

"I am with you always" Matthews 28:20



LOVE



RESPECT



CREATIVITY



FRIENDSHIP

This Term's Value is:
Respect

"Do to others as you would
have them do to you"

Matthew 7.12

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:

**School finishes for the
summer break on Friday
23rd July at 1.00pm**

**School reopens for the
Autumn term on Tuesday
7th September 2021**

A Note from the Headteacher

Where has the year gone?

Despite Covid it has been another fantastic year at St Matthew's, filled with fantastic learning opportunities, amazing achievements and a great deal of fun, too!

I would like to thank you for the crucial part you play in the St Matthew's family and the vital support you have given both the children and the school.

I would also like to thank: all the wonderful staff for their tireless hard work, and boundless enthusiasm to providing a nurturing environment and an outstanding education for each and every child; the office staff for keeping everything running smoothly - with a smile; our site managers for keeping the school looking so beautiful with the help of the team of cleaners, and of course, our great catering staff for keeping us all well fed!

Happy holidays!

Staffing

We would like to wish Miss Ramshaw and Mrs Barlow all the best as they go off on their maternity leave. We will look forward to seeing them and their new babies in the Autumn term. Good luck!

Miss Ritchie
Headteacher

Please remember:

It's nice to be able to play in the paddling pool in this lovely hot weather but it only takes a moment for an accident to happen! Please make sure that all our children are supervised around any water.



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.

Children finish at the end of the day at the following times:

Y1, Y3, Y5 will finish school at 2:55pm

Reception and Y4 will finish school at 3pm

Y2 and Y6 will finish at 3:05 pm

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 ***unless*** they have P.E. when they should come ready dressed in suitable P.E. kit.

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.

Open our eyes to value each person that we meet. Help us to recognise what we have in common and respect what makes us all unique.

Amen.

Ethos Team Challenge

Spend some time with your family.

Discuss with each other why it is important to show respect to each other.



Reflection Time

We often read about Jesus being angry when he visited the Temple and it had been turned into a market. Do you think Jesus was right to be angry?



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 17th May — Friday 28th May 2021)

Our school attendance for 2020 / 2021 target is 96%

The last two weeks whole school attendance was 93.9%

Rec E—88.0%
Mrs Elliott
Rec S—89.1%
Miss Smith
Y1B—92.6%
Miss Bateman
Y1D—90.0%
Mrs Davidson
Y2B—92.9%
Miss Burkmar
Y2W—95.5%
Mrs Shaw
Y3F—93.8%
Miss Foster
Y3J—96.9%
Mrs Johnson
Y4C—97.2%
Mr Currid
Y4R—98.0%
Mrs Rotherham
Y5M—95.9%
Miss Manly
Y5R—94.5%
Miss Ramshaw
Y6C/M—94.9%
Mrs Clarkson
Y6P—95.8%
Mrs Phillips

Headteachers Award Winners

	25/06/2021	02/07/021	09/07/2021	16/07/2021
Rec Owls	Nidda	Chanel	Elham	Daniel
Rec Hedgehogs	Muntaaz	Aniso	Alfie	Abubaker
Y1 Buttercups	Eesah	Scarlett	Abdimalik	Awale
Y1 Poppies	Regina	Tanveer		Aisha
Y2 Snowdrops	Skye	Ahmed-Raza	Sayem	Janaati
Y2 Bluebells	Salman	Mason	Nooriya	Manuella

Well done everyone!

Headteachers Award Winners

	25/06/2021	02/07/2021	09/07/2021	16/07/2021
3J Sparrows	Abdirahman	Jamie	Holly	Haseeb
3F Robins	Suheb	Tyreece	Muhammad	Milkesa
4R Goldfinches	Musandake	Fiza		
4C Woodpeckers				
Y5R Ladybirds	Chripain	Khadijah		
Y5M Dragonflies	Tek	Sumeya	Lubna	Amelia
Y6 C/ M Honeybees				
Y6P Butterflies	Tasheen	Ahmed	Abigail	Corey

Well done everyone!

