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## Newsletter: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026

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 McKenna, Hannah, Eryn, Benji A, Ellie, Isaac and Lily.

### Golden Diners Table

Well done to our lucky golden diners last week - Harry, Emily, Isabelle and Charlie M. Super manners in the dining hall and loving their lunches!

### Carlisle United

It was great to take some of our KS2 children to watch Carlisle United on Saturday. It was great to see them loving the football and a great result at the end too! Thank you for being a pleasure to take.

### Debate AGS

Three of our Class 3 children took part in a debating competition on Monday at Appleby Grammar School. Many local schools joined the competition and AGS commented that there were some compelling arguments from all schools making it very difficult for the judging panel to choose a winner. All 3 pupils should be very proud of their performance and how well they represented the school.

### Music Enrichment

Two pupils took part in a music enrichment event at Morland last week. They had a chance to try a range of instruments and compose their own group piece of music. Both pupils participated in all activities and were great ambassadors for our school.

### Governors from Kathryn

The Governors met for their half termly meeting last week, we welcomed three new Governors, which means an expansion of the Governors knowledge and experience. We still however need more Governors and someone with educational knowledge would be a great benefit to the team, therefore if there are anyone out there who wish to join us, or if you know anyone who would be interested, please contact us. We also reviewed a number of policies and noted the positive progress on the School Improvement Plan.

### Behaviour Update

Over the last few weeks, we have been developing our behaviour plan alongside the children. Our focus is on encouraging positive behaviour and supporting children to make good choices. We have introduced additional rewards, such as extra Dojo points for positive choices, Learner of the Lesson award in every lesson, class rewards and prize boxes. We have also updated our approach to managing poor behaviour choices, with a stronger focus on reflection, helping children to understand their actions and make better choices moving forward. Please see the attached leaflet, which explains our behaviour plan in more detail. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.



### Parent Consultation Appointments

We would like to remind you that next week we will be holding our parent consultation meetings. These will be taking place on the following dates:

- ❖ Reception - Tuesday 10th February with Mrs Moody
- ❖ Year 1 - Thursday 12th February with Miss Holmes and Mrs Moody
- ❖ Year 2 - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February with Miss Holmes
- ❖ Year 3/4 - Wednesday 11th or Thursday 12th February with Mrs Cousin
- ❖ Year 5/6 - Wednesday 11th or Thursday 12th February with Miss Mepham

Appointments will begin at 3:40pm, with each meeting lasting 10 minutes.

If you are unable to attend on the dates listed above, we will do our best to arrange an alternative meeting time.

Please remember that, as a school, we have an open-door policy and staff are always happy to help. If you have any worries or concerns about your child, do not hesitate to contact us—there is no need to wait until parent consultation meetings.

### School Dinners

Please book dinners for week after half term by Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February - Thank you!



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

Wednesdays - Rec/KS1 Basic Moves with Mrs Tinkler

Thursdays - KS2 Dance with Abby Overs  
Please wear PE uniform on these days if you're booked onto the club,

£1 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 Cousin, Mrs Kipling and Kaya  
We still need bottle tops and toilet rolls please.

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 Fridays 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 see more information on the next page about our 'After School Wrap Around Care Provision' and our 'Extra-Curricular Sports Clubs'.

Please book your place via the school office!

Yours sincerely,

Debbie Tinkler

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 14<sup>th</sup> January, last session Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February)

Thursdays - KS2 Dance with Abby Overs (starts Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January, last session Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 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

# Spring 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
09/02/26	All	Everyday	Swimming Week. Parents/carers should have hopefully completed and returned up-to-date information regarding your child's most recent swimming information. Please remember to contact the office if you are able to help during any of the morning slots 9:30-10:30am. Children to arrive to school 'beach ready' - swimming gear underneath their usual school clothing/PE kit for each day. (Remember to pack underwear for after the swimming session!) Hair must be tied back and jewellery removed before school. Class 1 Rec-Y2 leave school at 9 am and swim at 9.30 am - 10.15 am KS2 Y3-6 - leave school at 10 am and swim at 10.30 am - 11.30 am To avoid items getting lost or misplaced at the pool, it would be extremely helpful to check that all your child's clothing is clearly labelled. A towel and underwear will also be needed. Please could we ask parents of Class 1 children (Reception and KS1) to encourage your child/children to get changed before and after school 'independently' with the run up to swimming. This will help them prepare for our swimming week. Bolton School prioritises swimming and we aim to give each child 10 hours in each academic year. We believe that doing block swimming everyday results in more progress than weekly. Mrs Cousin (PE lead) runs the programme. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.
13/02/26	Class 1		Library Visit - Class 1 will be visiting Appleby Library on Friday following their swimming lesson Please send your child's library card in with them, so that they can borrow a book. Reception children will be sent home with a library card application tomorrow, please return by Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb. Thanks
09/02/26 - 13/02/26	All		Parent Consultations this week Reception - Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February with Mrs Moody Year 1/2 - Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February with Miss Holmes and Mrs Moody Year 3/4 - Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> or Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February with Mrs Cousin Year 5/6 - Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> or Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February with Miss Mephram <i>For children with a support plan, class teachers will be in touch to arrange an alternative appointment during the week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> February, allowing for a 15-minute meeting.</i>
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
24/02/26	KS2		Cyberbullying Assembly with Damien Fox
27/02/26	All	9am	Buddy Reading
02/03/26	Rec	10-11am	JAM Session at Bolton Church
05/03/26	All		World Book Day - PJs or Costume
09/03/26 - 13/03/26		All week	Abigail Robinson - Work Experience Placement Student
11/03/26	C2	AM	RHSE Session with Mrs Hodgson
11/03/26	C3	3:30-4:30pm	<b>Residential Meeting</b> We'd like to invite all Y5/6 children and parents to a meeting all about their residential to Barhaugh Hall This will be an opportunity to find out more about our new exciting trip and ask some questions
12/03/26	Y5s	11:25-12:25pm	Science Outreach Session at Appleby Grammar School
13/03/26	Class 2	12:30-2:30pm	EVA Dodgeball Event @ Appleby Sports Hall.
16/03/26 - 20/03/26	All		Assessment Week
16/03/26	Rec	10-11am	Jam Session at Bolton Church
19/03/26	C2	All Day	Birdoswald Trip - History

			We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £11 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 normal uniform.
20/03/26	<b>All</b>		Red Nose Day - More information to follow
24/03/26	<b>C1</b>	All day	Windermere Trip - History 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 normal uniform.
25/03/26	<b>All</b>		Environment Day - House Group Activities
27/03/26	<b>All</b>	3:30pm	End of Spring Term - Break up at normal time 3:30pm
13/04/26	<b>All</b>		Start of Summer Term
13/04/26 - 15/04/26	<b>Class 3</b>		Residential - Barhaugh Hall, Robinwood Activity Centre