



HARDY MILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

PREPARING FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

As we get ready to welcome you all back next week, we want to share some important updates and reminders with our families. Working together will help make sure your child has a smooth start to the new year.

UNIFORM

Wearing the school uniform is important because it helps children feel like they belong and encourages fairness. When everyone wears the same clothes, it reduces distractions and helps children focus on their learning – which is what really matters!

We appreciate your support in making sure your child comes to school in the correct uniform every day. This not only helps us build a great school community but also teaches children about respect and responsibility. By following the uniform guidelines, we all contribute to a friendly environment where everyone feels valued and included.

During the first week of school, we ask that all children wear their full school uniform. This sets a great example right from the start. From the second week onwards, we will introduce Active School Wear for PE days. We will let you know during the first week which days your child has PE, to ensure that you are clear about when to send them in their Active School Wear.

If your child is not wearing the right Active Wear uniform, we will need to contact you to bring the correct kit before they can participate in PE activities. Your help with this is greatly appreciated.



SCHOOL BAGS

Children are expected to use the following types of bags. Book bags can be bought online from various shops. If you want a school logo bag, these are available from Whitakers or Smart Clothing in Bolton.

Classes Bags Permitted:

- **Nursery and Reception (Dibnah):** A drawstring PE bag for spare clothing and a book bag.
- **Kay, Kenny, and Lancaster:** A book bag only.
- **Devey, Heathcote, Leverhulme, Lofthouse, Hamilton, and Rostron:** A book bag or small bag only.

Please note, we do not have space for large rucksacks. Also, we ask for only one key ring to be attached to any bag.

DINNER MONEY

All dinner payments need to be made **in advance**. To help you manage this, the school office accepts cash and online payments through MCAS (My Child At School). These payments can be made weekly, half-termly, or termly.

We ask that any money sent into school is clearly labelled with your child's name and class.



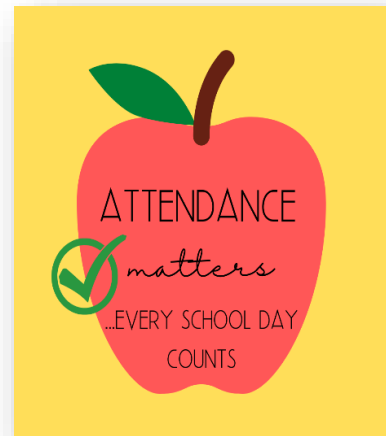
HEALTHY SNACKS

We are a healthy school and ask that only healthy snacks are sent in with children for break time. Please only send one snack for break time to support better eating habits among our students. Please remember that we are also a **NUT FREE school** so we do not allow any snack or packed lunch item that contains nuts. Thank you for your support with this matter.



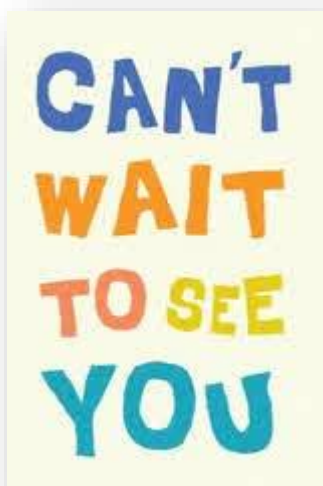
ATTENDANCE

We would like to remind you of the importance of regular attendance. We understand there may be times when your child needs to be absent for appointments or other reasons. Please let us know about any requests for leave of absence during school hours by emailing office@hardymill.bolton.sch.uk or by using the Absence or Medical Notification tabs on the ParentApp.



Also, please be reminded that holidays taken during term time will not be authorised unless under special circumstances. Families should know that unauthorised absences may lead to fines from the local authority. For more details, please check our school's Attendance Policy.

On a brighter note, we are pleased to let you know that our school governors have again included a two-week break in the summer term for the 2026-27 term dates. These dates are from Monday 31st May to Friday 11th June. The aim of a longer half term break in the summer term is to help our families find more affordable holiday options outside of term time.



SEE YOU ALL NEXT WEEK!

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to your child's education. We are here to assist you and your child in any way possible. If you encounter any challenges that may affect your child's attendance or learning, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us. Together, we can ensure that each school day is a positive step forward in your child's learning journey. We look forward to a wonderful new school year ahead!

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

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