



LOVE



RESPECT



CREATIVITY



FRIENDSHIP

This Term's Value is:

'Service'

Serve on another in love – Galatians 5.13

A Note from the Headteacher

We have had a busy start to the term. The children have been working hard and enjoying trips out of the classroom too. The sandpit and school field have been opened for everyone to enjoy.

We were very sad to say goodbye to Mrs Sharples. We gave her a big send off to start her retirement and know she will be back to keep us up to date with her adventures.

I would like to say a huge well done to all our Year 6 pupils who have completed their National Key Stage 2 tests last week. They have worked incredibly hard and took the tests in their stride. I am very proud of all of them – well done.

Thank you to all the members of staff involved in the week for ensuring it ran so smoothly, giving the children the best opportunity to do well.

Miss Ritchie
Headteacher

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

Dates For Your Diary

Don't forget:

Half Term—Monday 30th
May until Friday 3rd June
2022

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,

Help me to be a good neighbour to other people.

Amen.



Ethos Team Challenge

Think about what you are good at or something you enjoy doing. It could be a particular skill. How could you serve others by using them?

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Attendance Information

(Monday 28th February — Friday 11th March 2022)

Our school attendance for 2022 / 2023 target is 96%

The last two weeks whole school attendance was 94.6%

Rec E— 94.7%
Mrs Elliott
Rec S— 94.2%
Miss Smith
Y1D— 89.3%
Mrs Davidson
Y1O—95.9%
Miss O'Hagan
Y2B— 91.3%
Miss Bateman
Y2W— 93.4%
Mrs Shaw
Y3J— 93.2%
Mrs Johnson
Y3P— 97.6%
Mrs Phillips
Y4F— 97.7%
Miss Foster
Y4M— 92.3%
Miss Manly
Y5Mc— 96.9%
Mrs McIlhagga
Y5R— 95.9%
Mrs Rotherham
Y6Cl— 95.0%
Mrs Clarkson
Y6Cu— 97.8%
Mr Currid

Headteachers Award Winners

	25/03/2022	22/04/2022	29/04/2022
Y1O	Caiden-James	Sami	Melinda
Y1D		Joe	Chanel
Y2S	Eesah	Alicia	Rawen
Y2B	Hadia	Sahra	Richard

Well done everyone!

Headteachers Award Winners

	25/03/2022	22/04/2022	29/04/2022
3J	Theo	Aniya	Sayem
3P	Mason	Uswa	Rohullah
4M	Alyamama	Bisma	Suheb
4F	Chisom	Abdul	Poppy
Y5R	Emaan	Zaynab	Anab
Y5Mc	Sakina	Rhys	Fatuma
Y6CI	Saba	Manar	Abby
Y6Cu	Chripain	Riyan	Adnan

Well done everyone!

Our Signalong Journey



What is Signalong?

Signalong is a key word sign-supported communication system based on British sign language. It uses speech, sign, body language, facial expression and tone of voice to reference the link between sign and word. It is designed to support spoken language, so the signs are used with speech, in spoken word order.

Our Signalong Journey

At St Matthew's, we have some children who use signing to help them understand and communicate with others. As part of our aim for a whole school Total Communication Approach, we have all begun to learn core signing vocabulary. We are really excited about using Signalong throughout school to ensure everyone feels included, valued and understood.

Signalong at Home

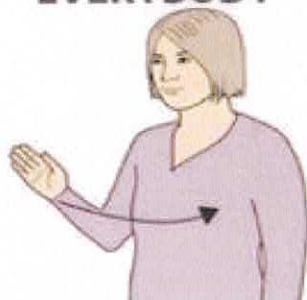
We have created Signalong video clips to support children's use of Signalong at home. You can find these on the school website. Have fun learning the signs and using them at home with your child.

The Signalong Anthem

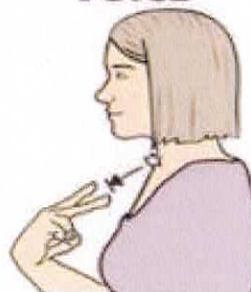
Our next challenge is to learn the Signalong Anthem. Our aim is that with Signalong and a Total Communication Approach, everybody has a voice. This is a line in the song!

'EVERYBODY HAS A VOICE'

EVERYBODY



VOICE



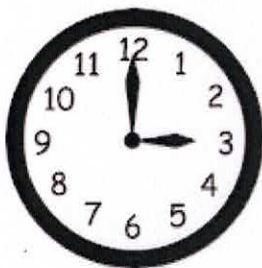
Reflection Time



**Should we have the
right to say whatever
we choose?**

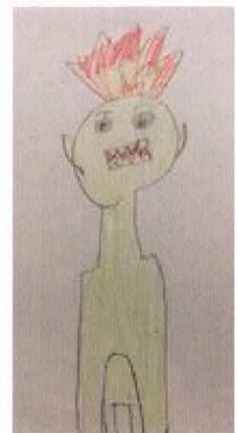


Is waiting always difficult?





For St George's day, we acted as detectives and followed all the clues to help us identify a terrifying creature. Unfortunately, we did not have photographs of the creature, so each of us drew what we thought the Crested Crawler would look like.

