



# HARDY MILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2025

We have been back in school for a whole month now. The children are settling well into their classes, working hard and enjoying their learning.



### SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION

We are pleased to announce that our School Council for the 2025-2026 academic year has been democratically elected. The election process featured outstanding speeches from all candidates, which made it a tough choice for the children voting. Congratulations to our elected school councillors, who will take on specific responsibilities and have the chance to make a positive difference during their year in office.

We also want to recognise the candidates who were not elected. Their speeches were impressive, and we encourage each of them to run for the School Council again next year. Their enthusiasm and dedication to our school are truly valued, and we look forward to seeing them involved in future elections.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTED MEMBERS

Evelyn F	Elsie W	Miller F	Amelia E	Rose M
Maxwell B	Nirvana G	Rosie P	Ethan P	Alfie T
Della B	Evelyn F	Violet H	Jessica L	Lilly D

## BREAK TIME SNACKS

As we promote our 'Healthy School' ethos, we kindly ask all parents and carers to help by ensuring that any snacks sent to school for break time are healthy. Please avoid sugary snacks like sweets, crisps, and chocolate. Also, please remember that we are a NUT FREE school, so snacks containing nuts should not be brought in. Thank you for your support in encouraging healthy eating habits within our school community.



## APPLICATIONS FOR RECEPTION CLASS PLACES 2026

Applications for children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 & 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 for reception 2026 are open online at [Primary school places – Bolton Council](#). The **closing date is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026** at 11.59pm. National offer day is 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

We held our first **Open Day** for prospective parents this week and met lots of new families. If you would like to come along for a tour of school, our second **Open Day** is on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 9.30am – 12.00pm**.

## APPLICATION FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES 2026

Applications for secondary school places for our current Year 6 children is open on line at [Secondary school places – Bolton Council](#). The **closing date is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025** at 11.59pm. National offer day is 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026. Please check local secondary schools' websites for details of their Open Days. If you have any questions about your child's application, please contact your child's class teacher or Mrs Briggs and they will be happy to support.



## REVISED BEHAVIOUR POLICY

We have made some important updates to our Behaviour Policy, following recent staff training. The focus of the training was about unconditional positive regard and restorative practice. Unconditional positive regard is about building strong, trusting relationships with each child. We want every child to know that they are cared for and supported, even when we need to talk about their behaviour choices. It is important that they feel safe in knowing we care about their well-being, as this helps them reflect on and improve their behaviour.

As part of this new approach, we have made some changes to our Behaviour Policy. We have introduced Recognition Boards into each classroom to celebrate the behaviours and values that we want to see from our children.

You may have also heard from your child that we no longer use yellow and red cards to manage behaviour. This does not mean that we ignore inappropriate choices. Instead, we aim to have meaningful conversations with children about their behaviour. Together, we will talk about their choices and decide what, if any, consequences are needed. To help with this reflective practice, we have introduced a method called the 'Restorative 5.' This approach provides our staff with specific questions to guide discussions with children about their actions. Our goal is to encourage self-reflection and promote a sense of responsibility in a supportive environment. If your child's behaviour is serious, we will contact you to discuss the situation and explain any consequences.

You can view the revised Behaviour Policy by visiting our [website](#).



## IS YOUR CHILD ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

We want to make sure that we are providing your child with the best education and support we can. Healthy school food has obvious health benefits and can help pupils establish healthy habits for life. Healthy school food can also help to improve pupils' readiness to learn.

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Registering for free meals could also raise an extra **£1,515** for your child's primary school, to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities.

This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the benefits listed above.

To check if your child is eligible, please complete the on-line form via the website link below: [Bolton Council - Free School Meals and help with school uniform](#). If you wish to speak to somebody, contact the One Stop Shop in Bolton. Telephone 333333.





## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please find below a current list of dates for events in autumn term. Please note that this diary of events is subject to change and further details for many of the events listed will follow over the coming weeks.

### Autumn Term 2025

	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
7 <sup>th</sup>	All morning	Kay Class trip to Bolton Museum	Bolton Museum
8 <sup>th</sup>	All morning	Kenny Class trip to Bolton Museum	Bolton Museum
13 <sup>th</sup>	All morning	Lancaster Class trip to Bolton Museum	Bolton Museum
21 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Year 5 Virtual Workshop with author Emma Carroll	In class
27 <sup>th</sup> - 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>HALF TERM BREAK</b>		
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> inc	Throughout the week	Theme Week – ‘Diversity’ – more details to follow	Throughout the school
5 <sup>th</sup>	Throughout the day	Key Stage 1 and 2 Indian Dance Workshops	Hall
6 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup>	Throughout the day	Key Stage 2 Diversity Drama workshops	Hall/ classrooms
10 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup>	Throughout the week	Anti-Bullying Week – Power for Good - more details to follow	Throughout the school
12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am – 11.30pm	Open Day (for prospective parents – Reception 2026 intake)	Throughout school
14 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Children In Need fundraiser – more details to follow	Throughout the school
24 <sup>th</sup> Nov – 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec inc	Throughout the week	End of term assessments and review in Year 1 to Year 6	In class
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Throughout the day	PTA – ‘Get Festive Day’ – more details to follow	Throughout the school
1 <sup>st</sup>	All afternoon	Christmas Tree Dressing Assembly	Hall
3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup>	Days for each class to be confirmed	Nursery to Year 6 Parent meetings	In classrooms
5 <sup>th</sup>	All afternoon	Key Stage 1 trip to Beauty and the Beast	Victoria Hall, Bolton
8 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Nursery Christmas Singalong	Hall
8 <sup>th</sup>	All afternoon	Lower Key Stage 2 trip to Beauty and the Beast	Victoria Hall, Bolton
9 <sup>th</sup>	All afternoon	Upper Key Stage 2 trip to Beauty and the Beast	Victoria Hall, Bolton
9 <sup>th</sup>	2.15pm	Key Stage 1 Christmas Production (Kay Class parents’ performance)	Hall
10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Reception Christmas Production (1 <sup>st</sup> performance)	Hall
10 <sup>th</sup>	2.15pm	Key Stage 1 Christmas Production (Kenny Class parents’ performance)	Hall
11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Reception Christmas Production (2 <sup>nd</sup> performance)	Hall
11 <sup>th</sup>	2.15pm	Key Stage 1 Christmas Production (Lancaster Class parents’ performance)	Hall

12 <sup>th</sup>	Throughout the day	PTA – ‘Come as You Please Day’ – more details to follow	Throughout the school
12 <sup>th</sup>	3.30-5.30pm	PTA – Christmas Fair – more details to follow	Hall
15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Magic Mark Show for Nursery and Reception classes	Hall
16 <sup>th</sup>	All afternoon	Kay, Kenny and Lancaster Classes Christmas Party	Class and Hall
17 <sup>th</sup>	All afternoon	Devey, Heathcote and Leverhulme Classes Christmas Party	Class and Hall
18 <sup>th</sup>	All morning	Crompton and Dibnah Classes Christmas Party	Class and Hall
18 <sup>th</sup>	All afternoon	Lofthouse, Hamilton and Rostron Classes Christmas Party	Class and Hall
19 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Christmas Carol Service	Hall
19 <sup>th</sup>	School <b>closes at 2.15pm</b> for the Christmas break. School <b>re-opens on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 8.50am.</b>		