

11th October's Newsletter

**British
Value :**

**Christian
Value :**

Love

Respect

Friendship

Creativity



Let all that you do be done in love 1 Corinthians 16:14



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this message finds you well. It has been an exciting week at school! The school photographer has been in to capture some wonderful memories, and our Year 6 students had the opportunity to attend a Gangs for Life workshop. Additionally, Year 2 enjoyed an enriching walk at Jumbles, while some children from Year 5 and 6 represented our school at a Dodgeball festival.

As we approach the end of another busy school day, I wanted to address an important matter concerning the safety of our children. Recently, we have noticed that some children have been playing on the outdoor equipment after school hours. While we encourage active play and exploration, it's crucial to emphasise that the equipment is designed for supervised use during school hours. Outside of these times, we cannot guarantee that the area is safe or that any potential hazards have been addressed.

In light of this, we kindly ask that you remind your children not to use the outdoor equipment at the end of the school day. Ensuring their safety is our top priority, and your cooperation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your understanding and support in keeping our children safe.

Have a lovely weekend

Information for Parents / Carers

14th October – 18th October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Football Event Small Group of Year 3 / Year 4 Going to Thorleigh College		
		Children will leave school at 3:30pm And will Return to school by 5:15pm, Please ensure you are on time to collect your child		

YEAR 6 – SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES 2025

The online website for year 6 parents to apply for secondary school 2025 is now open and the link is here [Secondary school places – Bolton Council](#). Parents/Carers need to apply through the Citizen Portal.

Information about applying and school admission criteria can be found on this link [Secondary school places – Bolton Council](#).



Important Notice

If you're driving your child to school please make sure you park safely, legally and considerately.

Please do not block the school gate as you are preventing staff from getting to school on time and do not use the garages near school to turn your vehicle around or drop off, this is for local residents.

Please don't park across household driveways near schools and always park safely. We don't want to see anyone hurt.

Club News Autumn Term

All Clubs are from 3pm – 4pm

Pick up is from the main gate

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 Choir All Year	Year 3 / 4 Commando Joe Club 10/9/24 22/10/24		Reading Club 26.9.24 12.12.24	Chess Club 13.9.24 13.12.24



Dinner Money

School meals are provided by Bolton Council. Meals for pupils are provided for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 free of charge.

For all other pupils dinners are charged at **£12.75 per week (£2.55 per day)** unless your family is entitled to Free School Meals.

St. Matthews is a cash less school, you can pay for your children's dinners, trips's; special days and residential via the School Money app, please remember if you **change your telephone number or email you need to inform the office**. The app is set up to send out messages to 1st Contact only.

Key Dates

Autumn Term 2024

Monday 2nd September – School Closed to pupils – Staff Training Day
 Monday 23rd September – School Closed to pupils – Staff Training Day

Term Begins - Tuesday 3rd September 2024
 Half Term - Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2024
 Term Ends - Friday 20th December 2024 – School closes at 1pm

Spring Term 2025

Term Begins - Monday 6th January 2025
 Half Term - Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2025
 Term Ends - Friday 4th April 2025 – School closes at 1pm

Summer Term 2025

Bank Holiday - Monday 21st April
 Bank Holiday - Monday 5th May
 Bank Holiday - Monday 26th May

Term Begins - Tuesday 22nd April 2025
 Half Term - Monday 2nd June to Friday 6th June 2025
 Term Ends - Friday 18th July 2025 – School closes at 1pm

Uniform

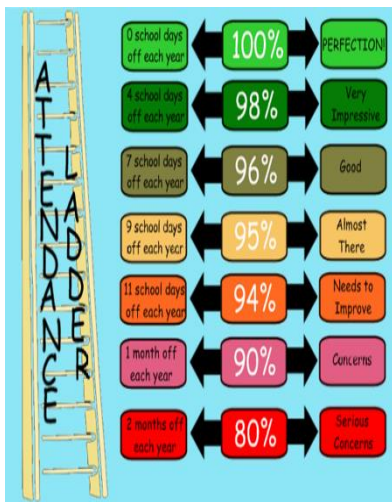
- Trousers (grey/black)
- Skirts/pinafore dresses (grey/black)
- Sweaters/sweatshirts/fleece/cardigans (navy blue)
- Shirts/polo-necked shirts/ blouses (white)
- Socks/tights (white/grey/black)
- Footwear – black shoes/trainers (all black including laces, no obvious logos)

Jogging bottoms and jean style trousers are **NOT** allowed

Children should come dressed to school in school uniform every day.

PE Kit for both boys and girls is as follows:

- White polo shirt or T-shirt
- Dark (navy blue, black, grey) jogging bottoms, leggings or shorts
- Dark (navy blue, black, grey) sweatshirt/ fleece
- Black Trainers or pumps



Every student. Every day.

Attendance Percentage	Number of days missed	Number of lessons missed
100%	0 days	0
99%	2 days	18 lessons missed
97%	6 days (more than a week!)	54 lessons missed
95%	9 days	81 lessons missed
94%	11 days (more than 2 weeks!)	99 lessons missed
93%	13 days	117 lessons missed
92%	15 days (3 full weeks!)	135 lessons missed
91%	17 days	153 lessons missed
90%	18 days	144 lessons missed
85%	28 days (over 4 weeks!)	252 lessons missed

Attendance figures this week

Rec - 96.7 %
Year 1 - 91.8 %
Year 2 - 93.4 %
Year 3 - 96.6 %
Year 4 - 95.4 %
Year 5 - 98.1 %

IF your child is absent from school, please contact the school office on 01204 333005 before 9am to explain the reasons for the absence.

Please try and make any medical appointments such as dental or optometrist appointments outside of school hours to avoid disruption to learning.

Pictures From This Week's Trips/Events