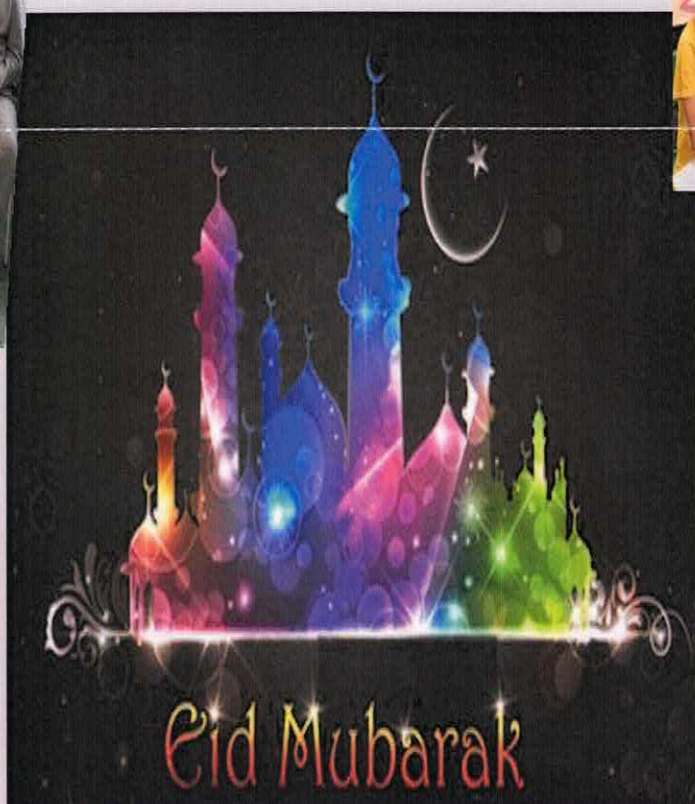




Dance UKS2



Quiz Karaoke



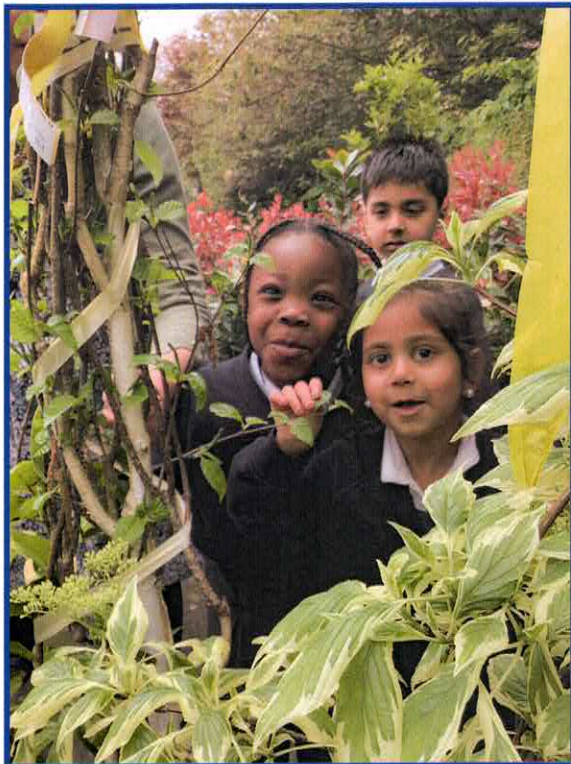
Henna and snacks



Reception

Reception have enjoyed a trip to the garden centre. The children really enjoyed looking at and talking about all the different plants. We bought some flowers to plant in our Reception garden





Y3P

Y3P had a fantastic time at Bolton Library.



Sleepover

*Social
Moral
Cultural
Spiritual*



Enrichment

06.05.22



*Year 5 had an
amazing time at
our sleepover.*

*We played
games, watched
a movie, laughed
a lot and enjoyed
snacks.*



Y5 Sleepover




Saturday



ITHRIVE PARENT PEER SUPPORT

- Share experiences with other parents
- Find out about specific mental health conditions
- Be supported to find out what services are available
- Have a one to one chat
- Explore how to best support your child
- Take time out to focus on your own well being
- Learn new skills

 Breaking Barriers NW

**Support for
Parents/Carers
whose children
are
experiencing
difficulties with
their mental
health**

As a parent/carer it can be difficult to know how to help your child and can impact on your own well being when your child is experiencing mental health difficulties. We can help you feel less isolated and support you in a way that works for you.

To access information and support complete the following form:
<https://bolton-together.org.uk/parent-peer-support-programme-referral-form/>
or you can contact directly:

Raise The Youth Foundation
parent@raisetheyouth.co.uk
Telephone 01204431946

Breaking Barriers
breakbarriers3@gmail.com

ZACS Youth Bar

Allison@Zacsyouthbar.co.uk



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.

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 (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.



FREE CAKES FOR KIDS BOLTON

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**A community service that
provides free birthday cakes
for children who might not
otherwise receive one.**

FREE, FRIENDLY & CONFIDENTIAL SERVICE

Get in touch if you know a child who
may benefit, or if you'd like to join
us as a volunteer baker.

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