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Newsletter: Thursday 8th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Golden Diners Table

Well done to our lucky golden diners last week - Darcey, Charlie and Ellie. Great manners in the dinner hall and trying new foods.

Tchoukball Event

Well done to Class 3 who took part in the recent Tchoukball Event. They showed great teamwork, enthusiasm and sportsmanship throughout the event and represented the school well. It was great to try a new sport.

JAM

Our Bolton Busy Bees children recently enjoyed taking part in a JAM (Jesus and Me) Session at the church. The children listened to stories, joined in with songs and activities, and had the opportunity to reflect and learn in a welcoming environment. They were a credit to the school, demonstrating excellent behaviour and enthusiasm throughout the visit.

London

We are excited to announce that our Year 5 and 6 London Residential will be taking place in May 2027. This promises to be a fantastic opportunity for children to experience some of London's famous landmarks, learn outside the classroom and create lasting memories with their friends. Further information has been sent home to Class 3 parents. Please ensure that all consent forms are completed and returned, and that all payments are made by the stated deadlines.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. We are looking forward to an exciting trip!

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](#)

Items from home

A polite reminder that children should not bring toys, trading cards, fidget toys, valuables or other personal items from home into school unless specifically arranged with their class teacher. Items brought into school can easily become lost, damaged or cause distractions during learning time. We appreciate your support in helping children keep these items safe at home. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Young Voices

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>

Labelling School Clothing

As the weather changes and children begin wearing additional layers, we kindly ask parents and carers to ensure that all school clothing, coats, PE kits, water bottles and lunch boxes are clearly labelled with your child's name. Named items can be returned quickly if they are misplaced, helping to reduce the amount of lost property and ensuring children have the items they need throughout the school day.

Y1-Y6 Lexia Homework Reminder

A reminder that Lexia is an important part of our weekly homework expectations. We ask all children to complete 20-30 minutes of Lexia each week to help develop their reading and literacy skills. The programme provides personalised learning tailored to each child's needs and is a valuable tool in supporting progress. As Lexia represents a significant investment for the school, we want to ensure that all children make the most of the opportunity it provides.

Class 2 Reading Challenge

This autumn, we are launching our Reading for Pleasure Challenge in Class 2! Children can read independently or share books with a parent. Reading together is a wonderful way to develop a love of stories, build vocabulary and create special moments at home.

- Read 6 books by the end of the Autumn Term
- Record each book on the challenge card
- Celebrate your achievement when you complete the challenge!

Happy reading!



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 clubs 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!

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.

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
13/10/26	Governors	1:30pm	Governors - Staffing, Finance and Premises Meeting
14/10/26	KS2	All Day	<u>Lowther Castle Trip</u> 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: Miss Mephram, Mrs Rankin 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
15/10/26	C2	All Day	<u>Anglo-Saxons Event in our school grounds - run by The Wilderness Company</u> We will be Anglo Saxons for the day and lots of fun activities will take place in our school grounds to enhance knowledge and understanding of this period of our history. Children will need to dress in their usual uniform and bring a warm, waterproof coat and trainers.
19/10/26	KS2	All Day	<u>Bikeability</u> Please bring your child's bike and helmet to school on Monday 19 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 5km 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.
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	<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.
11/11/26	All	11am	Remembrance Service
12/11/26	Selected KS2	PM	Asby Quiz 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	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.
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.
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 - Runners TBC
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 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 