



HARDY MILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2026

SAFE IN THE SUN



We have been fortunate to have a lovely, sunny start to our final term of the school year and we hope we will be enjoying many more sunny days as the term goes on. Please make sure that you have applied sun cream to your child before they come to school and send them with a sunhat to help to protect them when they are outside. It is also important that they have their water bottle in school every day.

As and when the weather becomes sunnier, we will send out further advice to keep everyone safe in the sun.

LIBBY

After nearly three years of dedicated service, Libby, our school dog is retiring to enjoy well-earned naps and playtime. She has made a lasting impact on so many of our children's emotional well-being and we were so lucky to have her for so long. We are immensely grateful to Libby for the smiles she brought to so many faces including pupils, staff and parents!

We are sure you will join us in wishing Libby a relaxing retirement!





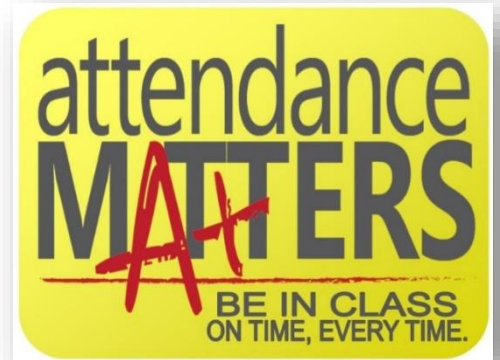
YEAR 6 SATs

In two weeks, our lovely Year 6 children will be sitting their KS2 SATs assessments. They have worked incredibly hard to ensure they are as ready as they can be, and I am sure you will all join me in wishing them the very best of luck.

If you see any of our Year 6 children before or after school, please give them a pat on the back and a good luck message to encourage them as they approach this important milestone!

ATTENDANCE

At Hardy Mill, we understand the importance of regular attendance for children's success. We kindly remind parents that any requests for leave of absence, including appointments during school hours, should be directed via email to office@hardymill.bolton.sch.uk or submitted through the Absence or Medical Notification tabs on ParentApp. For details regarding the coding of absences, please refer to our Attendance Policy.



Please note that holidays will not be authorised unless in exceptional circumstances. Unauthorised absences may result in a fine from the local authority, so we encourage families to plan accordingly.

Please be reminded that the governors have arranged a two-week half-term break this term, from Monday 25th May to Friday 5th June. This break aims to assist families in securing more affordable holidays outside of term time. Additionally, this two-week break has been included in the 2026-2027 term dates. It is also useful to note that an extra week of holiday has been added to the October half term in 2026-27 in line with local secondary schools. A copy of the 2026-27 term dates is included at the end of this newsletter.



FOOTWEAR

We have noticed an increasing number of children coming to school wearing trainers when it is not their PE day. We would very much appreciate your support and cooperation in making sure that children wear black school shoes with their school uniform and only wear trainers on PE days when they wear their active wear uniform. Thank you.

POWER LEAGUE FOOTBALL

A team of Year 6 children recently attended a Power League Football tournament. They played extremely well, showing great resilience and teamwork. Huge congratulations to the team who came second in the tournament.



HARPER'S INSPIRING CHARITY FUNDRAISER

We are thrilled to share the wonderful news about Harper's upcoming charity fundraiser! This July, Harper will be donating her hair to the Little Princess Trust, a remarkable charity that provides real hair wigs to children and young people who have lost their hair due to cancer and other conditions.

Harper feels deeply passionate about this cause and we are incredibly proud of her commitment to making a difference in the lives of others. In addition to her hair donation, she will also be raising funds to help support the creation of a new wig. She is already smashing her target of £700! Please visit her Just Giving page if you would like to support her:

https://fundraise.littleprincesses.org.uk/fundraising/nicolas-fundraising-page742?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL

Harper's selfless actions not only highlight her generosity but also serve as an inspiration to us all. Well done Harper!





SUMMER TERM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please find below a current list of dates for events. Please note that this is subject to change and further details about specific events listed will follow.

	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
MAY			
6 th May	All day	Reception trip to Imagine That	Reception
11 th – 14 th May	Each morning	Year 6 SAT tests	
18 th May	5:00pm	New to Reception Parent Meeting	School Hall
19 th May	5:00pm	New Nursery parent meeting	School Hall
20 th May	5:00pm	Robinwood meeting for Y6 parents	Rostron classroom
22 nd May	Throughout the day	Mini-Marathon Sponsored Event	Outside
22 nd May	3:30pm	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF TERM	
JUNE			
8 th June	8:50am	SCHOOL REOPENS	
W/c 8 th June	Throughout the week	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check	Teaching room
W/c 8 th June	Throughout the week	Y4 Multiplication check	Teaching room
18 th June	9.00am	Music Concert for parents of children learning an instrument with Bolton Music Service	School Hall
18 th June	Evening	KS2 Choir performing at the Music festival	Victoria Hall
22 nd June	All Day	Year 5 and 6 at Bolton Museum	
25 th June	All morning	Group Photographs	Drama studio
26 th June		Sports Day – KS2 AM and EY and KS1 PM – more details to follow	School Field
JULY			
1 st and 2 nd July	5:00pm	Y6 Performance	School Hall
3 rd July	3:30pm	PTA Summer Fair	School Grounds
W/c 6 th July	Throughout the week	Theme week – World Cup 2026	Classrooms and in the school grounds
6 th July	5.00pm	Meet the teacher meetings – Year 1 to Year 6	Classrooms
7 th July	9.00am	Dibnah Showcase	School Hall
8 th July		Move Up Day	New classrooms
9 th July		End of year reports sent home to parents – all year groups	
10 th – 12 th July	Y6 Robinwood Visit		
15th July	5.00pm	Leavers’ Service for parents, friends and family of Year 6	School Hall
16 th July	9.00am	Leavers’ Service for whole school	School Hall
16th July	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR SUMMER BREAK – CHILDREN TO BE COLLECTED AT 2.15PM SCHOOL RE-OPENS ON WEDNESDAY 2 nd SEPTEMBER – DOORS OPEN FROM 8.50AM		



TERM DATES 2026-2027

Autumn 2026

School opens: Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Half Term: Monday 26th October – Friday 6th November 2026

Term ends: Friday 18th December 2026 at 2.15pm

Spring Term 2027

School opens: Monday 4th January 2027

Half Term: Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February 2027

Term ends: Thursday 25th March 2027 at 2.15pm

Summer Term 2027

School opens: Monday 5th April 2027

Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May 2027

Half Term: Monday 31st May (Bank holiday) – Friday 11th June 2027

Term ends: Thursday 22nd July 2027 at 2.15pm

Dates for your diary

National SATS Tests for KS2 will take place week beginning 10th May 2027

National Phonics Screening for KS1 will take place week beginning 14th June 2027

National Multiplication Tables Check for Year 4 will take place week beginning 14th June 2027