



"I am with you always" Matthews 28:20



LOVE



RESPECT



CREATIVITY



FRIENDSHIP

This Term's Value is:

'Thankfulness'

Always be thankful

1 Thessalonians 5.16

See what we've been up to this week:

Visit the class pages on the school website to find out more

[www.st-matthews.bolton.sch.uk](http://www.st-matthews.bolton.sch.uk)

## Dates For Your Diary

### Don't forget:

**Carol service at Church**  
– Monday 20th December

**Last day of term –**  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December –  
**School closes at 1pm**

**First day of term -**  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January

## A Note from the Headteacher

**What a busy half term. There has been lots going on at St Matthew's.**

**Read on to find out more!**

**Watch out for our special Christmas newsletter which will be coming out before the end of term.**

**Miss Ritchie**  
**Headteacher**

### Please remember:

Parents please be considerate to our neighbours when parking near the school, please do not park on Nottingham Drive. Please park a little further away and walk your child to the school.  
Thank you

**The afterschool club timetable is now on the school website**  
<https://www.st-matthews.bolton.sch.uk/>

## **Important reminders**

The timings to the school day. All classrooms will be open at the start of the day from 8:45am. Every pupil **MUST** be in school ready to learn by 9:00am. If they arrive after this time they will get a late mark.

### **Uniform**

#### **Girls**

skirts/pinafore dresses (grey/black), trousers (grey/black)  
sweaters/sweatshirts/fleece/cardigans (navy blue)  
blouses/shirts/polo-necked shirts (white)  
socks/tights (white/grey/black)  
footwear – black shoes/trainers (all black including laces, no obvious logos)

#### **Boys**

trousers (grey/black)  
sweaters/sweatshirts/fleece (navy blue)  
shirt/polo-necked shirts (white)  
socks (white/grey/black)  
footwear – black shoes/trainers (all black including laces, no obvious logos)

Children should come dressed to school in school uniform everyday.

### **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

Please check on your child's class page to see when their P.E. days are.



## St Matthew's Prayer

Dear God,

We thank you, Lord, for flowers and trees and sunshine and for all your living creatures. We thank you for families and friendships, for our homes and our school. We thank you for giving us our daily bread and for all the food we eat. We thank you, Lord, for everything wonderful in the world.

Amen.

### Ethos Team Challenge

Write a prayer, remember to thank god for what you are thankful for.



### Reflection Time

Why is our world a place of wonder?



A message from Mrs Sharples, our Pastoral Manager

### **Parents- Looking after yourself**

Being a parent can be challenging in everyday situations. Now, more than ever, taking care of your mental health is important. Staying at home more or having to work during a difficult situation can put different pressures on everyone. If you're struggling, it's okay to reach out for support from friends, families, school and organisations that are here to help.

Changes to our mental health can sometimes affect children and their well-being. They may pick up on your anxiety or low mood.

This doesn't mean you should hide your feelings. You can try to explain them using phrases like, "It's ok to get big feelings, everyone gets big feelings but it's still the grown up's job to look after the children."

When things are different to what we're used to and everyone is going through a big change, it's important to give children reassurance and support. Looking after your own mental health is vital to their well-being, so don't be afraid of doing something for yourself to take care of your own well-being, and reach out if you need help. Staff in St Matthew's are here should you need any support or signposting to other services. Don't be afraid to ask for help; we're all in the same boat.

If you would like a confidential chat or signposting to other support services, please call the school office and ask to speak to Mrs Sharples.



# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

## Attendance Information

(Monday 20th September — Friday 1st October 2021)

Our school attendance for 2021 / 2022 target is 96%

The last two weeks whole school attendance was 93.6%

Rec E— 87.2%
Mrs Elliott
Rec S— 91.3%
Miss Smith
Y1D— 93.5%
Mrs Davidson
Y1O—98.0%
Miss O'Hagan
Y2B— 90.2%
Miss Bateman
Y2W— 90.6%
Mrs Shaw
Y3J— 94.2%
Mrs Johnson
Y3P— 95.3%
Mrs Phillips
Y4F— 96.1%
Miss Foster
Y4M— 96.0%
Miss Manly
Y5Mc— 93.4%
Mrs McIlhagga
Y5R— 94.9%
Mrs Rotherham
Y6CI— 96.0%
Mrs Clarkson
Y6Cu— 92.8%
Mr Currid

## Headteachers Award Winners

	05/11/2021	12/11/2021	19/11/2021	26/11/2021	03/12/2021
Y1O	Aniso	Muntaaz	Layla	Gazal	Bilisuma
Y1D	Oluwadarasimi	Elham	Banedicte	Alayna	Sarrina—Lu
Y2S	Scarlett	Abdimalik	Ahmed	Awale	Alicia
Y2B	Ali	Aisha	Mahamed	Sahra	Jacob

Well done everyone!

## Headteachers Award Winners

	05/11/2021	12/11/2021	19/11/2021	26/11/2021	03/12/2021
3J	Ilhan	Ayan	Simao	Abdullah	Mariann
3P	Sheron	Princess	Karin	Jerseyrae	Ahmed
4M	Maha	Holly	Aisha	Urwa	Chester
4F	Iftiham	Corey	Harisha	Zarina	Alexander
Y5R	Maisrah	Hanad	Abdi	Jessica	Szilvia
Y5Mc	Samar	Kacie	Ali-Jafar	Bismah	Diego
Y6Cl	Fartun	Abby	Esther	Rubina	Henriette
Y6Cu	Monira	Eszter	Abdifatah	Owen	Ruby

Well done everyone!

## Signs of the Week

The children are building up a large bank of signs! So far, they have learnt:

Hello / goodbye

Good morning

Good afternoon

Please / thankyou

Yes / no

Mother / mum

Father / dad

Grandma / grandad

Help

Dinner

Sorry

Read

Wait

Listen

Happy

Sad



Remember that you can visit our website for signing videos so that you can practise them at home as a family!



## Elf Run

Reception took part in the Elf Run! On the day of the run children wore festive jumpers and elf hats. Due to bad weather the children ran, jogged or walked around the hall and raised money for Bolton Hospice.



### Harvest Donations

The Ethos Team would like to say a huge thank you for all of your generous offerings for Harvest this year.





## Year 1



# No Pens Wednesday



We enjoyed a day where we put down the pens and improved our speaking and listening skills. Year 1 acted out the story of Goldilocks and changed some pictures on a story map. We also revised shape names and played games sorting and naming properties of shapes.



## Building igloos!

We enjoyed designing and making an igloo out of different materials we had around class. some used Lego, play dough and some sugar cubes.



PIC-COLLAGE



## Year 1



P.C Debbie from Astley came to speak to Year 1 about 'Stranger Danger'. We also got to look at her uniform and lots of us said that we want to be Police officers when we grow up.



PIC-COLLAGE



## Children in Need

Year 1 dressed in fancy dress to raise money and joined in with Joe Wicks.

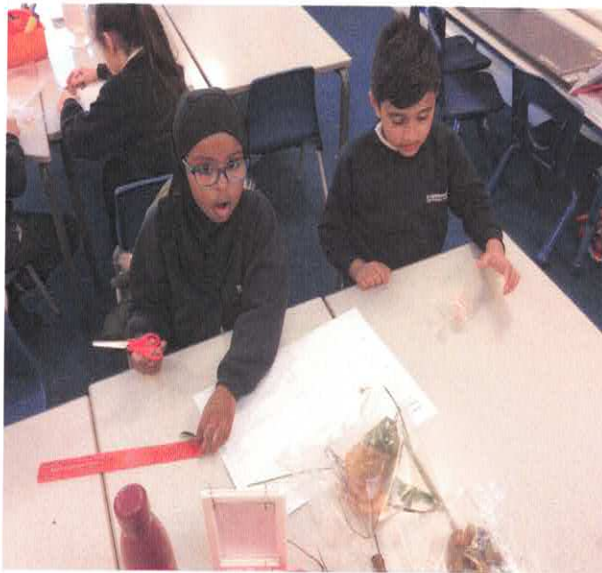


PIC-COLLAGE



## Year 2

Y2S had a great time taking part in No Pens Wednesday. We made up our own magic box poems with various objects. In maths, we used our rulers to measure a range of objects.







