



HARDY MILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2026

It has been a busy half term! Here are some of the highlights from recent activities that have truly showcased our children's enthusiasm for learning.

- Reception Class enjoyed an exciting day at *Imagine That!* in Liverpool, where they took part in a fantastic range of hands-on science experiments. The children were full of curiosity as they investigated, experimented and discovered new ideas learning through play.
- Years 5 and 6 have also been busy with their Pasty Project for Bolton Community Kitchen, kindly supported by Greenhalgh's bakery. This wonderful experience gave the children the chance to work together on a meaningful community project, while developing their skills and understanding of nutrition and cooking.
- In Year 3, our School Linking Project has been a real highlight. The children welcomed staff and pupils from Pikes Lane School into our school and visited Pikes Lane themselves to find out more about each other. It has been lovely to see friendships beginning to grow!
- Finally, a special mention must go to Year 6, who have successfully completed their end of Key Stage 2 SATs. They have shown incredible determination, resilience and effort throughout this challenging period and we are immensely proud of them.

PTA UPDATE AND SUMMER FAIR

Friday 3rd July – 3.30pm to 5.30pm

WE NEED YOU! The PTA is looking for friendly volunteers for this year's **Summer Fair**, which will take place after school on **Friday 3rd July**. Your help is important, and a request for volunteers will be sent out via ParentApp tomorrow, so please keep an eye out.



The PTA is working hard to make this event fun with lots of games and great prizes. To help with our fundraising, we will have **two 'Come As You Please' days on Friday 19th June and Friday 3rd July**, where children can wear their own clothes in exchange for bringing in a contribution for the fair.

If you can donate a prize for the raffle or are interested in running a stall, please let Hayley Parkinson or Mrs Howarth know via the school office. Any help you can give will be very welcome. Thank you!

SAFE IN THE SUN

We are hopeful for sunshine in the last few weeks of the school year. As the warm weather arrives, it is important to make sure our children are protected while they enjoy outdoor activities, playtimes and special events in the sunshine.

Please apply sun cream to your child before they come to school each morning. A high SPF is best and, if possible, please choose a water-resistant product. This will help to keep your child protected throughout the day, especially when they are running, playing and taking part in outdoor learning.

It is also very important that your child comes to school with a sun hat every day. A wide-brimmed hat is ideal, as it helps to shield the face, ears and neck from strong rays. Small steps like this can make a big difference to your child's comfort and safety in warm weather.

Please also make sure your child brings their water bottle to school every day, whatever the weather. Keeping hydrated is vital, particularly during active play and busy school days. Having regular drinks helps children stay well focused and ready to learn.

Please look out for further information about safety in the sun later this week as we will be sharing our new Sun Safety Policy and how you can help.

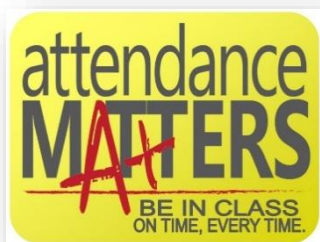
With this in mind, we have moved Early Years and Key Stage 1 Sports Day to a morning to avoid the afternoon sun, if it appears. The new date has been added to the calendar dates at the end of the newsletter.

Let's work together to ensure our children have a wonderful and safe final few weeks in the sun!



EARLY YEARS SAND PIT

The staff and children in Early years want to send out a big thank you to one of our parents, Mr Edwards, for building their new sand pit. The children are loving playing in it! Thank you so much Mr Edwards!



ATTENDANCE

We are delighted to share that the vast majority of our children have good and better attendance—thank you for making your child's schooling a priority! Regular attendance is crucial, as greater absence from school significantly increases the chances of your child underperforming and not reaching their full potential.

We understand that families often look for ways to make holidays more affordable, which is why our governors have introduced a two-week half term during the last week of May and the first week of June. This gives everyone the opportunity to enjoy a break without compromising their child's education.

Please remember that absence requests during term time will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. Unfortunately, holidays during term time will almost always be deemed unauthorised. We strongly encourage you to refer to our Attendance Policy available on the school website for more comprehensive information.

Your support in ensuring that your child attends school regularly is greatly appreciated and ultimately helps to foster a positive learning environment for all. Let's continue to work together to ensure every child has the best opportunity to succeed!

Parent WhatsApp groups can be a great way to stay in touch with other families in your child's year group and they are often useful for socialising. However, they are not the best place to share concerns about school, as issues cannot be resolved there. If you have any concerns, please bring them directly to school so that we can address them properly. We would also like to remind everyone that staff have feelings too and unkind comments are neither necessary nor respectful. Thank you for your support with this.