Internet Legends

Be internet legends has plenty of ideas for fun activities for parents to explore with their children over the holidays.

- Interland - join the Internauts in this interactive online game designed to teach children the five pillars of the Be Internet Legends code.
- The Legends Family Adventure - follow the Legends Family as they go on an adventure to Interland and learn some important lessons about online safety - from spotting scams to creating safe passwords - along the way.
- Fun free activities for legendary families - take part in games, activities and challenges to help children be safer and savvier when they go online.
- Practical tips about online safety - recordings of the Be Internet Legends parent sessions which provide tips and advice about staying safer and more secure online, including sessions on cyberbullying, protecting personal information and sharing carefully.

Visit the legendary parent hub:

[https://parentzone.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?
u=bd227427019036d582c40c448&id=0e00c3ea40&e=db688af17a](https://parentzone.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=bd227427019036d582c40c448&id=0e00c3ea40&e=db688af17a)

An easy way to improve children's reading!



Kids read more

when we



Turn on

the Subtitles

You may have seen some news articles recently about the impact of turning on the subtitles while children are watching television: it can actually double the chances of them becoming good at reading! 10 seconds of effort (if you can work out how to do it on your TV!) can make a huge difference for your children. This is all backed up by decades of scientific research and is a quick, simple, free way to make TV time, reading time.

Visit <http://www.turnonthesubtitles.org> for further information.

Signs of the Week

The
they

Hello / goodbye

Good morning

Good afternoon

Please / thankyou

Yes / no

Mother / mum

Father / dad

Grandma / grandad

Help

Dinner

Sorry

Read

Wait

Listen

Happy

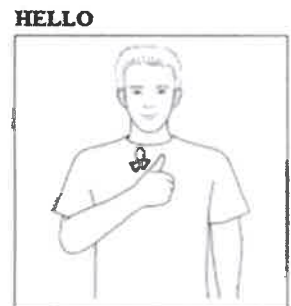
Sad

children are building up a large bank of signs! So far,
have



please

thank you



HELLO

learnt:

HELP, TO



SORRY



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

Reception

On Monday Reception had so much fun taking part in Sports Day!



Y1

Year 1 had so much fun on Friday 16th July when we visited the trampoline park. The children were very well behaved and used lots of energy.



Y1

On Friday 9th July, Year 1 enjoyed their Sports Afternoon. They completed running races, egg and spoon and sack races. They all showed great sportsmanship - well done Year 1!



Y5 High Rid

Last week, the Year 5 classes went to High Rid reservoir for a fun-filled day of outdoor pursuits. We did canoeing, den-building, team-building activities and to finish off, we had a brilliant time on the paddle boards (with lots of us falling/jumping in!). Some of us were even brave enough to stand up! Both classes loved their days (despite the weather being very rainy when it was 5R's turn!).



Year 3 have had lots of fun this week with their Stone Age Day and beach trip to Blackpool.

On our Stone Age day, we had a special visitor in school who told us lots of interesting things about the Stone, Bronze and Iron ages. We got to look at lots of exciting artefacts including a mammoth's tusk and even got to do some spear throwing! It was a fantastic day and we all loved dressing up for the occasion.



On Friday, we all had a fantastic and very sunny trip to the beach in Blackpool. We had lots of fun building sandcastles, burying our friend and splashing about in the sea. We were also very lucky to have really sunny weather all day!"

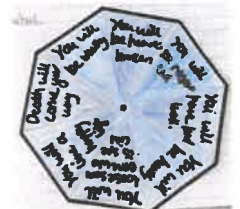
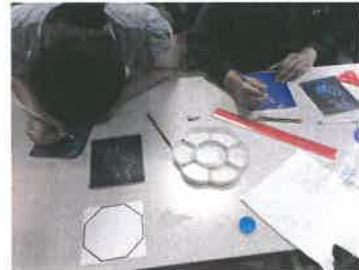


