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Newsletter: Thursday 4th 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 Charlie, Casey, Barnaby, Isabelle, Tiffany, Emily and Lily.

Golden Diners Table

Well done to our four lucky golden diners last week - Sophia, Max, Tyler and McKenna. Super manners in the dining hall!

Christmas Hamper

Would you like the chance to win a Christmas Hamper? We will be selling raffle tickets at Class 1's Nativity Performance and from the school office. We have put together a suggested list of donations for each class and hope you will be able to contribute something from the list. Don't worry about duplications, the more the merrier and any other donations are also very welcome.

Class 1 - Mulled wine, hot chocolate, chocolates, iced fruit cake, crackers, jam, shortbread

Class 2 - Red wine, tea, toffee, Christmas Pudding, savoury snacks, preserves, pickles

Class 3 - White wine, coffee, sweets, mince pies, olives, chutneys biscuits

Please bring these to the school office by Wednesday 10th December.
Thank you

School photos

Thank you to Ric for taking our school photos this week. If you have paid for your child's photo, these will be sent via email as soon as possible.

Reading Parent Survey

We are incredibly proud of the reading our children do in and out of school. The children have completed a reading survey in school in their classes. We'd like you to complete a parent survey and return this to school by Monday 8th December - thank you.

Christmas Party Food

Christmas Party Day is our last day on Friday 19th December. Please note that this will be an earlier 2pm finish on this day. Your child does not need a lunch on this day. We just ask that you contribute with party food - see below for suggested contributions from each year group. This will be a non-uniform day, where children can wear party clothes, if they wish. Please wear suitable shoes for party games/ running and moving around.

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.

Class 1 Nativity

We are in full swing of Nativity practices now for Class 1's Nativity - it sounds amazing! Your child has been told their part and has been given their lines if they have some. We will be providing the costumes and you will have been asked if they need any extras e.g., black leggings to go with their costume. The performances will take place at the school on Tuesday 16th at 2pm and Wednesday 17th at 5.30pm. We'd love all the children to attend both to perform their play, dances and singing. Please complete the Microsoft form to let us know how many people will be coming to watch.
[Nativity 2025 - 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.

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>

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 booked everyone a meal, please make the payment 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 5th December with a chance to win some amazing prizes.

Extra-Curricular Sports - Autumn 2

Monday: Class 1 Dance with Abby Overs

Wednesday: KS2 Baking Club with Miss Mepham.

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 3rd November until week beginning 8th December

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

Mondays - Rec/KS1 - TBC (starts Monday 12th January, last session Monday 9th 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
04/12/25	Class 2 and 3		KS2 Theatre Trip - Wizard of Oz - leave school at 12.30pm and due back 4.45-5pm. 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 Helpers please arrive at 9am and we will show you what to do.
05/12/25		7pm doors, eyes down 7.30pm	Bolton Nursery Bingo Fundraiser in Appleby Market Hall Come along and help support Bolton Nursery! There are some amazing prizes to be won.
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 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	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 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	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