NUT FREE SCHOOL REMINDER

We would like to remind families that we are a nut-free school. We currently have a number of children in our school with nut allergies so it is essential that we all work together to keep our school environment safe and welcoming for everyone. Please do not send any nut-based products into school in packed lunches or as snacks. This includes items such as peanut butter, hazelnut spreads and chocolate spreads that contain nuts. We kindly ask that you check labels carefully before packing your child's lunch or snack as some products may contain traces of nuts even if they do not seem obvious at first glance.

Your support in following this important request makes a real difference to the safety and wellbeing of our pupils. Thank you for helping us to protect all of our children and for working with us to maintain a safe, caring school community.



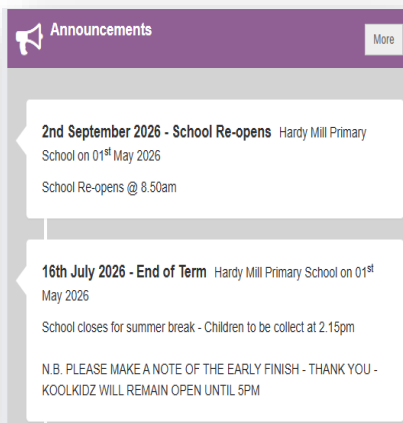
YEAR 1 & 2 FOOTBALL FESTIVAL



It was a gorgeous sunny morning at Moss Bank Park and our super excited and enthusiastic Key Stage 1 football squad could hardly contain their energy! We played 3-a-side matches, with the boys taking to the pitch first and then the girls following with equal excitement and confidence. Across the festival, we won quite a few of our matches, and the children showed brilliant effort in every game.

A special well done goes to Autumn and Rory, who both scored a hat-trick. Betsy and Dexter also made some great saves, helping to keep our team in the match and showing real courage in goal.

What made us especially proud was the sportsmanship on display throughout the day. The children cheered their team on in every game and represented the school with confidence, kindness and pride.



MCAS (My Child At School)

We are pleased to advise that we have opened up another function on MCAS. You will find the “Announcements” button on the bottom ribbon of the MCAS dashboard. This details upcoming events through to the end of the school year. Please keep a look out on here as further events may be added throughout the term.

We hope that this will prove to be a useful tool. Any suggestions for improvements regarding the content can be emailed to office@hardymill.bolton.sch.uk

CHARLES AND ALFRED’S MUDDY RACE FOR LIFE CHALLENGE

We are delighted to share that Charles (Leverhulme Class) and Alfred (Kay Class) will be taking part in the Muddy Race for Life on 4th July, alongside their auntie. This will be the second time Charles has run the event, having completed it last year too, while it will be Alfred’s first time taking on the challenge.

The boys are determined to raise as much money as possible for cancer research and we are sure they will give the event their very best effort. Taking part in a muddy race takes real commitment and Charles and Alf are showing fantastic resilience and courage by signing up and supporting such an important cause.

If you would like to support them in their fundraising effort, you can donate using the link below:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/charles-kirks-race-for-life>

We are incredibly proud of the boys for their enthusiasm and determination and we would like to wish them the very best of luck on the day. Well done, Charles and Alfred!





SAFETY REMINDER

We would like to remind all parents and carers to use the drop-off zone safely and courteously both in the morning and after school. Please take extra care when parking, and where possible, avoid stopping in a way that may block access for others. For the safety of our pupils, we kindly ask that engines are turned off when stationary and that speeds are kept below 5 miles per hour at all times within the school grounds. These small steps help to keep the area calm, organised and safe for everyone. Thank you for your support in keeping our children safe.



A reminder that school closes on Friday, 22nd May for half term. We wish you an enjoyable and safe half term break and look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 8th June.



SUMMER TERM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please find below a current list of dates for events. Please note the change to the Sports Day for Early Years and Key Stage 1.

	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
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	
23 rd June	All morning	Early Years and Key Stage 1 Sports Day – more details to follow	School field
25 th June	All morning	Group Photographs	Drama studio
26 th June	All morning	Key Stage 2 Sports Day – 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	
15 th 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
16 th July	SCHOOL CLOSING FOR SUMMER BREAK – CHILDREN TO BE COLLECTED AT 2.15PM SCHOOL RE-OPENS ON WEDNESDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER – DOORS OPEN FROM 8.50AM		