Anderton Centre  
Monday 12th October 2021





3P



# Mindfulness Time – 3P



Spending time looking  
after our minds.



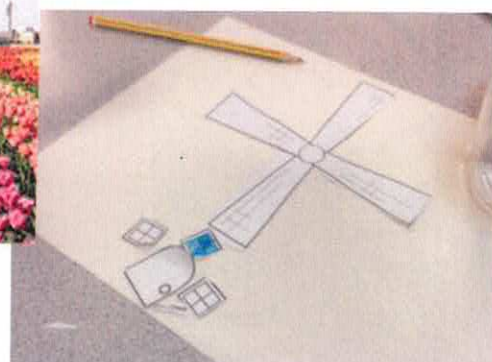
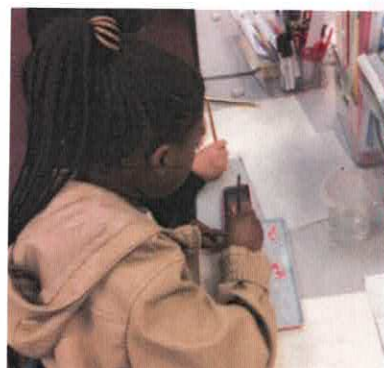
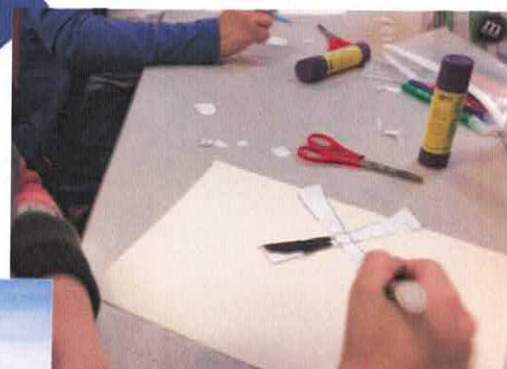
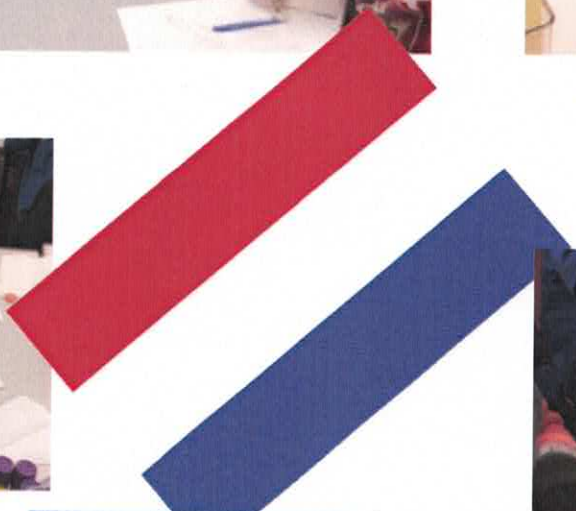




## Y3 World Culture Day

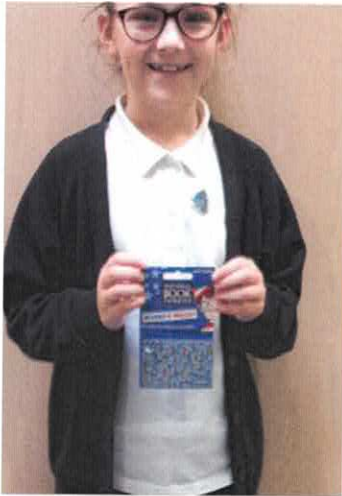


### THE NETHERLANDS



### Y3P Reading voucher winner!

Poppy has read every day since joining Y3. Well done Poppy!



