



Please find below our latest news of events and things going on in school. If you can't find the answers you are looking for, please don't hesitate to get in touch through the School Office!



Collective Worship

During the Spring Term, we will be focussing on two Christian values: **COMPASSION** and **SERVICE**. This half term, we begin by reflecting on the verse from Colossians 3:12 "Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."



Wellbeing Days

On Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 January, we will be exploring how we can support our own positive mental health. As part of this learning, we have planned for The Yogi Group to visit us again, teaching the children about simple yoga and mindfulness techniques.



To start 2024 off with a bang! we have organised for M&M Productions, a live, travelling theatre company, to provide a performance of **A Christmas Carol** to all pupils on Tuesday 9 January. To cover the cost of this, we are asking for parents to give a contribution of **£4** per child via ParentPay. You must complete the ParentPay item to provide consent for your child to watch.



Key Stage 1 Swimming

Class 4 will begin their swimming sessions on Thursday 11 January. There is a parental contribution of £15 towards the cost of this swimming, payable via ParentPay.

New Faces and Welcomes!

We welcome Mrs Emma Asthon, Ms Roxanne Mulgrew and Miss Natalie Hughes to our school family who will be supporting children in Key Stage 1. Also, we welcome back Miss Carly Garnett from her maternity leave, as she settles back into teaching Key Stage 1. Mrs Emma Dixon will also be staying with us a little longer, covering Mr Martin's absence as he recovers from an operation. Finally, we welcome back Mr Stuart Box who will be teaching in Classes 7, 9 and 10 covering teacher's non-contact time.



We would like to pass on our thanks to all members of our FOBLES team who helped organise our Christmas Enterprise Event. Class 4 won the Enterprise Competition, being the class to raise the most money, selling their Christmas Gongs. They earned a profit of £238.25! Overall, FOBLES have raised over £1,600 for our school. Thank you, everyone for your continued support!

As a Voluntary Aided Primary School, we have to raise 10% of our school funds independently. As such, our FOBLES partnership is crucial in order to help improve our facilities and support the education for our children. Therefore, **we need your help** as we need more volunteers who are willing to attend meetings or be a class representative or just simply help out at events. If you are willing to help, voice your enthusiasm by emailing: fobles@bolton-le-sands.lancs.sch.uk Our upcoming FOBLES events are:

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| 11 January | 6:30pm at The Royal our next FOBLES meeting to discuss the Cinema Night |
| 25 January | Cinema Night after school |
| 8 February | Class 7 and 8 Cake Sale after school |



Absence and Holidays

As per our Attendance Policy, family holidays are not routinely authorised and any unauthorised absence of 5 days or more will result in the penalty notice procedures being processed. To help avoid a penalty notice, we strongly encourage parents to book family holidays out of term time, to avoid dental and medical appointments being booked in school time (where possible) and to ensure that your child is punctual in their arrival to school. If your child does require time out of school, our 'Application for Leave of Absence' forms are available on the website. Please complete these thoroughly and provide a minimum of 14 days' notice.



Uniform and Jewellery

This is a polite reminder that our uniform includes suitable, black, footwear (not trainers). Also, at BLS, we allow pupils to wear earrings so long as the following two rules are followed:

- 1) **Earrings are small stud earrings only**
- 2) **Earrings are removed before PE sessions.** (they cannot be covered and must be removed independently)

Please support us in following our guidance so that we can continue to allow earrings to be worn.

Allergies

We have pupils at school with significant allergies to nuts and to horse hair. Therefore, we politely ask that nuts are not brought into school as part of your child's packed lunch and if your child attends horse riding lessons, they use a different coat for school. Thank you.

Term Dates

Please note that the Term Dates for 2024 – 2025 have now been cleared by LCC. As such, they are now displayed on our school website under the 'parents' tab or just click the image to the right.



ParentPay Payments

We are unable to offer the exciting trips, visitors and experiences without your contributions, so please ensure your ParentPay account is up-to-date.

Change of Details

Should your contact details (including emergency contact) change, please inform our School Office and also update your ParentPay account, to ensure that you continue to receive notifications. Email us at:

changeofdetails@bolton-le-sands.lancs.sch.uk

Dates for your Diary

Mon 8 Jan:	INSET TRAINING DAY
Tue 9 Jan:	School Reopens Class 6, 7 & 8 swimming M&M Productions A Christmas Carol
Wed 10 Jan:	Yogi Group in school Class 4 Dry Swimming Lesson
Thu 11 Jan:	Class 4 Swimming Lessons Heights & Weights Check EYFS & Year 6 Yogi Group in school Year 6 Health Questionnaire
Sun 14 Jan:	9:15am Second Sunday Service
Mon 15 Jan:	After School Clubs commence
Tue 16 Jan:	Life Education in School
Wed 17 Jan:	Life Education in School
Thu 18 Jan:	Life Education in School
Tue 23 Jan:	Athletics Qualifier
Wed 24 Jan:	Rainbows visiting Library
Thu 25 Jan:	FOBLES Cinema Night
Fri 26 Jan:	Sunshine visiting Library
Tue 6 Feb:	Young Voices
Fri 9 Feb:	School Closes for February Half Term
Mon 19 Feb:	School reopens

School Dinner Money Debt

At present, there is a considerable amount outstanding for dinner money. If your child has school dinners the cost is £2.50 per day, please ensure your ParentPay account is credited with the correct amount. If you believe your child is eligible for free school meals, please go to the Lancashire County Council website: [Free school meals and pupil premium](#)



Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity welcomes all to attend their Sunday services at 10:30am. They also host a mid-week service on Wednesdays at 10am. See our diary dates for Holy Trinity events (in blue). For further information, please email: parishbbsnews@parishbbs.co.uk

Kind regards
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(Headteacher)