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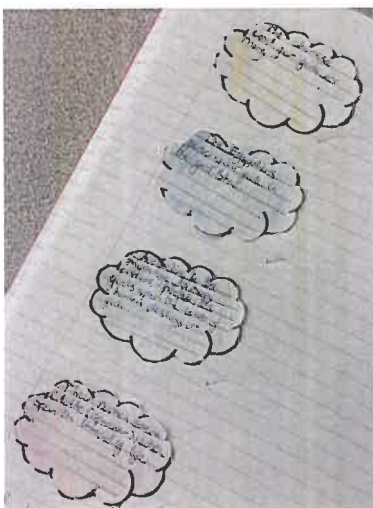


Goddess
of Fate

Composition



Carl Orff—Composer



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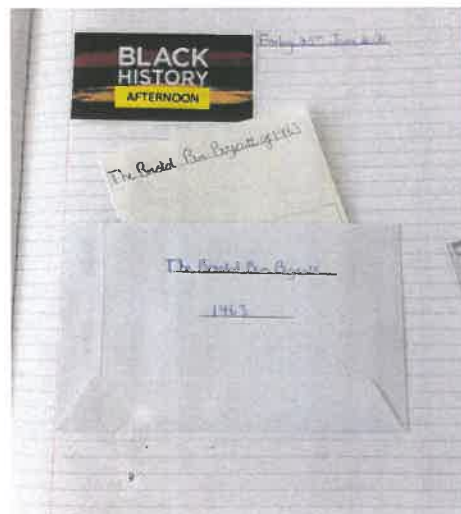
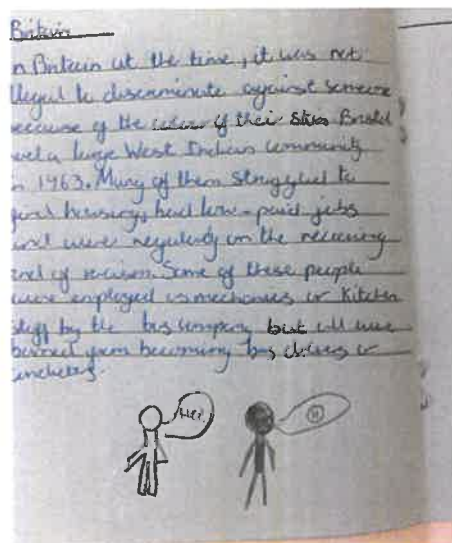
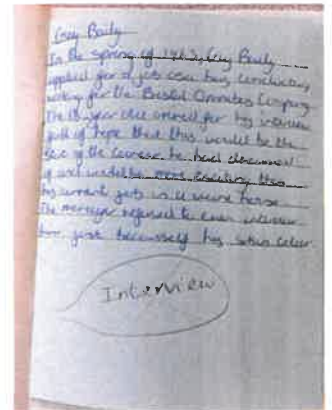
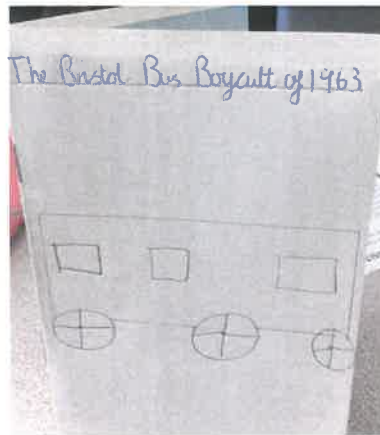
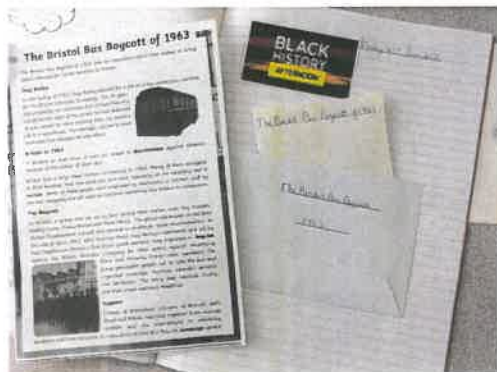


Ironman

Huge congratulations to Mrs Jones who completed the Bolton Ironman event on the 4th July. Mrs Jones swam 2.4 miles, cycled 112 mile and ran 26.2 miles all in one day! What an achievement! Well done Mrs Jones we are all very proud of you!



