



HARDY MILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2025

It is hard to believe that we have been back in school for a whole half term! The children have been working very hard and thoroughly enjoying their learning experiences. We are incredibly proud of their progress and enthusiasm!



SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The School Council would like to extend a massive thank you to everyone who generously donated non-perishable items for our local foodbank collection! Our Councillors made numerous trips to and from the pick-up van to load all your thoughtful donations. Urban Outreach Foodbank was absolutely blown away by your kindness. They wanted to share that your generosity will greatly support many families in need over the coming months. Your contributions truly make a difference—thank you for your support!

FINAL REMINDER - APPLICATIONS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES 2025

Applications for secondary school places for our current Year 6 children are open on line at [Secondary school places – Bolton Council](#). The **closing date is 31st October 2025** at 11.59pm. National offer day is 2nd 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.



PTA HALLOWEEN DISCO

We are thrilled to report that the PTA Halloween discos for both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 children last night were a tremendous success with 188 children attending! Thank you all for your support and participation.

The atmosphere at both events was fang-tastic, with children partying in an incredible array of spooky and fabulous costumes. It was a marvellous celebration of community spirit, forging memories for our children that will last a lifetime.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our dedicated PTA members, whose tireless efforts are invaluable in enriching our children's educational experiences and fostering strong community bonds. We look forward to more enjoyable events together!



PTA – GET INVOLVED

The PTA are always on the lookout for new members to join their team. If you're interested, why not pop along to the next PTA meeting? Details of the date and time will be shared via ParentApp soon!



PTA dates for your diary:

- **Monday 1st December – ‘Get Festive Day’** – children can come to school in Christmas jumpers/ outfits for a donation for the tombola. More information to follow.
- **Friday 12th December – ‘Come as You Please Day’** – exactly what it says – no uniform required for a donation for the bottle tombola. More details to follow.
- **Friday 12th December** from 3.30pm – **Christmas Fair.**

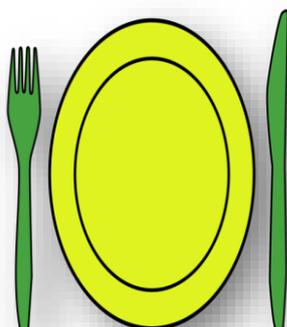
APPLICATIONS FOR RECEPTION CLASS PLACES 2025

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

If you would like to come along for a tour of school, we have an **Open Day on Wednesday 12th November 9.30am – 11.30pm.**



DINNER MONEY



A friendly reminder that all dinner monies need to be paid **in advance**. Our school uses the online payment system, MCAS. If you haven't yet registered for this system, please contact the school office, as we are continuing our shift towards a cashless approach. Alternatively, the office can accept cash payments in weekly, half-termly, or termly instalments. Please ensure that any money sent to school is clearly marked with your child's name and class. The amounts for the remainder of the Autumn Term are as follows:

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| Week | £13.25 |
| Second half term – autumn | £92.75 |

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS UPDATE

It has been a fantastic half term, with our children representing the school in a variety of sports, exemplifying dedication and teamwork. Our Year 5 and 6 cross-country team performed admirably, with the girls' team securing an impressive 8th place overall, competing against more than 40 schools. The boys also showcased great determination and sportsmanship, contributing to a commendable effort that highlights our school's commitment to fostering athletic excellence.



In addition, children from Years 3,4, 5 and 6, participated in dodgeball festivals, where our teams emerged successfully, demonstrating skill, sportsmanship, and collaboration. Our Year 3 and 4 football team took part in a festival at Sharples Secondary School, competing against several schools from our local cluster. This experience proved invaluable, as it helped build skills and enhance team spirit among the players.

We would like to take this opportunity to extend a huge thank you to all the parents who have supported our teams by providing transport to these events; your involvement is greatly appreciated and vital to our success. Additionally, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Mrs Hustwit, our PE lead, and Mrs Mawhood for their unwavering efforts in engaging our children in competitive sports. Their dedication has made a significant impact, enabling our children to shine as fantastic ambassadors for the school.

Looking ahead to the Spring term, we have several exciting sporting events lined up, including the Key Stage 1 Ten Pin Bowling Tournament, a Year 3 and 4 Gymnastics competition, a Year 5 and 6 athletics competition, and the Key Stage 2 Dance Festival—so do keep an eye out for updates on these thrilling occasions!

