

Weekly Newsletter



Tuesday 27 January 2026 AM
Year 6 Trip to Crucial Crew

A message from
Bridget Phillipson



Dear Emma,

Congratulations to you and your team on the excellent outcomes the disadvantaged pupils at Devonshire Road Primary School achieved at the end of the 2024/25 academic year. Your school's performance places it among the very best nationally, and this is a significant achievement.

This success reflects the dedication of your staff and the hard work of your pupils. It shows what can be achieved when ambition and commitment come together. Thank you for everything you do to give children the best possible opportunities to succeed.

Your school's achievements demonstrate what is possible, and I hope you will continue to share your experience and best practice with others. Even the strongest schools can go further. We encourage you to lead the way as a system leader - sharing effective practice, championing networks, supporting collaboration, and helping raise standards across the sector.

There are real opportunities available for you to support improvement for a wider group of pupils including through:

- engaging actively with [your region's RISE networks](#) and partnering with nearby schools and trusts;
- contributing to regional roundtables and professional communities to spread the approaches that are working in your context; and
- sustaining excellence by continuing to focus on disadvantaged pupils

Please pass on my thanks and [congratulations](#) to your staff and pupils. I look forward to working with you as we strive together to raise standards for all.

Yours sincerely,
Bridget Phillipson

Bridget Phillipson
Secretary of State for Education

Clear, consistent communication makes a real difference. Following our recent parent/carer survey from the Autumn term, we're proud to see that parent and carer satisfaction with communication at our school is much higher than the national average - reflecting our ongoing commitment to listening, sharing, and working together in partnership. We understand how important this is, and will continue to strive to get it right so we can have the biggest impact for you and your children.



Designated Safeguarding Leads and Safeguarding Links

				Emergency Duty Team
Mrs Hodge	Mr Abraham	Mrs Abraham	Mrs Hall	(01204) 337777

Bolton Safeguarding Children
Keeping children safe in Bolton

BOLTON SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN
CONTACT BOARD 01204 337479

REFERRAL & ASSESSMENT
01204 331500 (9AM-5PM)

Stay and Learns

Year 3

Spring Term

'Reading Picnic and Games'

Wednesday 11th March 2026
2.30pm-3.30pm



Summer Term

'Egyptian Art'

Wednesday 24th June 2026
2.30pm-3.30pm



Stay and Learns

Year 6

Spring Term

'SATS Preparation'

Thursday 22nd January 2026
2.30pm-3.30pm



Summer Term

'Secondary School Transition'

Thursday 11th June 2026
2.30pm-3.30pm



Stay and Learns

Year 1

Spring Term

'Phonics'

Wednesday 7th January 2026
YRHC @ 9am-10am



Summer Term

'Mini Chefs'

Monday 29th June 2026
2.15pm-3.15pm



Stay and Learns

Year 2

Spring Term

'Phonics Bingo'

Friday 13th February 2026
2.30pm-3.30pm



Summer Term

'Botanical Art'

Friday 12th June 2026
2.30pm-3.30pm



Stay and Learns

EYFS

Spring Term

'Curious Critters'

Thursday 15th January 2026
YRHC @ 9am-10am
YRHS @ 10am-11am



Summer Term

'Play and Learn in EYFS'

Tuesday 21st April 2026
YRHC @ 9.10am-10.10am



Tuesday 28th April 2026
YRHS @ 9.10am-10.10am

Stay and Learns

Year 5

Spring Term

'Reading'

Monday 19th January 2026
9.05am-10.05am



Summer Term

'Geography'

Wednesday 8th July 2026
9.05am-10.05am



Stay and Learns

Year 4

Spring Term

'Maths'

Wednesday 18th March 2026
9.00am-10.00am



Summer Term

'Art'

Thursday 4th June 2026
2.30pm-3.30pm



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In Year 5's Reading Stay and Learn, we talked about how and when we read, we had to be detectives and hunt for clues to help us when answering questions about the text. We practised these detective skills by solving riddles about famous people and characters. Some children even had a go at writing their own riddles and sharing them with everybody! We also discussed different genres and how discovering genres and places that we enjoy reading, will help develop our love for reading. Thank you to all parents and carers who attended.