### Y4F Reading voucher winner!

Holly is our very well-deserved winner of our £10 book token for Autumn 1 after reading the most at home every week over the half term. Well done Holly! She has already shared that she bought two new David Walliams books with her voucher.



## WALT follow instructions to make Rice Krispie cakes

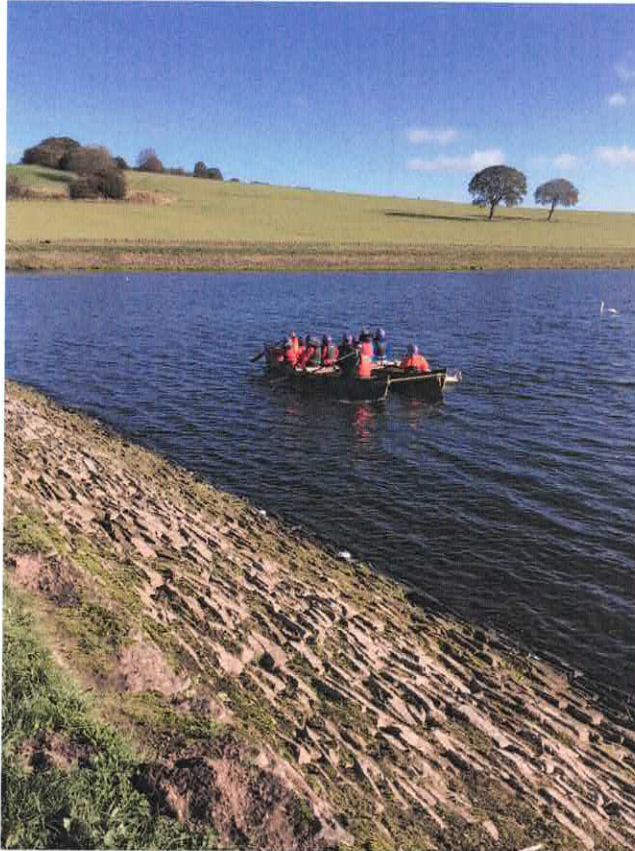
Today, we read a set of instructions on how to make Rice Krispie cakes. We discussed how effective these instructions were and then used them to make our own cakes. We decorated them with our own choice of toppings.





## Y4F

Last half term, Y4F had lots of fun and gained many new skills on our trip to High Rid. We loved learning how to paddle in the boats and racing across the reservoir, working as a team to create shelters and playing games in the boats. We all had a fantastic day and worked so well in our groups.





## Year 4

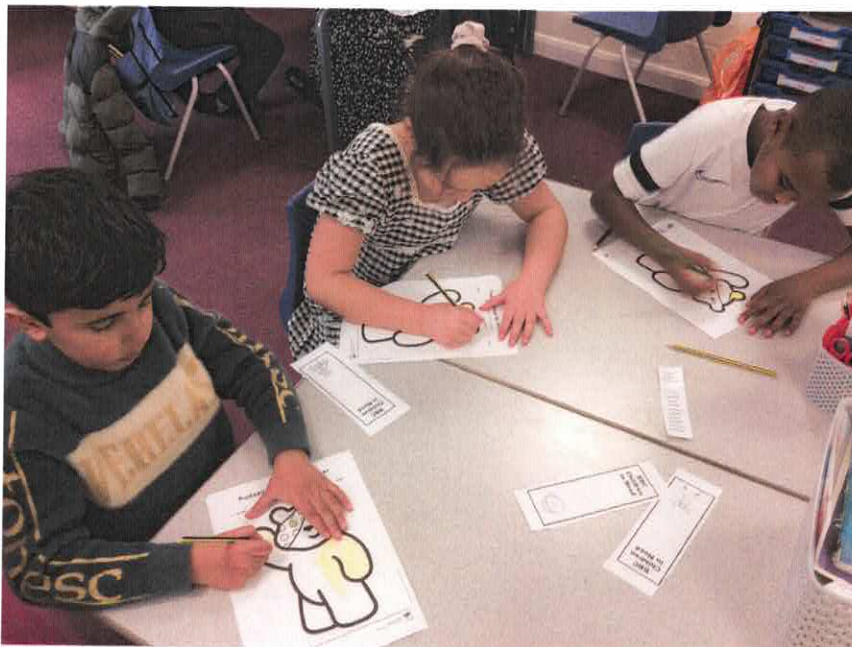
### Litter Picking:

