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Newsletter: Thursday 4th September 2025

Welcome Back!

We hope that you all had a fantastic summer and that you are ready for a new and exciting term ahead.

A special welcome to our new starters: Lily, Mazie, Hugo, Brody, Sophia and all their families. We appreciate that when starting school there's a lot to take onboard, so please do not hesitate to contact us and we will do our best to help with any queries.

A huge welcome also to our new Class teachers - Miss Holmes and Miss Mepham.

Welcome to Team Bolton.



Communications

Please note that this Newsletter is the main form of communication between school and you. This week, there is a lot of information due to it being the first of the year. We will often send out texts, with reminders but it is very important that you read the newsletter so that things run smoothly for your child/ren and you know about any events or changes.

At the end of this letter, there is a simple calendar for reference; you can also use our website calendar and sync your phone to the school's calendar. Please ask if you require help with this.

Please only contact teachers on school emails and only if there is a unique reason about your child. Teachers will respond to emails within the core working day hours (8am to 6pm).

Class dojo is only for communications linked to behaviour. Teachers are with children 8:45am to 3:30pm and spend mornings preparing for lessons and after school planning, preparing and marking so have limited time to respond to individual emails. General queries should be sent to admin@bolton.cumbria.sch.uk Our social media (Facebook) should not be used as a contact place for school information.

Thank you for your support with this.

Data Forms

Please complete your child's privacy forms and return to the school office by Monday 8th September. Please ensure that all emergency contacts are correct and check the permissions for our Facebook page.

School Improvement 25/26

Our school improvement plan for 2025/2026 has five key priorities - making the English and Maths curriculum more 'magical and memorable', including homework; improving attitude to learning; a focus on well-being and mental health for children and staff members; strengthening the Early Years Provision further and

developing the leadership of staff performance management and improving school links with governors and parents.

We will let you know more about this as the school year progresses.



Staffing for 2025-2026

Headteacher: Mrs Tinkler
Class 1 (Reception/Year 1 and Year 2): Mrs Tinkler, Mrs Moody and Miss Holmes
Class 2 (Year 3/4): Mrs Cousin
Class 3 (Year 5/6): Miss Mepham

Mrs Walsh will teach Class 2 and 3 French each week.

Miss Lowthian will teach Science and Music to all 3 classes. Andrew will teach guitars to KS2.

Mrs Cousin, Jordan and Miss Mepham will teach PE.

PE Days -

Class 1: Wednesday and Thursday

Class 2: Monday and Wednesday

Class 3: Monday and Friday

Please come to school in PE kit.

Miss Burns will be supporting in Class 2 and 3, Mrs Rankin will be mainly supporting in Class 1 and Mrs Bradley will be supporting children in Year 1.

School Business Manager: Mrs Austin

Summer Celebrations

Next Friday 12th September will be our first celebration assembly of the year. Please bring in any achievements from the summer holidays, such as Library Summer Reading Challenge awards, any sporting achievements etc.

Celebration Assemblies

We will be choosing one value to focus on during our celebration assemblies each half term. The value that we have chosen this half term is Caring. Each Friday, teachers will choose 1 child per year group that has shown the value of caring in school. We will be continuing to celebrate strive for five, Lexia Levelling Up Awards, house points, golden diners and personal achievements. Every day the whole school assembly will be at 9am. Please ensure that your child is promptly in school by no later than 8.55am.



Drop off

Please remember that the school gates will open at 8.45am each morning. We'd like to remind you that children are not supervised before this time. Don't forget that Bolton Nursery offer breakfast club from 8am if you do need childcare before school. We are encouraging Y2 children to be dropped off at the brown gate and walk around independently.

Lunches

This week has been our first week with our new providers 'King's Arms' at Temple Sowerby. It has been great to see so many children trying our new lunches and great to hear the children saying 'it's the best school meal

they have ever had'. Don't forget to order your school lunches by Wednesday every week on ParentPay for the two weeks ahead.

Homework

The teachers have spent some time reviewing our homework expectations and timings. It will be set on GoogleClassroom for all year groups on a Friday and handed in the following Thursday. This will start Friday 12th September.

Each class will be given a set of homework that is appropriate for their age.

There will be 4 tasks set each week.

1. Reading 3-5 times per week
2. Lexia 20 minutes (Y1-Y6)
3. Spelling Activity
4. Maths Activity

We will continue to monitor the homework that our children are being asked to do and will ask for feedback from parents throughout the year.

Please focus on reading this week and striving for five reads.

GoogleClassroom

All children have been set up in a new online class and all KS2 children have accessed this in school. Class 1 children will be doing this on Monday in Computing. You will be given a copy of your child's login information. The easiest way to access GoogleClassroom is via the app.

Homework Clubs

We will be running a homework club on a Wednesday for any KS2 children who need any support with their homework with Mrs Cousin or Miss Mepham and on a Tuesday for any KS1 children who need support with Mrs Moody.

Footwear

All children need some black indoor shoes that will stay in school. Children should come to school in trainers that they will use for playtimes and PE.

There are a range of football boots in school for KS2 children for their PE lessons. If needed, your child can try some at school and keep these for the year instead of buying new. For those children who have their own, we will let you know when you need them in school. If anyone has any children's football boots that are outgrown, are of a decent condition and you would be happy to donate to school... we'll gladly take them off your hands! Please pass them on to Mrs Cousin.

We'd like all children to have a pair of wellies in school, so that they can access the whole school grounds at playtimes and occasionally in other lessons. We do have some spares in school too.



Uniform

On School Uniform days, we would like children to wear uniform-style skirts, long shorts, trousers or pinafores. The clothing on the non-PE days should look different and more formal. Comments have been made about some girls' skirt/shorts being very short and not appropriate for school.



