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## Newsletter: Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November 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 Jasper, Hunter, Lola, Benji A, Daniel and Hugo.

### Golden Diners Table

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

### Class 1 Basic Moves

Reception, Year 1 and 2 had a brilliant morning last Friday at the annual Basic Moves event. The children developed a range of skills and worked hard as a team to support each other. Well done Class 1.

### Assessment Week

This week, the children (Y1-Y6) have been busy completing assessments in school. The results will be shared with you on your child's interim reports in December. We are incredibly proud of the hard work and the resilience of our children who have all given it their very best!

### Reindeer Run 2025

We will be holding our annual Reindeer Run on Thursday 11 December in school, raising funds for the Jigsaw Hospice. Vicki and Kate from the hospice held an assembly in school on Tuesday morning and your child has brought home a sponsor form and letter. We have a just giving page too if you would prefer to donate online - <https://www.justgiving.com/page/jigsaw-hospice-bolton>

### School photos

Ric Hall will be in school on Monday taking individual photos. These are £5 per photo payable on Parentpay and will be emailed to you to print or share at home. Please use this form to order:

[School photos - Monday 1 December 2025 - Fill in form](#)

Note that KS2 will be in PE kits on Monday, so you may need to bring uniform too depending on what you would like your child to wear. Feel free to send in a Christmas jumper if you'd like a Christmas themed photo.

### Parking

We have had a further visit from the PCSO this week to monitor the car parking outside school. Thank you to those families who are parking sensibly in the village, it is vital to ensure the safety of our children. PCSO Baker explained that he will be coming back to do some spot checks and will be issuing fines to families who are continuing to double park or block driveways. Remember the entrance to the staff car park is for the school taxi only. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

### School Based Nursery

This week, we've asked families to complete a survey linked to us opening a school-based nursery, which will mean the school provides education for children 3-11. Thank you to all the families who have completed the survey and we will share any further updates in due course.



### Pupil Parliament

School council presented their 'Pupil Parliament' assembly yesterday, where they shared lots of great news and information, including how much we raised for Children in Need, playtime routines and great feedback about school lunches. Thank you to the school council for helping to lead the school.



### Governors

Having reviewed pupil attendance data the governors were pleased to see that our school had attendance figures above the national average. We noted that quite a few children missed the first few days of the school year and wanted to emphasise the importance those days play in helping children to settle into a new class and understand the expectations of the new school year. Mrs Tinkler shared with us the amazing range of school activities, trips and visitors that the staff team have arranged for this term and we hope your children have been enjoying them.

### Christmas dinner day

We are looking forward to our school Christmas dinner on Thursday 11 December. There are no other school dinner options to book that day and we would like everyone to enjoy a traditional Christmas Dinner together. We have provisionally booked everyone a meal which can be amended before tomorrow evening on Parentpay.



### 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

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

### 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. Clubs will run for 6 weeks from week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> November until week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> December

Yours sincerely,

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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  |
|----------|---------------|-----------------------------|--|
| 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 - 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   |
| 08/12/25 | Class 3       | 8.30am - 2pm                | Class 3 trip to Manjushri Kadampa Meditation Centre, Ulverston. Please give consent and make the £13 voluntary contribution on Parentpay.  |
| 11/12/25 | All           |                             | Christmas Jumper Day and Reindeer Run<br>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 at Bolton School<br>Class 1 will be performing 'A Wriggly Nativity'   |
| 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 at Bolton School<br>Class 1 will be performing 'A Wriggly Nativity'   |
| 18/12/25 | All           | 2pm                         | Christingle Carol Service at All Saints Church, Bolton<br>Please join us!  |
| 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 | 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  |
| 28/01/26 |               | 5:30pm                      | Governors - Full Governing Body Meeting  |
| 31/01/26 | KS2           |                             | Carlisle United Football Game - More information to follow   |
| 02/02/26 |               | PM                          | Debate at Appleby Grammar School - 4 children TBC  |
| 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   |