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Newsletter: Thursday 11th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Star Awards for Enjoying

Well done to our star award winners last week for demonstrating our value of enjoying. Huge well done to McKenna, Kai, Beau, Tyler, Rupert, Isaac and Sophia.

Golden Diners Table

Well done to our four lucky golden diners last week - Brody, Ronnie, Hunter and Wilson. Super manners in the dining hall!

Theatre Trip

KS2 had a wonderful time watching 'The Wizard of Oz' at the Theatre by the Lake last week. The whole performance was incredible and interactive for the children. We were very proud of each and every child who represented the school so well.

Christmas Craft Morning

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who supported us on our Christmas Craft morning. The children created some beautiful crafts, which they were so excited to take home and share with their families.

Manjushri Kadampa Meditation Centre

On Tuesday, Class 3 went to visit Manjushri Kadampa Meditation Centre as part of the Buddhism Unit in World Views and Religions. The children acted out of the story of Buddha, had a tour of the Temple and took part in a meditation session. The children shared their knowledge and understanding of Buddhism with the staff, who commented that the children were a credit to the school. Well done Class 3!

Homework

There will be no homework set on GoogleClassroom this week or next week. Please continue to read with your child.

School dinners

Please book school dinners for the first two weeks of the new term by Wednesday 17th Dec,

Class 1 Nativity (At School)

Class 1 have been working so hard this week in preparation for their performances next week. Please complete the Microsoft form to let us know how many people will be coming to watch. [Nativity 2025 - Fill in form](#)

Afternoon Performance - Tues 16th at 2pm

Please arrive at school at 1.45pm and queue via the brown KS2 gate that goes into the playground. You will then access school via Class 2 brown doors where you'll be able to buy raffle tickets and a Nativity Programme before making your way into the school hall from 1.45pm.

At the end of the performance, children will be dismissed as normal at the front of school. They will go home in their Nativity costume.

Evening Performance - Wed 17th at 5.30pm

Please drop your children off at the front door at 5.10pm ready in their Nativity costume. Parents/family members will then queue at the KS2 brown gate and access school via Class 2 and will be able to access the school hall from 5.20pm. You will be able to purchase raffle tickets and a Nativity Programme on the way in. At the end of the performance, children will be dismissed as normal via the front door.

Please return all costumes to school on Thursday 18th - Thanks.

Christmas Party Food

Please bring along your party food donations on Friday 19th December. These can be dropped off at the school office. Thanks

Year	Suggested food to bring for party (enough for 8 children)
6	Sandwiches or wraps
5	Sausages or sausage rolls or cheese rolls or other savoury snacks
4	Crisps or popcorn or nibbles
3	Cubes of Cheese or prepared carrot sticks or prepared cucumber sticks
2	Cakes
1	Biscuits
Rec	Fruit

Allergies/ Intolerances - please have a word with Helen if your child needs separate food items. Thank you for your support and generous donations.

Christmas Hamper

Thank you to the families who have donated some lovely raffle prizes for our Christmas hampers. Raffle tickets will be on sale at the Nativity Performances, or from the school office. It will be drawn at lunchtime on Thursday 18 Dec and winners notified that afternoon.



Guitar lessons

A reminder that private guitar lessons are available on Tuesday after school for KS2 children. Please let us know if your child is interested.

Decider skills

Thank you to the families that have ordered a copy of the book. Mrs Tinkler showed the children in assembly the decider skills handbook that you can order. If you would like a copy, please complete this form:

[Decider skills - Fill in form](#)

Bolton Nursery Bingo Event

Bolton Nursery would like to thank all families who supported their Bingo event last Friday, they raised over £800. Thank you!

After School Club Provision

Please see information on the next page about our plans for after school club for Spring 2026 and Summer 2026. Thank you to all the families for their feedback on this. We will be trialling this for the 2 terms to see how it is working. Please book your place!

Yours sincerely,
Debbie Tinkler

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After School Care Provision Spring and Summer 2026



Bolton Primary School and Bolton Nursery will be providing the 'After School Care' Provision

This is a trial for the Spring and Summer Terms

3.30-5pm - At School - £7.50 (includes a snack)
Collect your child from school at 5pm

5-6pm - 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.

If you have a booking for the academic year 2025-2026, these bookings will be honoured.

Please book to secure your place.

Spring Term - Theme each night!

Monday: Art and Craft Explorers Club

Tuesday: Game On! Club

Wednesday: Bolton Bake Off Club

Thursday: Nature Makers Club

Friday: Film Fridays 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 £1 per week as we can subsidise these with our Sports Premium Money

These will run for the whole half term.

Spring 1 Sports Clubs 3.30-4.30pm

Wednesdays - Rec/KS1 - Basic Moves with Mrs Tinkler (starts Wednesday 14th January, last session Wednesday 11th February)

Thursdays - KS2 Dance with Abby Overs (starts Thursday 8th January, last session Thursday 12th February)

Following the 'Extra-Curricular Sports Club' - You can book your child into 'After School Care'.

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

Autumn 2025 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
11/12/25	All		Christmas Jumper Day and Reindeer Run Christmas Dinner Day
12/12/25		11:00-12:00pm	Stay and Play Session 0-5 - Open to babies through to pre-school and their parent/carer - Don't forget to book!
15/12/25	Class 1	Arrive for normal school start time, return to school 4.30pm	Class 1 Christmas Trip - A Christmas Experience at Walby Farm Park Please wear PE kits, bring packed lunch, drink and waterproof coat. Cost to parents for the trip is £18 per child. Thank you to BFA for subsidising this.
16/12/25	Class 1	2pm	Class 1 Nativity Performance at Bolton School Class 1 will be performing 'A Wriggly Nativity' Doors will open at 1.45pm
17/12/25	All	1.15pm-2.15pm	Children to make Christingles in school with Stephen Tudway and helpers!
17/12/25	Class 1	5:30pm	Class 1 Nativity Performance at Bolton School Class 1 will be performing 'A Wriggly Nativity'
18/12/25	All	2pm	Christingle Carol Service at All Saints Church, Bolton Please join us!
19/12/25	All	Finish at 2pm	Last Day - Christmas Party Day - Party clothes Please see food list for your donations to the party food - Thank you!
06/01/26			INSET DAY
07/01/26	All		Start of the Spring Term
08/01/26	Class 2	1:15-2:15	Kenya Talk with Peter Nutsford
08/01/26	Class 1	2:30-3:30	Kenya Talk with Peter Nutsford
12/01/26	TBC	12:30-2:30	EVA Event - Fun Swimming Gala (water confidence) @ Appleby Pool.
16/01/26		1:30-2:45	Asby School Quiz - Team of 6 TBC
19/01/26		PM	Debate at Appleby Grammar School - 4 children TBC
23/01/26	Y1/Y2	9:30-12pm	EVA Event - Tri-Golf at Appleby Grammar School - Year 1 and Year 2
28/01/26		5:30pm	Governors - Full Governing Body Meeting
31/01/26	KS2		Carlisle United Football Game - We have secured tickets to take our KS2 children to watch Carlisle United play. We will send out a Microsoft form so that we know how many children are interested in coming along. Children would need to be dropped off at Carlisle United's ground and collected after the game.
02/02/26		PM	Debate at Appleby Grammar School - 4 children TBC
04/02/26		3pm	Governors - Staffing, Finance and Premises
05/02/26	Class 2	All Day	Whinlatter Trip
09/02/26	All	Everyday	Swimming Week
13/02/26	All		Break up for half term - Non-uniform £1 suggested donation for NSPCC