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Newsletter: Thursday 5th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Golden Diners Table

Well done to our lucky golden diners last week - Jesse, Harley, Casey and Lucy. Super manners in the dining hall!

World Book Day

World Book Day was a huge success. Thank you to everyone that participated. We were all very impressed with your efforts. We got to see some wonderful books, excellent new front cover designs and some amazing mini-books. A big thank you to any parents/carers that came along to share books today during our Reading Café.

Reading for Pleasure

As a school, we have been reflecting on our children's attitudes towards reading for pleasure. Thank you to everyone who completed the recent reading surveys — the children also shared their views. We were pleased to find that children are enjoying reading during English lessons and are motivated to complete their reading to achieve Strive for Five. However, a significant number of children told us that they do not currently see themselves as 'readers' and do not regularly read for pleasure at home. Over the coming weeks, we will be doing further work in school to promote reading for enjoyment and to help every child develop a love of books. We are incredibly grateful for the continued support our families give to their young readers. Reading truly is the gateway to the rest of the curriculum and a lifelong skill.

Y6 SATs Booster Club

Miss Mephram is offering a SATs booster club for our Year 6s in preparation for their Y6 SATs in May. We will be offering a booster club on a Thursday during lunchtime for all Y6s. We'd also like to offer some after school sessions 3:30-4:30pm.

The session we are offering are:

Wednesday 25th March

Friday 17th April

Wednesday 22nd April

Friday 1st May

Wednesday 6th May

We will send Y6 parents a Microsoft form to confirm attendance.

Attendance

This week, we welcomed a visit from the Local Authority Attendance Officer Victoria Stewardson. She would like to say thank you to the Bolton parents and children. Attendance is good for most of our pupils. Our whole school attendance is above the national average.

Please refer to our website for further information about penalties for term-time holidays or any other information. If you have any queries about policies and procedures from the Local Authority, please contact Victoria directly.

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We have also taken part in Department for Education training focused on raising attendance. There was a strong emphasis on the link between good attendance and positive outcomes for children. Even a small number of days missed can have a noticeable impact on learning, confidence and friendships. If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, or if there is anything we can do to support your family, please do come and speak to us — we are always here to help.



Online Behaviours

This week, we have received several reports of inappropriate online behaviour involving children in Class 3, particularly through the use of WhatsApp. We have spoken to the children in school about responsible and respectful online communication. Please find attached a Wake Up Wednesday guide to support parents with understanding online messaging apps and how to keep children safe. We would appreciate your continued support in talking to your child about being kind and respectful online, and encouraging them to report any unkind behaviour to a trusted adult. Thank you for working with us on this important matter.

School dinners

Temple Sowerby pub have been advised again that the electricity will be off on Monday 16th March, please select a cold option for your child that day using this form - [Meal change - Monday 16 March 2026 - Fill in form](#)



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 Mephram 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 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
09/03/26 - 13/03/26		All week	Abigail Robinson - Work Experience Placement Student
11/03/26	C2	AM	RHSE Session with Year 3/Year 4 with Mrs Hodgson
11/03/26	C3	3:30-4:30pm	Residential Meeting We'd like to invite all Y5/6 children and parents to a meeting all about their residential to Barhaugh Hall - it is important that you attend this meeting. 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. Full PE kits, water bottle and coats. Please provide a packed lunch.
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	All		Red Nose Day - More information to follow
24/03/26	C1	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	All		Environment Day - House Group Activities
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		Residential - Barhaugh Hall, Robinwood Activity Centre
15/04/26		5:30pm	Full Governors Body Meeting
17/04/26	All	9am	Buddy Reading
23/04/26	Class 3	12:30-2:30	EVA Orienteering Event Full PE kits, water bottle and coats. Please provide a packed lunch.
01/05/26	Selected	9:30-12:30	Rise Gymnastics Event at Appleby Sports Hall. Full PE kits, water bottle and coats. Please provide a packed lunch.
04/05/26	All		Bank Holiday - School Closed
06/05/26		2:30pm	Staffing, Finance and Premises Governors Meeting
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
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	12:30-2:30	EVA Elite Swimming Gala at Appleby Pool
17/06/26			EVA Tri-Kids event at Bolton playing field.
24/06/26		5:30pm	Full Governors Body Meeting
26/06/26	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
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