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Dear Parents and Carers,

Star Awards for Respect

Well done to our star award winners last week for demonstrating our value of Respect. Huge well done to Brody, Emily, Harley, Benji A, Rufus, Penny and Esme. It has been wonderful to see children showing respect towards each other, adults in school and for our school environment.

Golden Diners Table

Well done to our lucky golden diners last week - Mazie, Emily, Casey and Mckenna. Super manners in the dining hall!

EVA Dodgeball

Class 2 attended the EVA Dodgeball tournament last week at Appleby Grammar School. They took part in a range of games and developed some impressive skills! Thank you to Class 2 for representing the school brilliantly. Our 2 teams placed 2nd and 5th out of 13 schools. Amazing results!

Reports

As a school, we have been reviewing our annual school reports, which you will receive after the Easter break. Following feedback and reflection, we have decided to make some changes to ensure that our reports feel more personal and meaningful for each child. This year, the reports will place a stronger emphasis on the personal comment and next steps for your child. You will find detailed comments for reading, writing and maths, focusing on your child's achievements and the areas we will continue to develop together. For the foundation subjects, you will notice there are no longer written comments. Instead, we will clearly show where your child is currently working:

- Working towards the expected standard
- At the expected standard
- Working beyond the expected standard (greater depth)

We hope these changes will make the reports clearer, more focused, and more reflective of your child's learning journey. We are looking forward to sharing our new reports with you.

Thank you for your continued support.

Author Visit - Lindsay Littleson

We were delighted to welcome children's author Lindsay Littleson into school this week for a special assembly. She spoke to the children about her writing journey and shared an inspiring message about the importance of doing things in life that make you truly happy. We are excited to now have a collection of Lindsay Littleson's books available in school, giving children the chance to enjoy her stories.

BFA AGM

A huge thank you to our BFA parent group, who have raised an incredible amount for the school this year through a brilliant range of fundraising events, which was shared at the AGM yesterday. From the spooky fun of the Halloween party to the summer BBQ, Bonfire Night celebrations and even a tag rugby tournament. Their hard work and enthusiasm have made a real difference for our children and has allowed us to offer a range of enhancements to our curriculum. We are so grateful for their time and energy.

Birdoswald Trip

Class 2 have had a great day at Hadrian's Wall and Birdoswald Roman Fort today. The trip has been a highlight in their History Topic on Romans. The children enjoyed walking the fort grounds, discovering artefacts in the visitor centre and taking part in a fun Roman-themed activity trail.

Comic Relief - Tomorrow

We will be raising money for Comic Relief tomorrow! See information in the dates section on how your child can get involved.

KS1 Maths - Learning with your child Don't forget to book your place!

Please find attached an information flyer about a 5-week block of Maths workshops. We would like you to attend, please confirm by completing this form:

[Class 1 parents - Maths workshops - Fill in form](#)

or contact the school office for more information. During the sessions, you will spend some time developing your understanding of Maths in Year 1 and Year 2, before working alongside your child to practise the learning together.

Assessment Week

All children have completed assessments this week as part of our assessment week. This forms part of our judgements for if a child is working towards, expected or greater depth in the core subjects.

Homework

This week, we'd like children to complete their usual reading and spelling homework. Thank you for your continued support.



Extra-Curricular Sports Clubs 3:30-4:30pm

Tuesdays - Rec/KS1 Multi-Sports, including Mini-obstacle courses with 'Get Active Kids'
Tuesdays - KS2 Boxercise with Miss Holmes
Both of these will be £2 per session. Please book using Parent Pay.



After School Care Provision

3:30-5pm / 3:30-6pm

Mondays - Art and Craft Explorers Club with Mrs Tinkler and Kaya

Tuesdays - Game on! Club with Mrs Tinkler and Shannon

Wednesdays - Bolton Bake Off Club with Miss Holmes/Mrs Rankin and Rebecca

Thursdays - Nature Makers Club with Mrs Austin and Kaya

Fridays - Film Friday Club

with Miss Mepham 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 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!

Yours sincerely,

Debbie Tinkler, head@bolton.cumbria.sch.uk



After School 'Wrap Around' 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 £2 per week as we can subsidise these with our Sports Premium Money

These will run for the whole half term.

Spring 2 Sports Clubs 3.30-4.30pm

Tuesdays - Rec/KS1 - Multi-sports with Active in Eden

Tuesdays - KS2 - Boxercise with Miss Holmes

(Both clubs start Tuesday 24th February, last session will be Tuesday 24th March)