On Friday 19th November, 4F spent time in their local area cleaning up all the rubbish. We learned how important it is to look after the environment and why we should not litter.



### Children in Need:

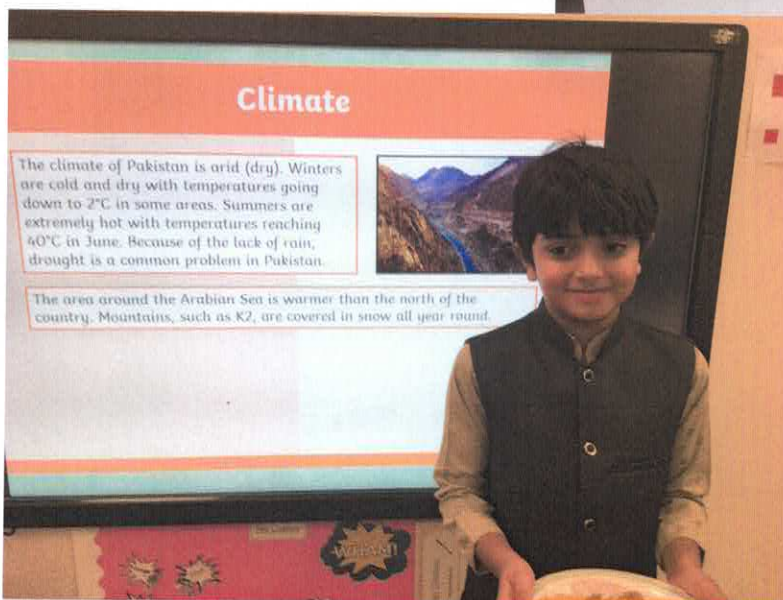
On Friday 19th November, 4F raised money for Children in Need by wearing fancy dress. We also participated in a Joe Wicks exercise and quiz morning. We had lots of fun.



## Year 4

### World Culture Day:

On World Culture day, we learned all about Pakistan. We learned facts about the country, tried a range of food from their culture, designed Mehndi patterns and danced to Bollywood music.





## Y5

Year 5 have had a fun Autumn term; a trip to High Rid Reservoir and taking part in our school Culture day where we studied Somalia. We helped in our local community by litter picking and raising money for children in need.

We really enjoyed our Philosophy day where we didn't use any pens at all. Author afternoon was also great as we had the chance to study a great book called 'Inside the Villians' and 'Shine'. We were so happy to visit our new library, it looks amazing!

Let's hope next term is just as much fun.



## 5R World Culture Day - Somalia.







*This half term, Year 5 have been lucky enough to visit the Apple Store in Central Manchester.*

*There we learnt how to use step by step instructions, before applying them to Coding.*







*Children from years 5 and 6 enjoyed a very soggy two days out in our community with our guest instructors from Bikeability Bolton. We learnt the rules of the road and how to keep ourselves safe.*

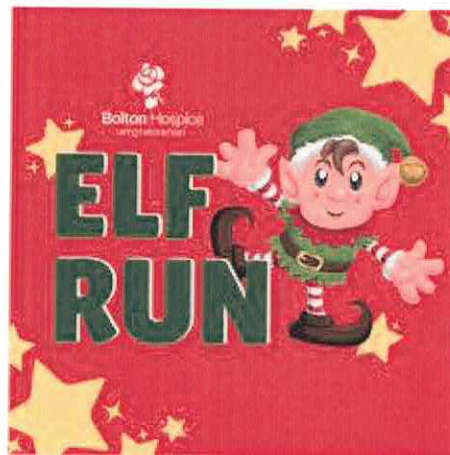




## School Council News



Congratulations thanks to your kind generosity  
St Matthew's raised an amazing £485.98 for  
children in need!!!!



