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Newsletter: Thursday 13th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Star Awards for Enjoying

Star Awards for this half term will focus on our value of 'Enjoying'. Tomorrow, we will find out who our star award winners are in our first celebration assembly.

Golden Diners Table

This year, we have introduced a golden diners table to our lunch hall. Each week, 4 children will be nominated to sit at the golden table, these children will be chosen for good manners and table manners, trying new foods and helping to create a calm and positive lunch environment. Our first 4 lucky golden diners last week were Dee Dee, Daniel, Benji A and Penny. Well done everyone.



Stay and Play Session - 7th November

We had a great 'Stay and Play' session on Friday 7th November. It was lovely to see some new faces and of course our Bolton Nursery children too. The next session will be Friday 12th December 11-12pm. Please come along!

Remembrance Service

Thank you to all of our families who joined us at Bolton Memorial Hall on Tuesday for the Remembrance Service. We hope it gave you a moment to reflect on the lives of those who served and lost or are still serving for our country. Well done to the whole school for their contributions to this very special service.

Bolton Bonfire and Fireworks

Wow, what an amazing evening in Bolton on Saturday for the Bonfire and Fireworks. A special thank you to the BFA who support this event and help to raise funds for our school. We raised an amazing £1436 from the BFA. We also received a generous £500 donation from the Parish Council. What an incredible amount of money!

Children in Need - TOMORROW!

Don't forget to come to school in your PJs or something spotty! We will be spending the morning doing lots of different 'Pudsey' themed activities. Don't forget your donations.



Advanced notice - Y5/6 Residential

We have been busy planning our Class 3 residential. On Monday 13th April 2026 until Wednesday 15th April 2026 Class 3 will be going to Barhaugh Hall Activity Centre, which is part of the Robinwood Experience. <https://www.robinwood.co.uk/activity-centres/barhaugh-hall/>. Class 3 parents have received a letter with more information and we will hold a meeting for parents nearer the time.

Attendance

Just a reminder to inform us through the school office if your child is absent rather than class dojo. If it is on a Friday then ideally, we would like you to call the office before 8.50 am. Mrs Tinkler and Mrs Austin had a meeting yesterday with our attendance officer Victoria Stewardson to check and monitor our school's attendance. Please understand that we know that from time-to-time children will be too poorly to attend school. This is about tackling 'regular' persistent absence (below 90%) and changing the culture around having days off, taking term-time holidays and building resilience when we are not feeling 100%. She will be contacting a couple of families; this is part of the new government procedures and practices.

Decider skills

Please use this form:

[Decider skills - Fill in form](#)

to learn more about how the children have been using decider skills in school and to order a copy of the book to use at home. See <https://thedecider.org.uk/> for more information.

Class 3

Football boots are needed for the next couple of Monday PE sessions. If you have some at home, please bring them in. For those who do not have any - we have a large selection of boots in school for children to borrow. They will be reminded to get to fitted up with a pair before Monday. Please do not go out and purchase any!



Bolton Nursery Bingo Event

Do you love a game of Bingo? Pop along to Bolton Nursery's Bingo Event on Friday 5th December with a chance to win some amazing prizes.

Toothbrushing

Reception children have begun brushing their teeth at school each day as the Government have brought in this new initiative. They are all brilliant and enjoy doing this along with Elmo and Miss Rachel!



After School Clubs - Autumn 2

Monday: Class 1 Dance with Abby Overs

Tuesday: No Club

Wednesday: KS2 Baking Club with Miss Mephram. All 10 spaces have been filled.

Thursday: No Club

Friday: No Club

Please come to school in PE kit on the days you attend club. (Normal uniform for baking club). Please sign up and pay on ParentPay.

ATTENDANCE

Why is it important?

Attendance	Days absent	Weeks absent	Lessons missed	Impact
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons	89% or below Drastic effect on academic achievement
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons	
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons	96% - 90% Cause for Concern
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons	
75%	48 days	10 weeks	250 lessons	100% - 97% Excellent!
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	290 lessons	

Clubs will run for 6 weeks from week beginning 3rd November until week beginning 8th December

Yours sincerely,
Debbie Tinkler
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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
14/11/25	All	All morning	Children in Need - Don't forget your donations! Please wear PJs or something spotty! - Activities throughout the morning
17/11/25	Reception and Y6	9.30am	NHS Height and weight checks in school
18/11/25	Class 3	12.30-3.30pm	History trip to Long Meg at Great Salkeld. Wellies and waterproof coats needed. Voluntary contribution of £2 towards transport costs and consent form on Parentpay.
19/11/25		5:30pm	Governors - Full Governing Body Meeting
21/11/25	Class 1	9:30am-11:30am	EVA Event - Basic Moves - Class 1 - Appleby Sports Hall Need: To wear PE kit including appropriate clean trainers, water bottle, healthy snack, coat.

			Children will travel to and from Appleby on a coach accompanied by staff.
24/11/25	All		Assessment Week
01/12/25	Rec	10:00am	JAM Session at Church for Reception and Bolton Nursery Pre-school
04/12/25	Class 2 and 3		KS2 Theatre Trip - Wizard of Oz - leave school at 12.30pm and due back 5pm. Normal uniform. Cost to parents for the trip is £12. Thank you to BFA for subsidising this.
05/12/25	All	9:30am-11:30am	Christmas Craft Morning - Please contact school if you would like to volunteer Children and adults can wear their Christmas Jumpers We need more volunteers! Please let us know if you'd be able to come along and help in the morning.
05/12/25		7pm doors, eyes down 7.30pm	Bolton Nursery Bingo Fundraiser in Appleby Market Hall
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 - please contact school to book a place
15/12/25	Class 1	All Day	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 - More information to follow
17/12/25	All	1.15pm-2.15pm	Children to make Christingles in school
17/12/25	Class 1	5:30pm	Class 1 Nativity Performance - More information to follow
18/12/25	All	2pm	Christingle Carol Service at All Saints Church, Bolton
19/12/25	All	Finish at 2pm	Last Day - Christmas Party Day - Party clothes
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			Fun Swimming Gala
28/01/26		5:30pm	Governors - Full Governing Body Meeting
31/01/26	KS2		Carlisle United Football Game - More information to follow
04/02/26		3pm	Governors - Staffing, Finance and Premises
09/02/26	All		Swimming Week
13/02/26	All		Break up for half term - Non-uniform £1 suggested donation for NSPCC