



HARDY MILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2025

CHRISTMAS IS COMING...



As we dive into the festive season, Christmas preparations are already in hand, and it's certainly going to be a busy time! We will start our celebrations with our Tree Dressing assembly next Monday. Every child in school has crafted a decoration to hang on the school tree, and the children will be entertaining each other with delightful Christmas songs. Please check the diary dates at the end of the newsletter for all the upcoming festive events.

PTA UPDATE

The PTA are busily preparing for our Christmas Fair and hope that you can all join us! Your donations for the fair are most gratefully received and go a long way to ensure that the PTA can raise lots of money for school and fund those events/ resources etc. that school budget sadly does not stretch to. This term, PTA have already funded the replacement of 23 I-Pads, the cases for them and a trolley to keep them charged which the children have already started to benefit from in class.



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.
- **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**

AUTUMN TERM PARENTS' MEETINGS



Autumn term parents' meetings for nursery class to Year 5 will be taking place over the next two weeks. Please see below for the dates of your child's meetings. You can easily book your appointment online through ParentApp. Should you encounter any difficulties, don't hesitate to contact the school office; they will be more than happy to assist you!

Class	Days	
Nursery	Wednesday 3 rd December	Wednesday 10 th December
Dibnah 1	Wednesday 3 rd December	Wednesday 10 th December
Dibnah 2	Wednesday 3 rd December	Thursday 4 th December
Kay	Wednesday 3 rd December	Thursday 4 th December
Kenny	Wednesday 3 rd December	Thursday 4 th December
Lancaster	Wednesday 3 rd December	Thursday 4 th December
Devey	Wednesday 3 rd December	Thursday 4 th December
Heathcote	Tuesday 9 th December	Wednesday 10 th December
Leverhulme	Wednesday 3 rd December	Thursday 4 th December
Mrs Hustwit Year 5 morning group	Wednesday 3 rd December	Thursday 4 th December
Miss Qamar Year 5 morning group	Wednesday 3 rd December	Thursday 4 th December

Dyslexia Aware Quality Mark

We are thrilled to share some wonderful news with you! At the end of October, we welcomed assessors who evaluated our approaches in supporting learners with dyslexia. We are delighted to announce that we have been recognised for our excellent practice in this area.



One of the key strengths highlighted during the assessment was the inclusive environment that we have established throughout the school. It was evident that our classrooms are not only engaging but also calm and productive spaces where all our children can thrive. The assessors noted the importance that we place on fostering independence among our children. Our commitment to offering diverse learning opportunities was clear, showcasing a 'hands-on' and immersive approach that truly engages our children. Each classroom is equipped with a variety of resources designed to promote independence and encourage children to embrace challenges.

We are also excited to share that the assessing team has encouraged us to host visits from other schools looking to embark on their own 'dyslexia aware' journey, as our methods have been identified as a model for others.

A special congratulations to Mrs Hamblet for her outstanding leadership throughout this process, ensuring that all staff felt fully supported in developing provision for our children that is the best that it can be. This achievement is a testament to our collective dedication to creating an inclusive and supportive learning environment for all our children.



APPLICATIONS FOR RECEPTION CLASS PLACES 2026

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.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

On Friday 14th November, everyone in school took part in a fun challenge to raise money for Children in Need by joining the Strictly Come Dancing Dance Challenge! We all danced the 'cha cha cha' to the song 'What Makes You Beautiful'. It was so much fun, but we had to learn 25 tricky moves, and some of them were with a partner!



Even though it was challenging, we did it together! A huge thank you to everyone who supported us. Thanks to your generosity, we raised an amazing £1,677.71 for Children in Need! We think you are all absolutely amazing!

Thank you from School Council 😊

ATTENDANCE



In our commitment to supporting families, we understand that there may be times 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 further clarity on how different types of absences will be coded, I encourage you to refer to our school [Attendance Policy](#) .

We are here to support you and your child in any way we can. If you are facing challenges that may affect your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to reach out so that we may 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 day spent at school contributes positively to their learning journey.

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS UPDATE

What an exciting term it has been for our budding athletes! We have been busy joining competitions and festivals with other schools across Bolton, showcasing the incredible talent of our children.



