



BOLTON-LE-SANDS CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

MAY 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!

**we Love
Because
He First
Loved us**
1 John 4:19

Collective Worship

Our Collective Worship theme for this half term continues with 'TRUTHFULNESS'. We have begun exploring the meaning of telling the truth and how being honest and trustworthy can influence the choices we make. We also continue to learn our central Bible verse: "We love because God first loved us." 1 John 4:19



School Mural

We would like to invite **all family members** to contribute your design ideas to our school mural which will be painted in the main entrance. All designs need to be on A4 paper, coloured and handed to the School Office by Tuesday 14 May. We would like all designs to include our mission statement, bible verse and reflect what it is to be at Bolton-le-Sands.



Our amazing FOBLES team have planned a BLS-TIVAL for Saturday 29 June 4pm – 7pm. It is set to be a fantastic event with live music, kids mini disco, hook a duck, bouncy castle, BBQ, bar and lots more! This event **cannot** run without more volunteers. If you can spare some time whilst attending the event, please speak to your Class Rep so that we can ensure this event goes ahead.

Here is a list of the upcoming events:

15 May	Class 3 & 4 Cake Sale
	6:30pm FOBLES meeting in school
24 May	100 Club £25 Draw
12 June	EYFS Cake Sale
29 June	FOBLES Summer Fair 4pm – 7pm

Year 3 Bushcraft Days

Year 3 are looking forward to their Outdoor Adventure Bushcraft Days on 2 and 3 May. They will experience canoeing on the canal as well as survival and orienteering skills in Thwaite Brow Woods. The activities will be led, in small groups, by Mr Haworth and Phil Longbottom of Big Adventure.

Uniform and Jewellery

We have seen an increase in children wearing trainers, having long hair down and wearing large earrings. Please abide by our school rules:

- Black school shoes (not trainers)
- Small stud earrings (4mm – 5mm)
- Long hair tied up when in school



Class Photographs

Don't forget to order your child's class photograph from Tiny Pixels using the codes already sent.



Year 5 High School Admissions

Families with Year 5 children should now be checking school websites to find out the dates for open evenings and admission criteria information.

Dates of open events of which we are aware:

LRGS	15 June (9am – 1pm)
LGGS	27 June
Ripley	4 July



Our Brilliant Bay Project

During the summer term, the whole school will be taking part in a joint project based around our local area. This unit of work will incorporate lots of curriculum areas, with a focus on art and performance. We are hoping to be able to open our classrooms after school one day later in the summer term to all family members to come and see the amazing art work, writing and more that our fabulous children have completed. Therefore, keep a look out for more information to follow!

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 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.



Diary Dates

Dates for your Diary

Thu 2 May	Year 3 Bushcraft Day (Groups 1 and 2) Y5 & 6 Netball @ LMC Isle of Man Parents Evening 5.30pm
Fri 3 May	Year 3 Bushcraft Day (Groups 3 and 4)
Mon 6 May	BANK HOLIDAY
Thu 9 May	Rev. Peter leading Worship
Sun 12 May	9:15am Second Sunday Service
Mon 13 May	Y6 SATS WEEK Y6 Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation Exam 4:30pm Curriculum Committee Meeting
Tue 14 May	Y6 Reading Exam
Wed 15 May	Y6 Arithmetic Exam Y6 Maths Reasoning Paper 1 Exam Class 3 & 4 Cake Sale 6:30pm FOBLES meeting in school
Thu 16 May	Y6 Maths Reasoning Paper 2 Exam
Fri 17 May	Year 4 Girls' Golf @ Heysham
Sat 18 May	10am Messy Church
Mon 20 May	LKS2 Trip to the shore 5-year-olds Dental Survey 4:30pm Resources Committee Meeting
Tue 21 May	Rev. Peter leading Worship
Wed 22 May	Sports Day
Fri 24 May	£25 100 Club Draw School Closes for Half Term
Mon 3 Jun	INSET DAY
Tue 4 Jun	School Reopens
Wed 5 Jun	6:30pm Induction Evening for new EYFS 2024
Thu 6 Jun	Sunshine Class begin swimming lessons Coniston Residential Parents Meeting 5.30pm
Sun 9 Jun	9:15am Second Sunday Service
Wed 12 Jun	EYFS Cake Sale
Thu 13 Jun	Year 5 & 6 Netball
Sat 15 Jun	10am Messy Church
Mon 17 Jun	Y6 Isle of Man Residential
Thu 20 Jun	QES Induction Evening for Sept 2024 starters
Mon 24 Jun	Cross Country Event @ Overton Primary School
Tue 25 Jun	EYFS 2024 Stay and Play Ripley Transition Day
Wed 26 Jun	EYFS Class Trip
Thu 27 Jun	UKS2 Morecambe Day EYFS 2024 Stay and Play
Sat 29 Jun	4pm – 7pm BLS-TIVAL
Mon 1 Jul	QES Transition Day 4 :30pm Full Governors Meeting
Tue 2 Jul	LKS2 Liverpool Trip EYFS 2024 Stay and Play
Wed 3 Jul	UKS2 Parental Engagement Day
Thu 4 Jul	Carnforth Transition Day EYFS 2024 Stay and Play
Wed 10 Jul	End of Year Reports sent home
Thu 11 Jul	Year 5 Coniston Residential
Fri 12 Jul	Year 5 Coniston Residential
Sun 14 Jul	9:15am Second Sunday Service
Mon 15 Jul	Reports due back Yr 6 Leavers' Week (separate letter to follow)
Fri 19 Jul	School Closes
Sat 20 Jul	10am Messy Church

Going Paperless!

We continue to strive towards reducing our paper usage and using ParentPay more frequently. **We advise that you regularly check your ParentPay accounts!**



Swimming

Sunshine Class will begin their taster swimming sessions on Thursday 6 June 2024. A letter will be sent with further information prior to half term.

School Dinner Money

In September 2024, the cost of school dinners will increase to £2.70 per meal. Be aware that if your child is currently in Year 2, from September you will have to pay for a school meal. 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](#)



235 children have achieved their WOW badge for April, earned by walking, riding or park and striding to school at least once a week. Thank you for your support and well done to the children!

Class Structure

We have begun the arrangements for our September 2024 class structures. This is a long process as, at Bolton-le-Sands, we believe that it is important to consider all factors when placing children in their class groups. We will notify parents by the end of June of the 2024/25 class structure. Please understand that the school's decision is final.



Sports Day

Our Sports Day has been scheduled for Wednesday 22 May, weather dependent. As last year, using the community field, was so successful, we are hoping to do the same again. Infants in the morning and juniors in the afternoon. We hope that you can join us!

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:

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Kind regards
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