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Newsletter: Thursday 18th 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 Tilly, Lucy, Cadie, Lacey, Harley, Emily and Mazie.

Golden Diners Table

Well done to our four lucky golden diners last week - Darcey, Ellie, Clara and Esme. Super manners in the dining hall!

Class 1 Nativity

Congratulations to Class 1 for their amazing Wiggly Nativity performances this week. The children have had a wonderful time practicing over the last 2 weeks and I am sure you'll agree that they have absolutely shone during both performances. Well done Class 1 - 10 dojos each! We are so proud of each and every one of you!

Christmas Lunch

Last week, the whole school enjoyed their Christmas Lunch provided by Temple Sowerby Pub. The food was delicious and the sticky toffee pudding was immense. It was lovely to share our lunch with the children and some governors too. Temple Sowerby have given all of our families a 10% voucher - enjoy!

Reindeer Run - Jigsaw

The children ran their little legs off on Thursday afternoon raising money for Jigsaw hospice. We have raised an amazing £1611.50 - What an incredible amount for our small village school. Thank you and well done reindeers!

Christingle Service

The children sang beautifully during our Christingle service today. Thank you to the families who came along and we hope you feel a little Christmassy!

Reports

Your children will have brought home their school report yesterday. If you'd like a meeting with your child's class teacher then please arrange a meeting in January. We are very proud of the progress our children are making academically and personally.

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.

Road Safety

This morning, we had 2 PCSOs in school to work with each class all about road safety. They presented an assembly on how to keep safe on the roads and in cars. All 3 classes then went into the village and put their learning into action by practicing crossing the road carefully. The children also had the opportunity to try out some police officer uniform. Thank you to Aaron and Emily for a wonderful and educational morning to help our children keep safe.

Parking

Thank you to those families who are parking with consideration. Unfortunately, just this morning there has been a serious near miss with a child due to some cars continuing to double park and cause obstruction. Staff members will be monitoring drop off and pick up each day and you will be notified if we believe that you are double parking or parking inconsiderately. Please inform families members e.g. grandparents that they should also be parking considerately. The taxi area and the school carpark are out of bounds for parent parking. Thank you for your support with this and keeping our children safe.

PE Uniform Days

Class 1 PE:

Wednesdays and Thursdays

Class 2 PE:

Mondays and Wednesdays

Class 3 PE:

Mondays and Fridays

Please ensure your child is in the correct uniform.

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](#)

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!

Thank you for your support this term, and thank you for all your lovely Christmas cards and gifts. We hope you all enjoy a peaceful festive period, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We will see you back in school on Wednesday 7 January 2026.

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
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
23/02/26	All		Start of Spring Term 2
02/03/26	Rec	10-11am	JAM Session at Bolton Church
05/03/26	All		World Book Day
09/03/26 - 13/03/26		All week	Abigail Robinson - Work Experience Placement Student
12/03/26	Y5	11:25- 12:25pm	Science Outreach Session at Appleby Grammar School
13/03/26	Class 2	12:30- 2:30pm	Dodgeball Event
16/03/26	Rec	10-11am	Jam Session at Bolton Church
16/03/26 - 20/03/26	All		Assessment Week
27/03/26	All	3:30pm	End of Spring Term - Break up at normal time 3:30pm
13/04/26	All		Start of Summer Term