



BOLTON-LE-SANDS CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

March 2026 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

This half term, our Collective Worship theme is forgiveness. We will reflect on God's all forgiving love, and how we can foster forgiveness of all, which builds the life of the school community.



Young Voices

A heartfelt thank you to all the staff who accompanied our school choir to the Young Voices event. We are also very grateful to the parents for their continued support in making the experience possible. It was an incredible concert, and the children had an absolutely fantastic time!



Year 4 Limestone Days

Our Year 4 children will be taking part in their Outdoor Adventure Limestone Days this week. The children will be exploring the Yorkshire Dales learning about limestone rock and experiencing some caving, visiting Barbon Ghyll, Dentdale and the Yordas Cave. Children will return to school at **4pm each day**.



Year 2 and Year 5 Music Festival

Our Year 2 and Year 5 children are busy learning the songs for the Lancaster and Morecambe District Music Festival. Year 2 will attend on **Monday 16 March** with the performance for parents in the evening and Year 5 will attend on **Wednesday 18 March** with the performance for parents in the afternoon, both at Lancaster Town Hall.



World Book Day – Thursday 5 March 2026

Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Costumes can be as simple or as creative as you like, and homemade costumes are very welcome. Throughout the day, the children will take part in a range of fun, reading-based activities to celebrate our love of books and stories.

Families are invited to join us from 2:30pm to celebrate together, share a story, and see the children's work. Biscuits and drinks will be provided.

Unfortunately, those children on the Year 4 Limestone Day on this date, will miss this event.



FOBLES

The next FOBLES events that we hope you will be able to support are:

- **FOBLES Non-Uniform Day for RED NOSE DAY 2026 is Friday 20 March**
- **FOBLES Easter Bingo: is on Wednesday 25 March from 3:30pm until 5:00pm. £2 each (pre-school children free) but parents and school children must have a ticket. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Refreshments on sale, so bring cash as well as your own bingo dabbers!**
- **As Sarah and Gill are stepping down from Chairing FOBLES we need some more parent volunteers, please come along to the next meeting on Wednesday 11 March @ 6.30pm**

Year 6 High School Places

Congratulations to our Year 6 pupils on receiving their High School places! If you wish to appeal, the deadline is **Monday 13 April 2026**. For enquiries, contact the pupil access team at 01524 581148 or pupilaccessessteam@lancashire.gov.uk.

Parents' Evening

Our teachers will be conducting Parents' Evening appointments on Tuesday 10 March and Thursday 12 March. If you still need to make an appointment please contact the school office.



Comic Relief RED NOSE DAY

This Red Nose Day, we're laughing loudly, proudly and together – at ourselves on 20 March, it's time to **Take Yourself Funny for Money**. To celebrate Red Nose Day we are having a Non Uniform Day. Children are invited to wear their own clothes with a **Red Nose Day twist**—this could be a red nose, wild hair, or dressing head to toe in red! We kindly ask for:

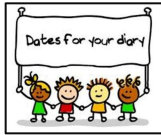
- A **chocolate donation** for Easter Bingo the following week
- A **£1 donation** for Comic Relief, via ParentPay

• You can also purchase a £2 Red Nose from the School Office
Thank you for your support!

Absence and Holidays



Children should arrive at school punctually and be ready and equipped to learn. If your child is absent, please notify the School Office on the first day of absence. If no reason is provided, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. **For any unavoidable medical appointments during school hours, please ensure evidence is submitted to the School Office.** 'Application for Leave of Absence' forms can be found on our website. These forms must be completed in detail, explaining the exceptional circumstances. There is no automatic entitlement to holiday leave, so parents must seek the school's permission before taking their child out of school. **Please note that family holidays will not be authorised.**



Dates for your Diary

Mon 2 March	Limestone Day Group 1
Tue 3 March	Limestone Day Group 2 LKS2 swimming
Thu 4 March	Limestone Day Group 3 Derwent Class swimming World Book Day Girls TAG Rugby
Fri 5 March	Limestone Day Group 4 Girl's Football @ Liverpool
Mon 9 March	Champion League Football @ BLA
Tue 10 March	LKS2 Swimming Parents' Evening
Wed 11 March	Haweswater Class Library visit 6.30pm FOBLES meeting in school
Thu 12 March	Derwent Class swimming Kentmere Class Library visit TAG Rugby @ BLA Parents' Evening
Mon 16 March	Y2 Music Festival
Tue 17 March	LKS2 Swimming
Wed 18 March	Y5 Music Festival County Athletics Final @ Blackpool Rydal Class Library Visit
Thu 19 March	Derwent Class swimming
Fri 20 March	Non-Uniform Day Red Nose Day
Mon 23 March	Champion League Football @ BLA
Tue 24 March	LKS2 Swimming
Wed 25 March	Swimming Gala @ SALC Derwent Class Library Visit FOBLES Easter Bingo 4.30pm Full Governors Meeting
Thu 26 March	LKS2 World Museum Derwent Class Swimming
Fri 27 March	School Closes for Easter
Mon 13 March	School Reopens

Parking

We continue to urge parents to park near to Holy Trinity Church and walk to school, avoiding driving through the village itself, in order to reduce traffic. Please refrain from double parking, mounting the kerb or parking on double yellow lines.

Morning Drop Off

Parents **must not** use the School Office car park for parking or morning drop-offs. This area is not designated for pupil access and using it creates safety risks.

All children are required to enter the school grounds via the bottom gate to ensure the safety of everyone. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school community safe.



Derwent Class Swimming

Derwent Class will be swimming every Thursday, from 26 February 2026 to 26 March 2026.



Label Your Uniform

Please label your child's uniform, coats, hats, gloves, and other belongings to help us reduce the amount of lost property we accumulate.



ParentPay Reminder

Please ensure that any outstanding payments are cleared via ParentPay as soon as possible. This includes Dinner Money, Swimming, and any other payment items showing on your account.

If you are experiencing any difficulties with payment, we encourage you to contact the School Office promptly so that we can discuss how best to support you.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Uniform and Jewellery

A polite reminder that our uniform includes:

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



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. For further information, please email: parishblsnews@parishbls.co.uk

Kind regards
Mrs Sally French
(Acting Headteacher)