Congratulations thanks to your kind generosity  
St Matthew's raised an amazing £918.60 for  
Bolton Hospice!!!!

## Shades Assembly







# SHADES

## A Black History Month Celebration Assembly

This year, our theme is:  
***Proud to be me!***

In celebration of Black History, throughout the month of October, we are offering an inspirational, interactive celebration assembly for both Primary and Secondary schools. We will be celebrating diversity and inclusion, the vast contributions Black people have made to British society and God's heart for us to truly love one another.

### What you can expect...

Assemblies will be 20 minutes long and can be adapted to suit specific school needs. They will include the following:

Focused Bible verse **Mark 12:31 ESV**. "The second commandment is this 'you shall love your neighbour as you love yourself'. There is no other commandment greater than this."

#### Why is Black History important?

Multimedia Short Quiz about Black History role models. This will be followed by a short film sharing the story of the Windrush generation and how migration developed Multicultural Britain.

Live performance of "A Million Colours" an original song that was written and recorded with the purpose of singing with the children and young people in our Diocesan schools. It is hoped that singing the song together will help everyone to celebrate diversity. The lyrics will be included within the presentation.

#### Time of reflection.

How can we change our communities and society at large to be Anti-racist?

**Question: 'What can I do on a personal level?  
What can we do as a school community'?**

## Outcomes

For pupils to have a positive identity and to know they are all made in the image of God.

For pupils to see positive Black role models in the fabric of society.

**To enable pupils to celebrate Black History and culture.**

**To help develop an Anti-racist ethos.**

For pupils to develop an understanding of British Black History.

To create a safe environment for pupils to ask questions about different races and cultures

**Want  
more of  
this!**



If you loved today's Black History celebration assembly, we have some good news for you! We have designed some additional short-term projects and workshops to help your school community to further explore identity, racial diversity and inclusion. These will include: Class worships, online resource sharing bank and music, movement and dance workshops.

**To register your interest please contact Nicola Jackson:**

**Email:** [nicolajackson@manchester.anglican.org](mailto:nicolajackson@manchester.anglican.org)

**Mobile:** 07825 564 849



# Picnic! Picnic!! Teddy Bear Picnic!!



All the children up to Y6 are invited to a Teddy Bear Picnic with their Mums, Dads & carers.

22<sup>nd</sup> December Wednesday  
11.00 am at Bolton Central Library.

**Free entry!**



**Bolton**  
Library and  
Museum Services

• Bolton Central Library

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Your **VIP** INVITATION

Free holiday activities and food sessions

# Winter

# fun

**Get active! Get involved!**

Join #TeamBolton for a variety of activities this Winter!

**#HAF21**  
Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF) is a chance to take part in **FREE** activities for **four hours a day, four days a week** over winter!

**Whether its games or sports, painting or dance, we have something just for you!**

#TeamBolton are providing 'VIP' Access for young people eligible for free school meals.

You can find contact details and how to book this session below or visit the webpage to find out what else is happening across Bolton.

[www.bolton.gov.uk/HAF](http://www.bolton.gov.uk/HAF)

**What's on:**

Football, cricket, rounders, small team games, parachute games, dodge ball, hide and seek, Christmas arts and crafts, competitions, dancing, scavenger hunt & much much more!!