For Black History Afternoon, 6C learnt all about the Bristol Bus Boycott. We produced a fact file booklet explaining exactly what happened and highlighting the outcomes.



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.

What is Team Around the School?

The Team Around the School Approach, also known as TAS, is used to get everyone together who is or could be working with your family. With your agreement they will work together to identify the needs and strengths of your family. It will be used to find out what works well in your family, any extra support your family may need and the best way to help you with this.



We will share appropriate information when additional support is needed or requested for children and families. Schools and key agencies will follow government guidance on information sharing and explaining the support available from TAS.

Families working with TAS will have access to support from:

- Targeted Early Help Practitioners
- Children and Young Person's Wellbeing Practitioners (CAMHS)
- School Nurse 0-19 Service
- Bolton Lads & Girls Club Emotional Health & Wellbeing Workers
- Fortalice
- Trauma Psychotherapists from CAMHS



How will we know what children and families need?

The Team Around the School approach involves coming together to make sure that worries are dealt with at the earliest point and you receive the help you and your family need. The Team Around the School meetings are arranged by someone who knows you and your family, for example, a school, college or nursery and they will take place in these settings.

If you would like to know more or are still unsure and would like to ask The Team Around the School, please speak to your School and they will explain. Every family could benefit from the Team Around the School and everyone needs help and support at times and that is ok.



For more information please contact your school for the name and contact details of the Targeted Early Help Practitioner or TAS linked Social Worker. Separate information available for each service in the TAS also available.

Team Around the School



Bolton At Home

Bolton at Home will be running free family activities from the Church of Nazarene on Wednesdays 10am-2pm starting Wednesday 4 Aug and finishing Wednesday 25 Aug. Families will be provided with a free lunch and a range of activities including crafts, games, trips, cooking and much more along the themes of All about me, Eco week, Around the world, and at the seaside. If you would like a place please contact.

Caroline Tosal-Suprun
Community Development Officer
07768 818414

You can also find out more through the following
<https://www.facebook.com/Halliwellpeernavigatorsupport>

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.

**URBAN
OUTREACH** BOLTON

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Bolton Lunches

Monday—Friday

**26th July—3rd
September (excluding
30th August)**

Urban Outreach is working with an army of volunteers to help make a lunch for your child during the summer holidays. This is aimed at children and young people who would normally receive a free school meal. To collect your packed lunch please go to the nearest centre listed here between 11am and 12 noon during the summer holidays.

Astley Bridge: Oldham's Children's Centre, Forfar Street, BL1 6RN

Brightmet: Brightmet Library, Brightmet Fold Lane, BL2 6NT

Eldersdale Community Centre, Yewdale Drive, BL2 5JF

Red Lane URC, Newby Road, BL2 5EL

Daubhill: Willows Community Centre, Back Caledonia Street, BL3 5PA

Deane: Deane Church Centre, 41 Junction Road, BL3 4LT

High Street Library, 82 High Street, BL3 6SZ

Farnworth: New Bury Centre, 53-55 George Street, BL4 9RJ

St. Catherine's, Highfield Road, Farnworth, Bolton BL4 0QZ

Great Lever: Great Lever Children's Centre, Leonard Street, BL3 3AP

Halliwell: Oxford Grove Children's Centre, Oxford Grove, BL1 3BH

St Joseph RC Church, 71 Horace Street, BL1 3PU

Heaton: Grace Church, Somerset Road, Bolton BL1 4NE

Horwich: St Catherine's Church, Richmond Street, BL6 5QT

St Elizabeth's Church, Cedar Ave, BL6 6HT

Johnson Fold: Hope Centre, 27 Tattersall Avenue, BL1 5TE

Little Lever: Kings Church Little Lever, Market Street, BL3 1HN

Tonge: Castle Hill Centre, Castleton Street, BL2 2JW

Tonge Children's Centre, 260 Starkie Road, BL2 2ED

Westhoughton: John Holt Centre, Birch Avenue, BL5 2NR



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**Bolton
at Home**



Bolton Council
in the community
One Club. One Community. One Team.