ATTENDANCE



In our commitment to supporting families, we understand there may be occasions when your child needs to be absent from school for appointments and other essential matters. We kindly ask that any requests for leave of absence during school hours be communicated via email to office@hardymill.bolton.sch.uk or through the Absence or Medical Notification tabs on the ParentApp. For clarity on how different types of absences will be coded, please refer to our school Attendance Policy.

We would like to remind you that, in line with government regulations, holidays taken during term time will not be authorised unless under exceptional circumstances. Please be aware that unauthorised absences may lead to fines from the local authority.

On a brighter note, our school governors have once again arranged for this year's holidays to include a two-week break during the summer term, running from Monday 25th May to

Friday 5th June. This adjustment proved beneficial for many families last year, offering more reasonably priced holiday options outside term time, and we hope it continues to do so.

We are here to support you and your child in any way we can. If you are facing challenges that may impact your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to reach out; we can work together to ensure their continued progress.

Thank you for your understanding and commitment to your child's education. Together, we can ensure that every school day contributes positively to their learning journey.



We hope that you have a very happy and safe half term! We look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 3rd November for our first theme week of the year, 'Interfaith and Diversity Week'. Exciting activities await, so see you soon!



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 |
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| NOVEMBER | | | |
| 3 rd – 7 th inc | Throughout the week | Theme Week – ‘Interfaith and Diversity’ – more details to follow | Throughout the school |
| 5 th | Throughout the day | Key Stage 1 and 2 Indian Dance Workshops | Hall |
| 6 th – 7 th | Throughout the day | Key Stage 2 Diversity Drama workshops | Hall/ classrooms |
| 10 th – 14 th | Throughout the week | Anti-Bullying Week – Power for Good - more details to follow | Throughout the school |
| 12 th | 9.30am – 11.30pm | Open Day (for prospective parents – Reception 2026 intake) | Throughout school |
| 12 th and 13 th | 3.30pm – 6.00pm | Year 6 Parent Meetings | In class |
| 14 th | All day | Children In Need fundraiser – more details to follow | Throughout the school |
| 24 th Nov – 28 th Dec inc | Throughout the week | End of term assessments and review in Year 1 to Year 6 | In class |
| DECEMBER | | | |
| 1 st | Throughout the day | PTA – ‘Get Festive Day’ – more details to follow | Throughout the school |
| 1 st | All afternoon | Christmas Tree Dressing Assembly | Hall |
| 3 rd , 4 th and 10 th | Days for each class to be confirmed | Nursery to Year 5 Parent meetings | In classrooms |
| 5 th | All afternoon | Key Stage 1 trip to Beauty and the Beast | Victoria Hall, Bolton |
| 8 th | 9.15am | Nursery Christmas Singalong | Hall |
| 8 th | All afternoon | Lower Key Stage 2 trip to Beauty and the Beast | Victoria Hall, Bolton |
| 9 th | All afternoon | Upper Key Stage 2 trip to Beauty and the Beast | Victoria Hall, Bolton |
| 9 th | 2.15pm | Key Stage 1 Christmas Production (Kay Class parents’ performance) | Hall |
| 10 th | 9.30am | Reception Christmas Production (1 st performance) | Hall |
| 10 th | 2.15pm | Key Stage 1 Christmas Production (Kenny Class parents’ performance) | Hall |
| 11 th | 9.30am | Reception Christmas Production (2 nd performance) | Hall |
| 11 th | 2.15pm | Key Stage 1 Christmas Production (Lancaster Class parents’ performance) | Hall |
| 12 th | Throughout the day | PTA – ‘Come as You Please Day’ – more details to follow | Throughout the school |
| 12 th | 3.30-5.30pm | PTA – Christmas Fair – more details to follow | Hall |

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| 15 th | 9.30am | Magic Mark Show for Nursery and Reception classes | Hall |
| 16 th | All afternoon | Kay, Kenny and Lancaster Classes Christmas Party | Class and Hall |
| 17 th | All afternoon | Devey, Heathcote and Leverhulme Classes Christmas Party | Class and Hall |
| 18 th | All morning | Crompton and Dibnah Classes Christmas Party | Class and Hall |
| 18 th | All afternoon | Lofthouse, Hamilton and Rostron Classes Christmas Party | Class and Hall |
| 19 th | 9.15am | Christmas Carol Service | Hall |
| 19 th | School closes at 2.15pm for the Christmas break. | | |
| JANUARY | | | |
| 5 th | School re-opens at 8.50am. | | |