



BOLTON-LE-SANDS CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

February 2024 Newsletter

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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 and Our School Vision

We complete our exploration of **COMPASSION** next week. After the break, we will begin to explore the Christian value of **SERVICE**. We will also continue to remind ourselves of our school vision and our chosen bible verse:

With God at the centre we reach out and support each other in learning, growth and community.

"We love because God first loved us." 1 John 4:19

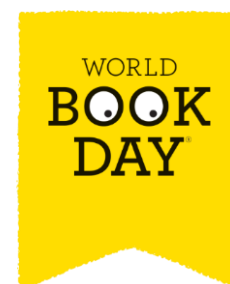


Athletics

Congratulations and good luck are in order for our Athletics Team as they have qualified for the County Finals in Blackpool, in March. A superb effort and wonderful team spirit was seen last week at LMC. Well done!

World Book Day

On Thursday 7 March, we will be hosting a World Book Day event in school. Children will be participating in fun and interactive activities during the school day, launched with a World Book Day Worship! To help celebrate this event, we are inviting all children to come dressed as a favourite book character. Please don't feel that you have to purchase an outfit, we always enjoy seeing the creative ideas!



FOBLES

Our next FOBLES event is the Class 7 & 8 Cake Sale on Thursday 8 February after school. Please could parents of children in Class 7 and 8 get baking and bring these to school on the morning. We also need lots of parents to help run the cake stall after school. Our Class 7 & 8 Class Reps should be sending encouraging messages out this week! We would like to thank our FOBLES and staff for their support of our recent Cinema Night. It was a shame, however, that the parking and collection issues took the shine off what was a fantastic event. As such, we have reflected and made the decision not to host a **whole school** event like this in the winter months. We will explore other alternatives so that we can still offer these memorable and fun activities for our children. Please see our upcoming events list below:

8 February	Class 7 & 8 Cake Sale after school
26 February	6pm FOBLES meeting at school (all welcome!)
28 February	Non-uniform Day and Spring Disco
14 March	Class 5 & 6 Cake Sale
27 March	Easter Bingo

Uniform and Jewellery

This is a polite reminder that our uniform includes:

- Suitable black school shoes (not trainers)
- Small stud earrings
- No necklaces or bracelets
- Long hair tied up



Cockle Picker Disaster

On Monday 5 February it will be 20 years since 23 Chinese illegal immigrants lost their lives in Morecambe Bay when becoming trapped by incoming tides. We will be marking this day with a dedicated Collective Worship during the morning.



Term Dates

Please note that the Term Dates for 2024 – 2025 have now been cleared by LCC and are available on our website.



Fencing Taster Sessions

On 8 and 9 February, we will have Sports Cool visiting our school to teach the children a little bit about the sport of fencing. We hope that these short taster sessions will be fun, active and enjoyable for the children and may spark off some passion and interest for the sport.



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.



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.



Key Stage 1 Swimming

Class 3 will begin their swimming sessions on Thursday 22 February. There is a parental contribution of £15 towards the cost of this swimming, payable via ParentPay.

Dates for your Diary

Fri 2 Feb:	Athletics at LMC
Mon 5 Feb:	Governors meeting at 4.30pm
Tue 6 Feb:	Young Voices Swimming Gala Trials (No swimming for Classes 6, 7 & 8)
Wed 7 Feb:	NISCU Worship
Thu 8 Feb:	Mark Drinkall Cricket Assembly Fencing Taster Day EYFS Stay and Play Class 7 & 8 Cake Sale Year 3 & 4 Korfbal
Fri 9 Feb:	Fencing Taster Day FOBLES £25 100 Club Draw School Closes for February Half Term
Sat 17 Feb:	10am Messy Church
Mon 19 Feb:	School reopens Football League Competition @BLA
Fri 23 Feb:	Development Team Athletics @LMC
Tue 27 Feb:	Year 5 & 6 Quicksticks Hockey
Thu 29 Feb:	Year 3 & 4 Athletics Finals
Mon 4 Mar:	Year 4 Limestone Day
Tue 5 Mar:	Year 4 Limestone Day
Thu 7 Mar:	Year 4 Limestone Day World Book Day
Fri 8 Mar:	Year 4 Limestone Day Barclays Biggest Ever Football Session Girls



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.

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

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](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/free-school-meals/)

Young Voices 6 February 2024

We are looking forward to our Young Voices trip on Tuesday 6 February 2024. All parent tickets were sent home yesterday with children. On the day the children will need to arrive at school as normal and bring with them **a waterproof coat, plenty to drink, snacks, a packed lunch and a packed tea**. Young Voices T Shirts will be distributed on the day. For parents who are attending the event, doors will open at 6pm for a 7pm start. We expect to return at 11.00pm to The Royal, Bolton-le-Sands but will send a text out to confirm out estimated time back.

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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