Mrs Crowder and Mrs Durkin took six Year 6 children - Alexa, Muluba, Tyrese, Smart, Shozaib and Ahmad - to a 'Glow in the Dark' Dodgeball tournament at Thornleigh on Wednesday. The children behaved impeccably, showed great sportsmanship and played well together as a team. They won most of their games and had lots of fun playing dodgeball in the dark! Well done to you all.



On Thursday Year 6 held their stay and learn session, which was focussed on SATs and how parents and carers can best support their children in the run up to the SATs. The children showed off their skills in answering a range of questions on LBQ - which is an online bank of questions that helps children to become proficient at answering different types of questions. We spent 10 minutes each answering maths, reading and grammar questions.

The parents had some interesting questions about SATs and were pleased with how the session went. We also informed parents and carers that during SATs week (w.c. 11th May) there will be a free breakfast club for all Year 6 children. We encourage all children to try and attend as it will help them to relax and be prepared for the day.



Well done to Silas Y3A for achieving his Jujitsu grading, he has now moved on to yellow belt!



This week we welcomed Shah-Veer YRHS & Helena Y1HB to Devonshire Road. We hope you have settled in well.



A gentle reminder that snacks brought in from home must be healthy options and contain NO nuts. Thank you for your support.

Great news! We are now registered to the Government's Tax Free Childcare Scheme. This allows eligible working parents/carers with children aged 11 or under to claim up to £2,000 per child each year towards their childcare costs. More information can be [accessed here](#).

Thank you to everyone who attended this week's Autism Support Group, we hope you found this useful. Our next meeting will take place in April. More information to be shared shortly.

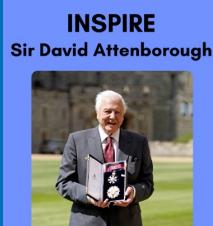
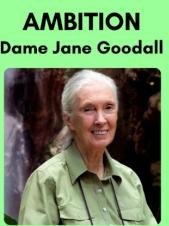


Teddy T (Y3G)
Rifqah A (Y4AT)
Moiz A (Y6P)
Noor-Al-Haya A (Y3A)
Musa H (Y2F)
Yahya M (Y2F)
Janat N (Y1L)
Muhammad Zayd A (Y3A)
Jannat Ali R (Y1HBD)
Ibrahim A (Y4AT)



Childcare Choices

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2nd

2nd

1st

3rd

Bronze
Ibrahim A (Y4S)
Silver
Abdur Rahman D (Y6H)
Rosie W (5C)

Gold
Menaal H (Y5C)
Alice H (Y5C)



20 Reads
Year 2—Mia
30 Reads
Year 1—Jacob Year 2—Burhan
40 Reads
Year 1—Jayce Year 2—Harrison
50 Reads
Year 1—Abdulaziz
75 Reads
Year 1—Ava Year 2—Alayna
100 Reads
Year 2—Kit
175 Reads
Year 2—Musa (2C)



Y2F were Class of the Week, W/C 11/02/2026, with 98.6% Attendance.



2026 is the 'Year of Reading'
Remember to send us your pictures of your child reading for the newsletter and to share with their class. You can find lots of useful reading resources if you click on the icon.



Headteacher's Award



Aiden J	YRHC	For always trying his best and for being a kind friend. Well done, Aiden!
Isa A	YRHS	For showcasing your fantastic knowledge of minibeasts and for making your very own minibeast shelter.
Elijah O	Y1L	For being an amazing role model for the other children in his class by being the best he can be.
Raina L	Y1HBD	Raina has shown a fantastic attitude to learning this week. She persevered with maths when it felt challenging and her hard work really paid off. Her handwriting has also been amazing. Well done, Raina!
Hadi R	Y2C	For bringing positivity to Year 2 every day!
Muhammad A	Y2F	For super effort and trying your best in our new multiplication unit in maths. Well done!
Viraaj V	Y3A	For being a wonderful member of our class. He is amazing at reading and is always up for a challenge in maths too. Keep being a great role model!!!
Ali A	Y3G	For being a maths expert when dividing two digit numbers by one digit numbers. He has an amazing calculator brain.
Dhairy K	Y4S	For working really hard at his writing.
Ibrahim A	Y4AT	For super effort and resilience with his writing.
Mya B-L	Y5H	For working really hard with her multiplication and division this week.
Rayan M	Y5C	For using fantastic, accurate vocabulary in Maths and applying it to your learning.
Rory H	Y6HB	For having a wonderful attitude to his learning this week. Rory has come in every day and embraced everything we have been doing, including our Y6 assessments. Because of this superb outlook, he has produced some fantastic work and achieved excellent results! Well done, Rory!
Lucas H	Y6P	For being an absolute all round superstar. You have demonstrated maturity, responsibility, kindness and empathy and continue to be a positive role model for your peers. Keep it up!