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

Spring and Summer 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
20/03/26	All	PM	<p><u>Red Nose Day/Comic Relief</u> Please send your child to school wearing red, with crazy hair or both! This could be a whole outfit or just something red e.g., red socks, red hat. Suggested donation for wearing something red £1. Please give what you can. We will also be holding a bake sale so please send your child in with change to buy a cake or 2! If you are able to, please do some baking with your child and send this in on Friday morning. School council will be running 4 activities across the afternoon.</p>
24/03/26	C1	All day	<p><u>Windermere Trip - History</u> We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £15 towards the cost of the trip. This is now live on ParentPay. Children will need a packed lunch, waterproof coat, sensible shoes, water bottle and wear PE uniform.</p>
25/03/26	All		<p><u>Environment Day - House Group Activities</u> Children will be taking part in a range of activities focused on looking after our environment and learning about how we can all help to protect the world around us. As part of the day, children are invited to come to school wearing their own old clothes that you don't mind getting a little messy, as some of the activities will take place outdoors. We are looking forward to a fun and engaging day of learning about how we can care for our planet. We are looking for some parent volunteers who would like to get involved in some outside jobs, such as staining fences, weeding, etc. Please get in touch with the office if you'd like to lend a hand!</p>
25/03/26	Y6	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Year 6 SATS Booster Club with Miss Mepham
26/03/26	Selected	10:30am - 1:30pm	<p><u>Hockey Tournament</u> Y3/4 Team - Lola, Cadie, Eryn, Flynn, Rufus, Benji A, Barnaby, Benji T Y5/6 Team - Esme, Evie, Jasper, Bobby, Lucy, Penny, Hunter Full PE kits, trainers and shin pads if you have them. We can provide you with shin pads if you haven't got any, water bottle and coats. Please provide a packed lunch. Please consent via the Microsoft form emailed 11/03/26</p>
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
13/04/26 - 15/04/26	Class 3		<p><u>Residential - Barhaugh Hall, Robinwood Activity Centre</u> Normal drop off time Monday morning. Children will depart school between 9:40am and 10am and arrive at the coach park at around 11am ready to walk to the centre. Please send your child to school in weather appropriate clothing (please see packing list) and with a bag/holdall that they are able to carry for themselves. Normal pick-up time Wednesday afternoon. Children will depart the centre at 1:20pm, arriving back to school at around 2:30pm.</p>
15/04/26		5:30pm	Full Governors Body Meeting
17/04/26	All	9am	Buddy Reading
17/04/26	Y6	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Year 6 SATS Booster Club with Miss Mepham
22/04/26	Y6	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Year 6 SATS Booster Club with Miss Mepham
23/04/26	Class 3	12:30-2:30	<p>EVA Orienteering Event Full PE kits, water bottle and coats. Please provide a packed lunch.</p>
29/04/26	KS1	AM	RHE Session with Mrs Hodgson
29/04/26	Selected KS2	3:30-6pm	<p><u>Bolton Tag Rugby Event</u> We are getting close to our annual Tag Rugby event which has proven to be very successful over the years. We will be letting you know shortly if your child is playing. Do come along and support us. BFA would like volunteers to help with the food and refreshments. Please contact</p>

			the school office if you can help on the day.
01/05/26	Selected KS2	9:30-12:30	EVA Rise Gymnastics Event at Appleby Sports Hall. Full PE kits, water bottle and coats. Please provide a packed lunch.
01/05/26	Y6	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Year 6 SATS Booster Club with Miss Mepham
04/05/26	All		Bank Holiday - School Closed
06/05/26	C2	AM	RHSE Session with Mrs Hodgson
06/05/26		2:30pm	Staffing, Finance and Premises Governors Meeting
06/05/26	Y6	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Year 6 SATS Booster Club with Miss Mepham
08/05/26	C3	12:30-2:30	EVA Lacrosse Event Full PE kits, water bottle and coats. Please provide a packed lunch.
11/05/26 - 15/05/26	Year 6		SATS Week - Year 6
13/05/26	C3	PM	RHSE Session with Mrs Hodgson
15/05/26	Year 6	All day	Patterdale Experience Day
15/05/26	All	TBC	School Disco!
20/05/26	C2	PM	EVA Cricket Event at Appleby Cricket Club. Full PE kits and water bottle. Please provide a packed lunch.
22/05/26	All		Wheelchair Basketball
22/05/26	Selected		Farming Experience at Morland Primary School - more information to follow
22/05/26	All		Break up for half term - Non-uniform £1 suggested donation for NSPCC
05/06/26	All	9am	Buddy Reading
09/06/26	C3	TBC	EVA Rounders Event at Brough School
11/06/26	Selected KS2	12:30-2:30	EVA Elite Swimming Gala at Appleby Pool
13/06/26		PM	BOLTON VILLAGE FIELD DAY
17/06/26			EVA Tri-Kids event at Bolton playing field.
24/06/26		5:30pm	Full Governors Body Meeting
26/06/26	Selected KS1		EVA Rise Gymnastics Event at Appleby Sports Hall
28/06/26			Appleby Fun Run
29/06/26	Y4s	10:10-12:15	History/Geography Outreach Session at Appleby Grammar School
29/06/26	All	PM	Athlete Visit
02/07/26	All	All Day	Whole School Trip
03/07/26	Selected		Appleby Sports
06/07/26 - 10/07/26	All	AM	Swimming Week
08/07/26	Y5		Maths and Science Trail at Appleby Grammar School
13/07/26	Rec	10-11am	JAM Session at Bolton Church
w/c 13/07/26			Whole School Performance - TBC
16/07/26	Y6	2pm	Year 6 Leavers Assembly - Year 6 Parents Welcome - Save the Date!
17/07/26	All	2pm	End of Summer Term - Early Finish