Our Key Stage 1 children had a fantastic time representing the school at both the Dodgeball and Ten Pin Bowling festivals. Lower Key Stage 2 teams also got in on the action, participating in a Dodgeball festival and a football competition, with an upcoming friendly match against St Brendan's Primary to look forward to.

Upper Key Stage 2 really shone in the Cross-Country competition, with our girls achieving an impressive 8th place across the whole of Bolton, alongside their participation in the dodgeball festival.

We are super proud of all the children who have represented our school at these events. They demonstrated remarkable sportsmanship, teamwork, and enthusiasm throughout.

Looking ahead to the Spring term, we have several exciting sporting events lined up, including 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 events!

YOUNG FARMERS CHRISTMAS TRACTOR RUN – SUNDAY 7th DECEMBER



We are pleased to announce that, due to the fantastic success of last year's event, the Christmas Tractor Run will once again be making its way through Harwood! If you'd like to join in the festive fun, be sure to head to Morrisons at 5.15pm on Sunday, 7th December. The tractors will then travel up Hardy Mill Road, Stitch-Mi-Lane, and Hough Fold Lane, providing plenty of opportunities to catch a glimpse of these beautifully decorated vehicles!

BOLTON SCHOOL STEM COMPETITION

Last month, a team of our Year 6s participated in the annual STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) competition at Bolton School. A total of 116 Year 6 pupils from 29 primary schools came together to showcase their skills and creativity! Our team of four engaged in three exciting STEM activities centred around this year's theme: spirals.



The day was packed with fun and learning as the children delved into various challenges. In the Science strand, they explored the fascinating world of DNA, while in Design Technology, they collaborated to construct impressive spiral tunnels and tubes. The Maths segment presented some tricky problems that really got their brains working!

Our team demonstrated exceptional teamwork and problem-solving abilities, racing against the clock to complete their tasks. We are incredibly proud to announce that they secured second place in the entire competition!

Congratulations to Iwan, Archie, Keaton, and Jessica – your hard work and teamwork skills truly shone through!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER 2025			
	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
1 st	All day	Tree Dressing Assembly/ PTA Dress Festive Day – donations for the chocolate/sweet tombola and toy game	Hall
2 nd	10.30am	Key Stage 2 Choir carol singing at Manor Gardens	Manor Gardens
4 th	12.00pm	Christmas Dinner	Hall
5 th	12.45pm – 4.15pm	Key Stage 1 (Kay, Kenny, Lancaster) visit to pantomime – ‘Beauty and the Beast’	Victoria Hall
8 th	9.15am	Nursery Christmas Singalong	Hall
8 th	12.45pm – 4.15pm	Lower Key Stage 2 (Devey, Heathcote, Leverhulme) visit to pantomime – ‘Beauty and the Beast’	Victoria Hall
9 th	2.15pm	KS1 Performance ‘The Inn-spectors’ for Kay Class parents	Hall
9 th	12.45pm – 4.15pm	Upper Key Stage 2 (Lofthouse, Hamilton, Rostron) visit to pantomime – ‘Beauty and the Beast’	Victoria Hall
10 th	9.30am	Nativity Performance ‘The Big Little Nativity’ – 1 st performance	Hall
10 th	2.15pm	KS1 Performance ‘The Inn-spectors’ for Kenny Class parents	Hall
11 th	9.30am	Nativity Performance ‘The Big Little Nativity’ – 2 nd performance	Hall
11 th	2.15pm	KS1 Performance ‘The Inn-spectors’ for Lancaster Class parents	Hall
12 th	All day	Come as you please day – PTA – Donations for the bottle tombola Donations of bottles please.	Throughout school
12 th	3.30pm	PTA Christmas Fair	Throughout school
15 th	9.30am	Magic Mark Show visiting Nursery	Hall
16 th	All afternoon	Year 1 and 2 Party	Classroom and hall
16 th	3.45pm	Choir Christmas Singalong for parents	Drama studio
17 th	All afternoon	Year 3 and 4 Party	Classroom and hall
18 th	All morning	Nursery and Reception classes Party Day	Classroom and hall
18 th	All afternoon	Year 5 and 6 Party	Classroom and hall
19 th	9.15am	Carol Service	Hall
19 th	School closes at 2.15pm for the Christmas break. School re-opens on Monday 5th January at 8.50am.		