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READY!
Eat, Play, Learn.



Welcome to the Devonshire Road Breakfast Club!



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MATHS ENGLISH

BOLTON STUDY CENTRE



Kumon School Referral Scheme

An exclusive offer for Devonshire Road Primary School students. Free registration (worth £45) when you join Kumon Bolton and receive a £20 voucher for your school.

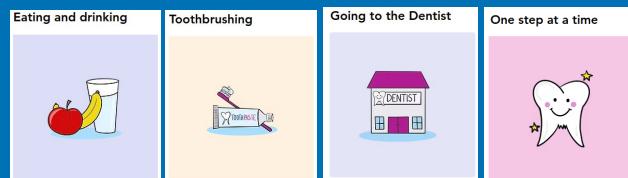
Referral code: **KPNWJ**.

Just mention this offer to the Instructor when enrolling your child.

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www.kumon.co.uk/bolton

Terms and Conditions apply*

If you are the parent/carer of an autistic child and are looking for advice and support to guide with their oral care, click the hyper link below. This is a really useful website, created by families, professionals and researchers, which offers tips and advice on brushing teeth, visiting the dentist and healthy eating and drinking.



Dinner money is £2.65/day, £13.25/week. If you believe you may be entitled to free school meals, click [here](#) to read the criteria and find out how to apply. Ms Handley, in the school office, can help with your application.



If you are looking for a dentist for your child, click the graphic:



Learning Links

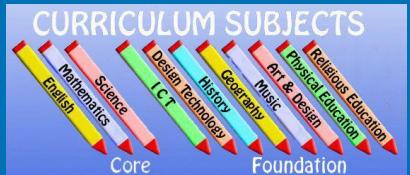


The School Reading List

Suggested reading books for primary & secondary aged children in the UK



Curriculum Links



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TOGETHERNESS NHS
Bringing the Solihull Approach to the world

BABIES & CHILDREN ARE WELCOME!

Winter Groups 2026

Tonge Family Hub
Starke Road, BL2 2ED
Mondays 10am-12pm starting 19th January

Harvey Family Hub
Shaw Street, BL3 6HU
Tuesdays 10am-12pm starting 20th January

Farnworth Family Hub
King Street, BL4 7AP
Thursdays 10am-12pm starting 22nd January

Oxford Grove Family Hub
Shepherd Cross Street, BL1 3BH
Fridays 10am-12pm starting 23rd January

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD
SOLIHULL APPROACH

To find out more or book a place go to familiestogether.org.uk

Families Together Empowering Families Through Peer Support

Part of Bolton Family Hubs Network

THE FLOWHESION FOUNDATION

Bolton Together

2 HOUR SESSIONS

10 FREE SESSIONS

CALL: 07514 484157 To book

DOOD MATTERS POWERED BY **HOME START HOST**

Walk & Talk

For dads & dads-to-be.
Babies and children welcome!

Friday 30th January 2026

11.00 - 12.00

Moss Bank Park, Bolton, BL1 6LU. (main car park)

Let us know if you're coming at [GM Events Booking Page](#)

Bolton Together

Bolton Family Hubs

GET A FREE COPY OF THE GUIDE FROM YOUR LOCAL FAMILY HUB OR LIBRARY



Do you live in Bolton and are you...

- Expecting a baby?
- A family with a baby, toddler, or young adult (0-19 years)?
- A family with a child with SEND (0-25 years)?

This guide details all the FREE local services and activities happening right across the borough.

Find us online

www.boltonfamilyhubs.org.uk

GUIDE TO SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES IN BOLTON

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