**Age:** 6-10

**Days/time:** 10-2pm 29/12/21, 30/12/21, 04/01/22, 05/01/22

**Location:** St Peters Parish Centre, 347 Church Road, Bolton, BL1 5RR

**Contact:** 01204 416990, 07812 581512 or email: [admin@zakschildcare.co.uk](mailto:admin@zakschildcare.co.uk)

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## NUT Free School

We children in school with a nut allergy which means that all staff and parents must be vigilant about ingredients we use in school and items put into lunch boxes. No nuts or snacks containing nuts should be put into packed lunches.

Peanut allergy is the second most common food allergy in children and this is increasing. It now occurs in 1 in 50 children.

As we now have a pupil in school who suffers from a severe nut allergy please could I take this opportunity to explain to everyone that our school has now become a "Nut Free School. " If our pupil comes into contact with a nut product, they can suffer life threatening consequences. It can be easily initiated from a simple handshake or touching of a pupil's table who may have had some nuts in their food. Therefore children **must not** bring nuts or nut products as snacks into school at any time.

We ask that you do not provide your child with any products containing nuts in their lunch box: Some examples:

- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
- Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts
- Sesame seed rolls (children allergic to nuts may also have a severe reaction to sesame)
- Nutella
- Peanut butter
- Cakes made with nuts
- Muesli bars
- Baklava
- Any nuts

School will be making regular checks on the children's lunches to ensure these rules are being followed.

Whilst we know some children like to bring in cakes/chocolates for their classmates to celebrate their birthday we ask that they do not bring in anything that contains nuts, if they do then unfortunately they will not be handed out and will be sent home unopened, which could lead to lots of disappointment.

We have a rule not to use nuts in any of our food prepared on site at our school. Our suppliers provide us with nut-free products, however, we cannot guarantee freedom from nut traces.

Please help us in providing a nut free school and assisting those parents who have a child who may have a life threatening reaction by children **not** bringing nuts or nut products as snacks into school at any time.

Many thanks for your support.



## ChatHealth Messaging Service

### Text your School nurse/Health Visitor

During these unsettling times, as a parent of child aged between 0/19 years old you may be worried about your child's health and wellbeing and be unsure about how to get the help you need.

Our specialist nurses are still here to help - you can text them for confidential advice and support on a wide range of issues.

**Parent/carers of child(ren) aged 0-19 can send a text to:**

**07507331751**

We can help with all kinds of things like:

- Behaviour
- Continence
- Emotional health
- Self-harm
- Bullying
- Minor accidents and illnesses

Your ChatHealth messaging service is run by The Children's Integrated Health and Wellbeing Team, Bolton Foundation Trust and is available Monday to Friday 8am until 8pm

We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate bounce-back to confirm we received your text. Texts will not be seen outside of normal working hours. If you need help before you hear back from us, contact your GP, NHS 111 or dial 999 if it is an emergency.



# Free School Meals

Even if your child is currently receiving Universal Free School meals, because they are in either Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, if you think that you might be entitled to standard free school meals, because you meet the criteria below it is very important that you still apply for them.

You can get further help on how to apply at the One Stop Shop in Bolton Town Hall.

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**What are free school meals?** They are school dinners for children between the ages of 4 and 16 who attend full time school (but not private schools). They may also be awarded to some children outside this age range who attend full time school or nursery.

**Do I qualify?** To qualify you or your partner must be getting one of the following:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Universal Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit only (but no award of Working Tax Credit) and have an annual income, as assessed by the HM Revenues and Customs, that does not exceed £16,190.

**What evidence is required & how do I apply?** You need to provide an up to date document showing that you are getting one of the above benefits. You do not need to make a separate claim if you are already getting or have applied for Housing Benefit / Council Tax Support. We will use the information and evidence you have already provided to confirm your entitlement,

If you would like to make a claim this can be done by;

- Telephoning 01204 331590 or
- Visit our website [www.bolton.gov.uk](http://www.bolton.gov.uk) (search for free school meals)

In addition from **September 2014** children who are attending full time at any Sixth form college (not private) may also be eligible.

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