Seddon Warburtons

Working alongside churches and community groups to ensure no child goes hungry this summer

Calling all
young people

Free holiday activities
and food sessions

Summer

26th July to 28th August 2021

fun

Join #TeamBolton for a variety
of activities this Summer!



**Bolton
2030**
Active, Connected & Prosperous




Department
for Education



#Summer Fun21

This is your chance to take part in **free, fun** activities over summer!

Take a pic of the QR code or visit the site below to find out what you can get involved with!



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

#TeamBolton are providing **free** activities for young people aged 4-17!

Visit the site and find out 'what's on' in your area!



HAF is funded by the Department for education and delivered by Bolton Council and its partners.

All sessions will provide a nutritious meal alongside enriching activities and an opportunity to learn about food!



Don't fancy activities?
Click the 'food tab' on our site to see where you can just pick up a **free** lunch!

Find out what's on and book at...
www.bolton.gov.uk/HAF

Calling all 11-16s on **Free School Meals**
Claim your **free** four week leisure pass including gym and swim by clicking the '**Borough wide**' tab on our page!

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Department for Education

FREE CAKES FOR KIDS BOLTON

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.

freecakesforkidsbolton@hotmail.com
@freecakesbolton
facebook.com/freecakesforkidsbolton

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Summer Activity 2021



Bolton
Library and
Museum Services

OCTAGON

Bolton
Music Service
working in Bolton and Blackburn with Darwen

Bolton **Library and** **Museum Services**

Over the summer the Library and Museum Service are running a number of events/activities for children and families. We have a four week Summer School funded through HAF and DfE for young people aged 12—16 on Free School Meals—there is a really exciting programme of activity and there is still availability in some of our weeks—please contact **SLMS@bolton.gov.uk** or **01204 338121**.

We are also pleased to be welcoming back our extensive events programme with activity every day at the Central Library and Museum—see our website for more detail—<https://www.boltonlams.co.uk/news/article/43/summer-holidays-at-bolton-library-and-museum-services>

As usual we are running our Summer Reading Challenge which this year has a theme of Wild World Heroes. Children just need to read 6 books over the holidays which can all be borrowed in one visit, when they've finished they bring them back to get their medal and certificate and to be entered into a prize draw for a bigger prize, plus the school with the highest percentage of finishers will win the Schools Trophy. Call in at your local library to pick up your starter pack and find out more.

Bolton **Music Service** working in Bolton and Blackburn with Darwen

For more details on all the upcoming activity with Bolton Music Service— please email **music.service@bolton.gov.uk**

OCTAGON

We've opened our beautifully refurbished building and we are excited to welcome back our audiences! We'll be bringing fun for all ages with a new FREE family festival over the August Bank holiday weekend (27th-29th August)! Taking place alongside Bolton's Food and Drink festival, families will be invited to come to the Octagon to enjoy plenty of free activities including storytelling, dancing, craft activities and more!

