



A note from the Headteacher

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The children have been working hard, practising their Christmas shows and are looking forward to performing in front of you. Please make sure you arrive BEFORE the performance starts.

Here are the dates and times:

Tuesday 13th December – Reception – 2.00pm at school

Thursday 15th December – Year 4 – 2 pm at school

Friday 16th December – Year 2 – 2pm at school

Term Dates

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Term ends on Wednesday 21st December 2022. School closes at 1.00pm

Start Time

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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.

Information about Scarlet Fever, Strep A and invasive Group A Strep (iGAS)

Further to the press coverage over the weekend regarding Streptococcal infections, please find below

resources which I hope are helpful at this time.

The latest data from the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) shows that scarlet fever cases continue to remain higher than we would typically see at this time of year, though are currently lower than the typical seasonal peak we often see in Spring.

Scarlet Fever is caused by bacteria called group A streptococci. It's easily treated with antibiotics. These bacteria also cause other respiratory and skin infections such as strep throat and impetigo. In very rare occasions, the bacteria can get into the bloodstream and cause an illness called invasive Group A strep (iGAS).

Signs and symptoms of Scarlet Fever

😓 The first signs of Scarlet Fever are flu-like symptoms such as:

😓 High temperature

🕒 Sore throat and swollen neck glands

A bumpy, rough feeling rash usually appears after 12 to 48 hours on the chest and tummy.

If you think your child is showing signs of Scarlet Fever it's important to contact your local GP or NHS111.

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Attendance 19/11/22 to 07/12/22

Class	Teacher	%	Class	Teacher	%
Rec R	Mrs Robson	86.8	Y3J	Mrs Johnson	92.2
Rec S	Mrs Smith	83.3	Y3R	Ms Russell	88.7
Y1M	Mr Mistry	91.7	Y4F	Miss Foster	92
Y1S	Mrs Shaw	86.4	Y4M	Miss Manly	92.5
Y2B	Miss Burkmar	90.2	Y5C	Mrs Clarkson	97.3
Y2M	Miss May	88	Y5M	Mrs McIlhagga	88.7
			Y6C	Mr Currid	95.5
			Y6K	Mrs Kearns	90.9



	25 th November	2 nd December
Y1S - Bluebells	Joel	Aliya
Y1M - Poppies	Ella	Bailey
Y2B – Buttercups	Hassan M	Isaac
Y3J – Sparrows	Aisha P	Regina
Y3F – Robins	Abubakar	Abdullahi
Y4F – Goldfinches	Atina	Abdullah
Y4M – Woodpeckers	Sheron	Noorya
Y5M – Ladybirds	Sophie	Bismah
Y5C – Dragonflies	Ruben	Duniya
Y6K – Honeybees	Umar	Asmaa
Y6C – Butterflies	Anab	Szilvia



Important Reminder

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.



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)

Uniform - 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)

Ethos Team - December 2022

Ethos Team News

Advent Service

Our Advent Service on Wednesday 30th November was beautiful and got us feeling very Christmassy! Every class contributed towards our service. We had signing to music, songs, drama, art work, reflections and prayer. We joined together in song and shared moments of peace as we reflected on how the birth of Jesus brought light into our lives.



CHALLENGE

Hold up your thumb, GIVE THANKS for the times when someone has been a 'light' for you.

Hold up your forefinger. ASK FOR HELP with the places in your life, or in our world, that need light. Hold up your next finger. REFLECT on your day and think about times when you have been a light for others.

Hold up your fourth finger. SAY SORRY for the times that you have stopped someone else from shining their light.

Hold up your little finger. DECIDE how you will be a light for others today, this week or during the time of Advent.

Ethos Team would like you to think about this question at this time of year. Where are you going to shine your light this Advent?

Ethos Advent Prayer



Lord Jesus, Light of light, Help us who live by your light, to shine as lights in your world. Amen.

Ethos Team collected beautiful Christmas cards which had been created by each class. The cards were donated to Bolton at Home who will put them into Winter Activity Packs for the elderly across Bolton.



Eco Warriors

The Eco Warriors would like everyone to use reusable bags when they go shopping. Plastic bags are expensive to recycle and most of them end up in landfill. Once in landfill a plastic bag can take 20 to 500 years to decompose.



