halloween Disco was a fantastic success and a wonderful way to celebrate the end of the half term! The children had great fun taking part in a range of spooky activities, enjoying music, dancing and spending time with their friends. We were incredibly impressed with the children's behaviour throughout the event. They represented our school brilliantly. A huge thank you to our staff for organising such an enjoyable event and to all the families for your continued support. It was a great way to round off a busy and successful half term, creating lots of happy memories for everyone involved!

Phonics Workshop Reminder
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. 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

Plastic containers
See pictures attached for containers that have been left at school. Contact school office if they are yours. Any unclaimed by next Friday will be recycled.

Reminders for This Half Term
Attendance Matters - Every day in school counts. Please ensure your child attends school regularly and arrives on time each day so that they do not miss valuable learning opportunities.

School Uniform - As the weather becomes colder, please ensure your child comes to school in the correct uniform, including a suitable coat. Please remember to label all clothing and belongings with your child's name.

Reading at Home - Regular reading has a significant impact on children's progress. We encourage all children to read at home several times each week and to bring their reading books and reading records into school every day.

PE Days -
Wednesdays and Thursdays - Class 1
Wednesdays and Fridays - Class 2
Mondays and Fridays - Class 3
If your child is attending gymnastics (C1) or laser tag/dodgeball (C2/3) please send your child to school in their PE kit on those days.

Parking and Road Safety - Thank you for helping us keep our children safe at the beginning and end of the school day. Please park considerately, avoid blocking driveways and be mindful of pedestrians around the school gates.

Healthy Snacks and Water Bottles - Children are encouraged to bring a named water bottle to school each day. Children may bring a healthy snack if they wish for morning break - fruit, vegetables or dried fruit.

Communications - Keep an eye on your Arbor Parent app, the weekly newsletter, website and Facebook for updates, celebrations and important information throughout the term.

Playtimes
During the wetter months, children will be able to use the field and wildlife area if they have their wellies and school waterproofs on. Children have been reminded about rolling around on the grass.

Young Voices
Please make payment for t-shirts and parent tickets by Monday 9 November on ParentPay as we need to order them next week. Any problems, please let us know.



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'.

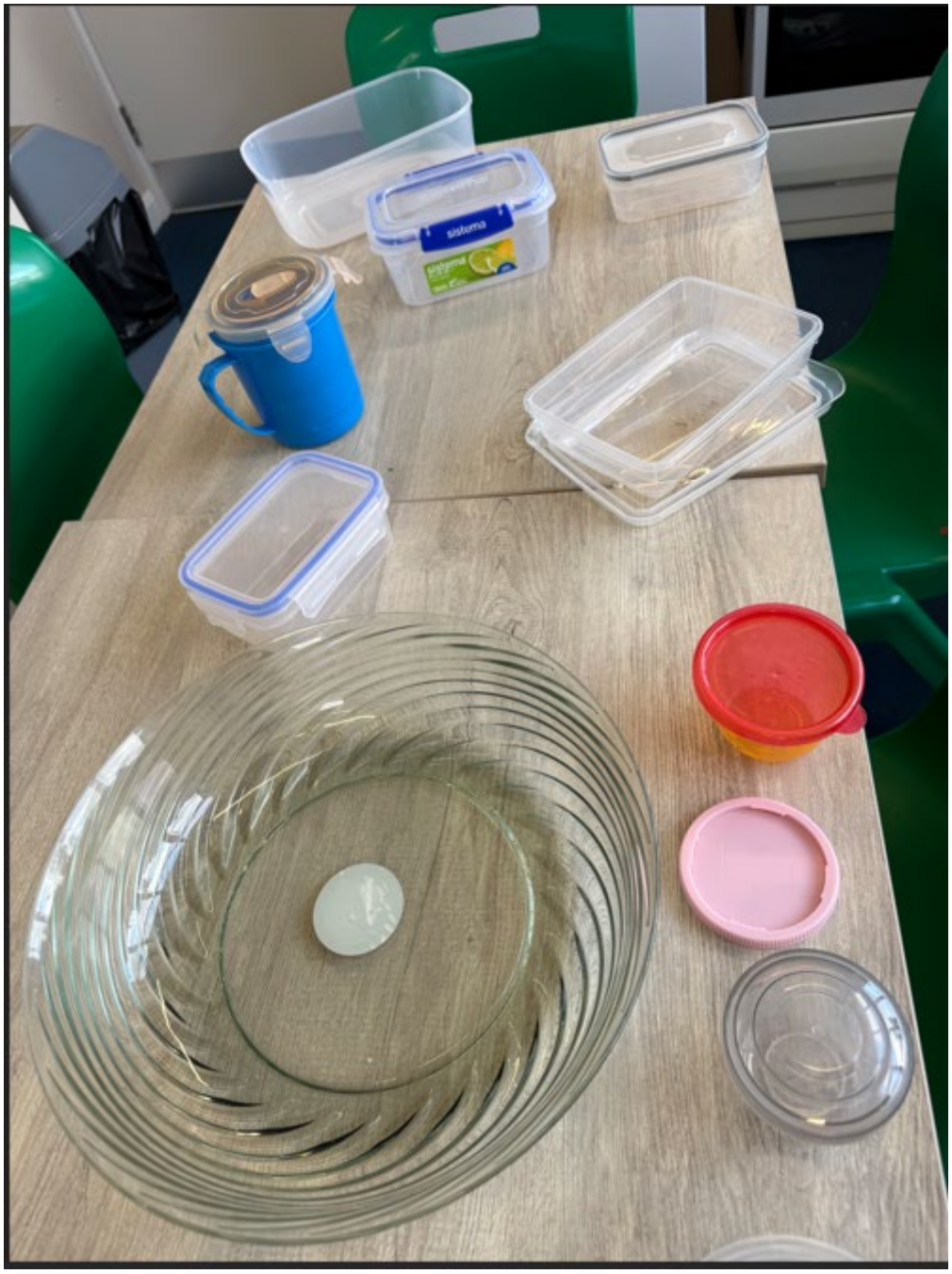
4.30-5pm will be £3 and 4.30-6pm will be £6

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
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	**Unfortunately this event has been postponed** **KS2 RISE Gymnastics Event** 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	Bolton Bonfire & Firework display
11/11/26	**All**	10:30am	Please join us at Bolton Memorial Hall for the Remembrance Service
12/11/26	**C2**	12:30-2:30pm	**Hockey Event** 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	**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 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
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, 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 – 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 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** Please make all outstanding payments for tickets and t-shirts by Monday 9 November as we need to place our order. 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


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