



BOLTON-LE-SANDS CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

June 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!

Message from Mr Gittins

As we start our last half-term of the year, it is important that all children finish the year strongly to prepare them for the next stage of their educational life. There are lots of opportunities for all children over the next six weeks, both in and out of the classroom, and we urge them to make the most of these. I would personally like to thank all of you for welcoming me to school, and I look forward to seeing what we can achieve over the next few weeks.

Collective Worship

In this last half-term, our Christian value is wisdom – we will be looking at the difference between knowledge and wisdom and thinking about people who showed wisdom in the Bible. Knowledge is knowing tomato is a fruit, wisdom is knowing not to put tomato in a fruit salad!

Sporty stuff

As a school, we provide lots of incredible sporting opportunities for all our children. We strive to ensure all children are given the opportunity to compete, shown by the amount of our Y6 children who achieve their sports badges.

Year 6 residential

Our Y6 residential to the Isle of Man is getting closer and excitement is building amongst the Year 6 children (and staff). If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mr Dixon or Mrs Thompson. Mr Gittins, Mrs Sissons and Mrs Livesey are also accompanying the children on this wonderful adventure.

Y5 Coniston Residential Camping Trip

Our Y5 children will be taking part in their Coniston residential on Thursday 9 July and Friday 10 July. We are aware that this clashes with Ripley open evening, but the date has been set for months and cannot be changed. We recommend you contact Ripley directly to organise another chance to visit the school.



Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who helped make our FOBLES summer fair a huge success. The next FOBLES events that we hope you will be able to support are:

FOBLES disco Wednesday 10 June: volunteers needed to help with the KS2 disco from 4:30pm if possible.

EYFS cake sale: Tuesday 7 July 2026

Absence and Holidays

In the week before school, we had over 10% of our school children on holiday – this is an unacceptable amount and has a huge impact on learning, as well as our attendance figures. If you are booking a holiday, please ensure you fill in a holiday request form – you can guarantee children will let us know that they have been away!! We would much rather you were honest with us. All family holidays are unauthorised, and penalty notices will be issued for holidays of 5 days or more, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

We respectfully ask that you ensure your child is in school as much as possible; 10% absence over a year equates to 19 days missed learning, or approximately 95 hours.



Wraparound care

We will be opening up bookings for our wraparound care club shortly, and this will begin in September 2026. Please keep an eye out for further details that will be sent regarding timings and prices.

Dates for your Diary

Mon 8 Jun	Y5 & Y6 Girls' Cricket Qualifier - CANCELLED Cross Country @ Overton Governor Meeting Resources No Cricket Club
Tue 9 Jun	LKS2 Swimming Y5 & Y6 Boys' Cricket Qualifier
Wed 10 Jun	FOBLES Summer Disco No Story Club
Thu 11 Jun	Buttermere Class Swimming Golf Way @ Heysham
Mon 15 Jun	Y6 Isle of Man Residential all week
Tue 16 Jun	LKS2 Swimming New Starter Afternoon for Reception September 2026
Wed 17 Jun	Choir singing at Community Centre Y5 & Y6 Netball @ BLA
Thu 18 Jun	Buttermere Class Swimming New Starter Afternoon for Reception September 2026
Mon 22 Jun	EYFS Lakeland Maze Trip
Tue 23 Jun	LKS2 Swimming New Starters Stay & Play
Wed 24 Jun	Sports Day
Thu 25 Jun	New Starter Afternoon for Reception September 2026 5.30pm Y5 Coniston Residential Parents Info Evening Netball Tournament @ BLS
Tue 30 Jun	LKS2 Swimming FOBLES meeting @ 6.15pm
Wed 1 Jul	Derwent Library Visit
Thu 2 Jul	LKS2 Islamic Centre Visit
Mon 6 Jul	Full Governors Meeting
Tue 7 Jul	LKS2 Swimming EYFS Cake Sale
Thu 9 Jul	Y5 Coniston Residential Y6 Dynamos Cricket @ Heysham Cricket Club
Fri 10 Jul	Y5 Coniston Residential
Mon 13 Jul	Y6 Fun Run
Tue 14 Jul	Y6 Eucharist Service in School led by Rev. Peter Hamborg Y6 Fun Swim
Wed 15 Jul	Y6 Pizza & Chip Night @ BLS
Thu 16 Jul	Y6 Leavers Party @ Slyne-with-Hest Memorial Hall
Fri 17 Jul	Y6 Leavers Service in Holy Trinity Church Last Day of term

Morning Drop Off

Parents **must not** use the School Office car park for parking or morning drop-offs – it is not safe for children to walk across here, particularly on their own. 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.



EYFS Swimming

Buttermere Class will attend swimming sessions between Thursday 11 June and Thursday 9 July. Please pay your £15 voluntary contribution via ParentPay.



Label Your Uniform

As the weather is warm and wet, children often leave coats and cardigans outside – please ensure these are all labelled.



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.

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. Don't forget messy Church on Saturdays..... and early service on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 9:15am.

Sports day

We have had rotten luck with sports day, with all three dates being washed out – we have made early decisions to aid parents with work. We will attempt to try again on **Wednesday 24 June 2026** and hope that the sun shines for us!

Kind regards
Mr Ian Gittins
Headteacher