Mayors Christmas Concert

On Friday 2nd December Years 2,3,4,5 and 6 all walked down to the Victoria Halls in Bolton to see the Mayors Christmas Concert. We saw live music performed by the Bolton Music Service. We listened and joined in with some favourite Christmas songs. We all had a great time.



Digital Leaders

The digital leaders went to Bolton SICT and completed their e-safety champion training. They learnt about phishing, cyberbullying and other topics, and had a go at creating their own pixel art avatar.



Nursery

Nursery parents came in to school to support their child in completing a selection of Christmas craft activities. With their parents the children made Rudolph hot chocolate cones, a Christmas bauble and a Christmas tree decoration. Everybody enjoyed the activities and we're looking forward to inviting our parents back again soon.





Reception - Owls

The children in the Owl class thoroughly enjoyed exploring all the Christmas traditions at the garden centre when we visited on Tuesday.



Reception - Hedgehogs



On Monday 5th December Hedgehogs class went to visit Bolton Garden Centre to support our learning in RE and as part of our 'Come and Join the Celebration' theme. The children were so amazed with all the beautiful scenes and decorations that we saw at the garden centre. We saw a wonderful nativity scene and we were able to name all the different characters and recognised them from our Christmas performance! It was lovely to see the lights, look at all the trees and see what different things we could spot such as reindeers, polar bears and even Santa!



Year 1S

Year 1S had a fabulous afternoon reading with parents in the library. It was great to see so many parents.

Year 1M

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Reading with parents.

1M invited Parents and careers to explore our library and read with their child. Thank you to all the parents that attended it was lovely seeing you all.



1M performed an assembly to KS1 children and parents / carers. The children did a brilliant job and we are very proud of every child being involved. The assembly was all about sharing and showing love.



Year 2

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In Year 2 we were set a challenge to make the light bulb turn on using a simple circuit. We had lots of fun working out how to turn the light bulb on.



Year 3

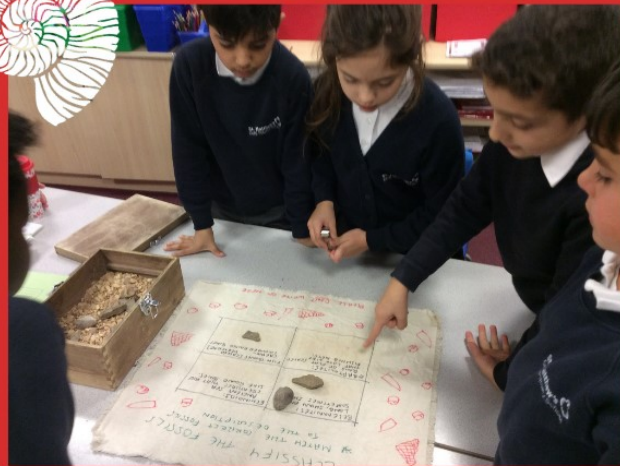
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Year 3 have been learning about Hinduism and did some lovely artwork about elephants that are sacred to Hindus.



Year 4

Both Year 4 classes took part in a rocks and fossils workshop. The children were able to explore different types of rocks and fossils and looked at some of them under microscopes. Our visitors were very knowledgeable and the children learned lots of extra information. They even showed our visitors the actions that we had learnt in class to remember the different types of rocks.



Year 6

It was so lovely to see so many parents at our Year 6 Reading afternoon.

Sporting events

More of our school teams have been representing St Matthew's in a variety of inter-school sports festivals. They have really enjoyed competing against other schools. The Bocca team did particularly well winning medals for coming in 4th place. Well done!



8 of our year 3 children had a fabulous time in a Dodgeball Tournament.

Mental Health Support

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If you ever have any concerns or questions about yourself or your child's mental health and wellbeing, please let school know. We can offer support and signpost you to services that are available. Check the newsletter or alternatively see the designated 'Mental Health and Wellbeing Page' on our school website for a list of websites that provide advice, tips and suggestions.



Be kind to my mind for Parents & Carers

As parents and carers we play an important role in teaching children and young people how to understand and manage their feelings as they grow up. It's normal for your child to feel angry, sad, worried or stressed sometimes, however, if they're struggling to cope with those feelings, they might need support.



Bolton Campaign to reduce the stigma around mental health. Lots of useful information for young people and parents around specific mental illnesses.

<https://www.bekindtomymind.co.uk/>

Polite Notice - Parking

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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