Events

We are very pleased with the provision of curricular activities and non-curricular activities that we offer our children at this school.

We have got a lot planned for this year, including trips linked to our curriculum topics, charity events, sporting events and much more.

This year, we are pleased to announce that we will be introducing a Nativity Performance for Class 1 in the Autumn Term.

In the Spring Term, we are hoping to hold a Music Event where the children can share their musical talents.

We are very excited that we will be holding our Whole School Performance in the Summer Term and this will be held at Cliburn Village Hall.

MacMillan Coffee Open Morning

Our first charity event that we will hold will be the annual MacMillan Coffee Morning. This year, this will also be an open morning. Come along and enjoy some coffee and cake, as well as the chance to join in with lots of activities.



Healthy Snacks/Drinks

We ask that the only snacks that come into school are fruit (including dried fruit) and/or vegetables. Please send your child in with a bottle each day with water only.



Tuck Shop

Treat tuck-shop on Thursdays

Mrs Austin will still be doing her treat tuck-shop on Thursdays as we feel that an occasional treat is having a healthy attitude towards diet. Please send 50p or pay for the full half term (£3.50). It will start on Thursday 11th (next week).



BOLTON FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

BFA News

BFA are our very active parent group, who have raised an amazing amount of money for the school that has meant that we've been able to buy a number of resources, including enough iPads for each class. A big thank you from us! If you'd be interested in joining the BFA, please contact us for more information.

The next parent meeting will be this month to organise events for this term -

Date to be confirmed

100 Club

The 100 Club is a great way to help the school to raise money.

£3 per month with the chance to win cash!

1st Prize: £15

2nd Prize: £10

3rd Prize: £5

If you would like to join our 100 Club, please email

bfabolton@gmail.com for more information.



Governor News:

We have a very active governing body with a great representation of parents. We are looking for some new governors with any skills in finance, education, health and safety or HR.

Do you know someone who could get involved behind the scenes to help us make decisions about the school? If yes, please contact our clerk Rachael McMann, so we can tell you more about the role - clerk@bolton.cumbria.sch.uk

Our Governors for 25/26

Chair - Stephen Tudway

Vice Chair - Kate Allison

Kaya Bennett

Carla Miller

Kathryn Macfarlane

Debbie Tinkler - Headteacher

Bianca Cousin - Staff Governor

Clerk - Rachael McMann

Thank you for all the support in my first week at Bolton as the new Headteacher - I am looking forward to working with you all.

Yours sincerely,

Debbie Tinkler

head@bolton.cumbria.sch.uk



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	Time	Information
10/09/25	9:00am	School Council Assembly Children will be given some information about joining our School Council - Please help your child to write their speech ready for the elections!
10/09/25	5:30pm	Governors - Full Governing Body Meeting
15/09/25	9:00am	School Council Elections - Good luck everyone!
16/09/25	3:30pm-4:30pm	Little Wandle Workshop Meeting with Mrs Moody All Reception and Year 1 Parents Welcome - Come and find out all about how your child will learn to read and how you can support your child's reading at home too
17/09/25	12:30pm-2:30pm	EVA Event - Ultimate Frisbee - Class 3 - Field at Bolton Park Need: To wear PE kit, water bottle, healthy snack, coat
18/09/25	4:00pm-6:00pm	KS2 Morland Netball and Football Tournament Football Team: TBC / Netball Team: TBC
w/c 22/09/25		Parent Consultations for all year groups You will be sent an invitation via email
25/09/25	9.30am-11:30am	EVA Event - Quicksticks Hockey Festival @ Penrith Leisure Centre - Class 2: Need: To wear PE kit (long dark bottoms may be needed if cooler weather), water bottle, packed lunch and healthy snack, coat
26/09/25	9:30am-11:30am	Open Morning and Macmillan Coffee Morning - Join us!
06/10/25	10:00am	JAM Session at Church for Reception and Bolton Nursery Pre-school
08/10/25	All Morning	Relationship, Health and Sex Education Session for Year 3/Year 4
08/10/25	2:30pm	Governors - Staffing, Finance and Premises Meeting
14/10/25	All Morning	Relationship, Health and Sex Education Session for Year 1/Year 2
14/10/25	3:00pm	Bonfire Night Assembly
15/10/25	All Day	AIM Higher Writing Workshop - 2 x selected Year 6s
22/10/25	1:15-2:30pm	Library Van Visit
24/10/25	Finish at 3:30pm	End of the half-term! - Non-uniform day
03/11/25		Back to school
03/11/25	10:00am	JAM Session at Church for Reception and Bolton Nursery Pre-school
05/11/25	All Morning	Relationship, Health and Sex Education Session for Year 5/Year 6
11/11/25	TBC	Remembrance Day Service
14/11/25		Children in Need - Suggested donation £1 Please wear PJs or something spotty! - Activities throughout the morning
19/11/25	5:30pm	Governors - Full Governing Body Meeting
21/11/25	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
24/11/25		Assessment Week
01/12/25	10:00am	JAM Session at Church for Reception and Bolton Nursery Pre-school
04/12/25		KS2 Theatre Trip - Wizard of Oz - More information to follow Class 1 Christmas Trip - More information to follow
05/12/25	9:30am-11:30am	Christmas Craft Morning - Please contact school if you would like to volunteer Children and adults can wear their Christmas Jumpers
11/12/25		Christmas Jumper Day and Reindeer Run
w/c 15/12/25		Class 1 Nativity Performance - More information to follow
17/12/25	2pm	Christingle Carol Service at All Saints Church, Bolton
19/12/25	End of term - Finish at 2pm	Christmas Party Day - Party clothes