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## Newsletter: Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026

### Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you had a good Christmas break and would like to wish you all a Happy New Year. It is a busy term ahead with lots happening as usual. Please read the newsletters each Thursday so that you are up to date with events and things that you need to support your children with.

### Learning Overviews

You will be receiving your child's class learning overview next Thursday. This outlines the main topics that they will be learning about up to Easter.

### School Dinners

Please help us by ordering your child's lunches by Wednesday evening each week.

### Tuck Shop

Please pay £3 for the half term or 50p a week if your child would like tuck shop this half term.

### Homework

Google Classroom homework will start again this Friday for all children (Rec to Year 6). Please encourage your child to get back on track with their reading commitments, too. Reading results are excellent at Bolton and Strive for 5 and regular reading plays a big part in this. Remember, reading fluency is key to success in the whole curriculum.

### Fun Swimming Gala

Please see the information in the diary dates and key information section. If your child has been selected, and you would be available to help with scoring or handing out positions for races, please contact the office and/or Bianca via Class Dojo.

### Move to write Programme

Our reception children are completing a programme called Move to Write with the Local Authority. This programme develops children's gross and fine motor skills to develop their writing.

### School Closures

If school has to close unexpectedly for any reason, parents will be notified via text by 8am.

### Kenya Talks

Peter Nutsford visited the school today to speak to Class 1 and Class 2 about Kenya. Class 1's workshop 'The Wonderful World' explored Kenya's herbivores and carnivores. Class 2's workshop 'Wildlife of the Rainforest' explored a range of animals from Borneo and Rwanda and looked at how deforestation is affecting the habitats. Thank you to Peter for delivering these workshops for our children and igniting their enthusiasm for our new Geography units.

### Parking

Just a reminder about parking outside school at drop off and pick up. We are encouraging parents / family members to not double park by the lay-by even if its just to quickly drop your child off. We have had a serious near miss involving a car and a child. We will be continuing to monitor the situation and you will be notified if we believe you are parking unsafe. Thanks for your support with this.

### Nurture Group

Erin Taylor has been working in school with some groups of children to explore the emotions and regulation over the Autumn Term. It has been great to see the nurture groups develop and build good relationships with their peers and develop some great strategies. Erin Taylor will be continuing to work with us this term and Mrs Rankin will also be running some nurture groups too.

### Partnerships

At our school, we value strong partnerships with parents and carers and believe that open, respectful communication is key to supporting our children's learning and wellbeing. Our staff are always happy to discuss any concerns you may have and will do their best to help. We kindly ask that all communication with staff—whether in person, by phone or by email—is respectful and courteous at all times. Abusive, aggressive or threatening language towards staff is not acceptable. If you have a concern, please contact the school to arrange a suitable time to speak with the class teacher or a member of the leadership team. This helps ensure conversations are calm, constructive and focused on finding positive solutions for your child. Thank you for your continued support and for working in partnership with us.

### Guitar lessons

A reminder that private guitar lessons are available on Tuesday after school for KS2 children. Please let us know if your child is interested.



### 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 (Donations of toilet roll tubes/kitchen roll tubes needed 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

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 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 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
08/01/26	<b>Class 2</b>	1:15-2:15	Kenya Talk with Peter Nutsford
08/01/26	<b>Class 1</b>	2:30-3:30	Kenya Talk with Peter Nutsford
09/01/26	<b>All</b>	9am	Buddy Reading
12/01/26	<b>Individuals have been notified</b>	12:30-2:30	EVA Event - <b>Fun Swimming Gala</b> (water confidence) @ Appleby Pool. A Microsoft form has been sent out to all parents of children who have been invited. Swimmers will need to arrive at school wearing PE kit with their lime green hoody on top; Pack 2 towels (one of which is to sit on at the side of the pool); and a swimming costume/shorts that you will change into at lunchtime. Hair must be tied back and jewellery removed before school. Competitors will need to bring a packed lunch from home and a drink of water should also be taken to the event. Unfortunately, we are unable to have any spectators at the event.
16/01/26		1:30-2:45	Asby School Quiz - Team of 4 year 6 children. Travelling with Mrs Austin
19/01/26		PM	Debate at Appleby Grammar School - 4 children TBC
23/01/26	<b>Y1/Y2</b>	9:30-12pm	EVA Event - Tri-Golf at Appleby Grammar School. Please ensure that children arrive at school wearing full PE kit, including their lime green hoody and clean trainers. They will also need a healthy snack and water bottle. Children will return in time for lunch as normal.
28/01/26		5:30pm	Governors - Full Governing Body Meeting
28/01/26	<b>Selected</b>		Sedbergh Cross Country - Lacey, Amelia and Esme Travelling with Mrs Rankin
31/01/26	<b>KS2</b>		Carlisle United Football Game - We have secured tickets to take our KS2 children to watch Carlisle United play. We emailed a Microsoft form yesterday to register interest, please return before Monday morning 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	<b>Class 2</b>	All Day	Whinlatter Trip
09/02/26	<b>All</b>	Everyday	Swimming Week. 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.
09/02/26 - 13/02/26	<b>All</b>		Parent Consultations this week More information to follow
13/02/26	<b>All</b>		Break up for half term - Non-uniform £1 suggested donation for NSPCC
23/02/26	<b>All</b>		Start of Spring Term 2
27/02/26	<b>All</b>	9am	Buddy Reading
02/03/26	<b>Rec</b>	10-11am	JAM Session at Bolton Church
05/03/26	<b>All</b>		World Book Day - PJs or Costume
09/03/26 - 13/03/26		All week	Abigail Robinson - Work Experience Placement Student
11/03/26	<b>C2</b>	AM	RHSE Session with Mrs Hodgson
12/03/26	<b>Y5</b>	11:25-12:25pm	Science Outreach Session at Appleby Grammar School
13/03/26	<b>Class 2</b>	12:30-2:30pm	EVA Dodgeball Event @ Appleby Sports Hall.
16/03/26 - 20/03/26	<b>All</b>		Assessment Week
16/03/26	<b>Rec</b>	10-11am	Jam Session at Bolton Church
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