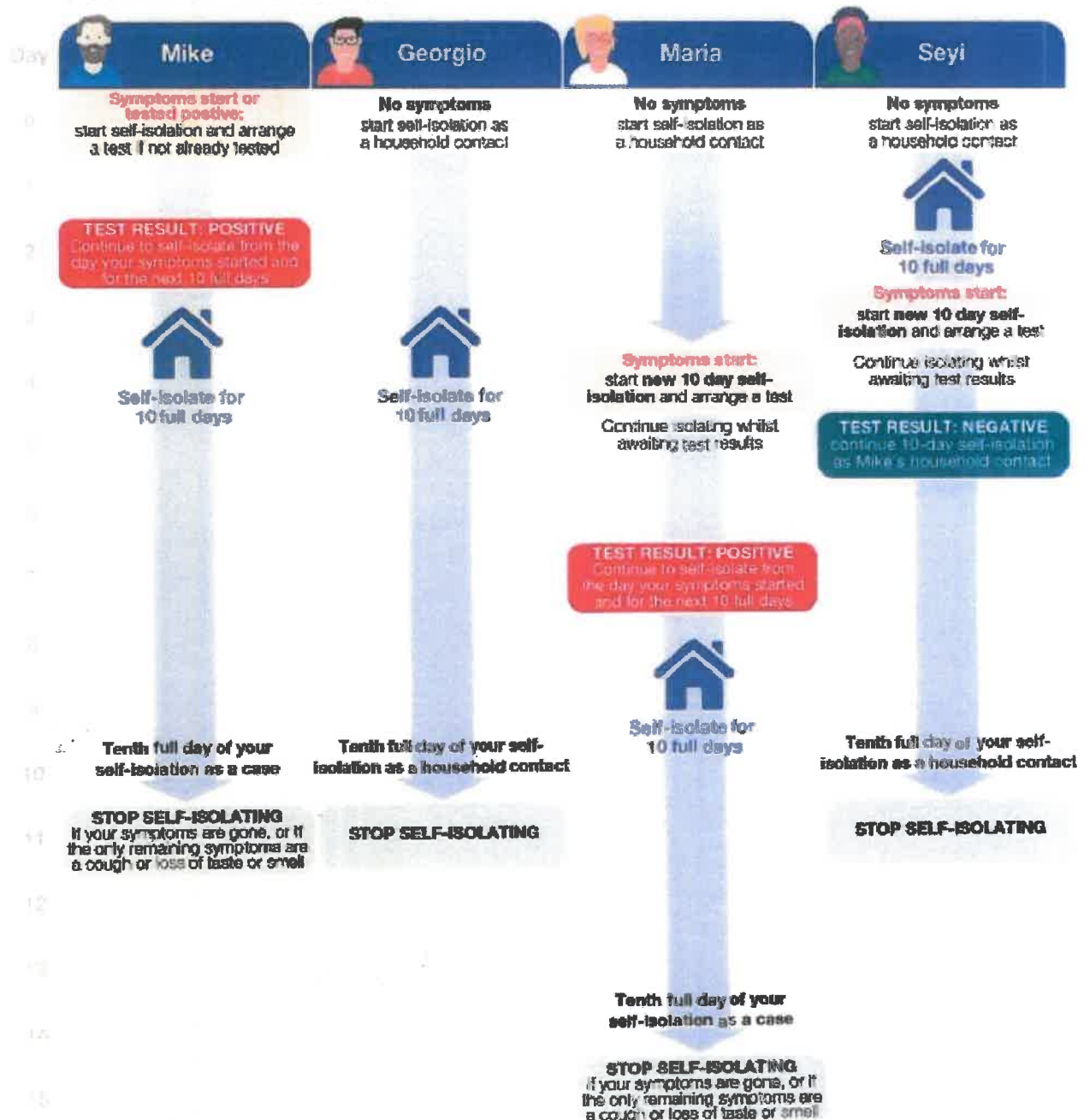
We've also just announced a magical retelling of JM Barrie's classic tale, Peter Pan, opening in November with special rates for schools. Get set for an awfully big adventure with fairies, crocodiles and pirates as Peter and Wendy take on the dastardly Captain Hook!

For more information and tickets visit **octagonbolton.co.uk** or call our Box Office on **01204 520661**.

Stay at home and self-isolate.

Please see [detailed guidance online](#).

Mike's household: In this example, Mike lives with Georgio, Maria and Seyi. Mike is the first case of COVID-19 in this household. He and everyone in the household begin self-isolating from the day Mike's symptoms start (or if he had no symptoms, from the date of his positive test).



Self-isolate for 10 full days.

You need to self-isolate from the day the first person in your household started symptoms and for the next 10 full days. If they did not have symptoms, self-isolate from the day of their test and for the next 10 full days.

To self-isolate means:

Do not go to work, school, or public areas and do not use public transport or taxis. Only leave your home to go to your test if you need to, observe strict social distancing advice and return immediately afterwards.



HANDS



FACE



SPACE