



NEWSLETTER

5th September 2025

Welcome Back Message from Mrs Chadwick:

We would like to welcome our new Reception and Nursery children and also the other children who will be joining us in Y1, Y2 Y3 and Y4 next week. Also, a warm welcome to our new TA's who have joined our school staff.

The children have returned to school enthusiastic, happy and eager to learn with lots of stories of their summer break. We have had a very busy first week back but the children have settled quickly and are all enjoying their new year groups. They look very smart in their uniforms, thank you for your assistance.

Miss Fitton will be back with us as soon as she can. Y6 will be covered by experienced Y6 teachers including Mrs Harrison who works alongside Miss Fitton throughout the year in preparation for the SATs. I will keep you informed of any changes.

Pupil Groups

The children who have been chosen for the pupil groups: School Council, Eco Missionaries, GIFT Team, Reading Champions, Play Leaders, Wellbeing Buddies, Caritas Ambassadors will bring home their t-shirts or caps today and can start to wear them from next week.

Pilgrims of Hope

As part of the 2025 Jubilee Year themed 'Pilgrims of Hope' our Bishop John Arnold has blessed a number of anchors which are travelling across Salford Diocese and are being passed from one school to another.

On Monday, Mount St Josephs will pass the anchor onto our school for two days and we encourage our children and families to pray for hope in our world today. We will then pass on to St Gregory's.

SCHOOL GAMES AWARD

We have retained our Gold School Games rating this year! This recognises the work put into school sports, dance and games. A big thanks from Mr Harrison to everyone who makes this possible – Coach Tom, Vicky our dance teacher, and all staff members who organise PE sessions, supervise games on the playground, and do the Daily Mile. Thanks to the parents who walk to school with the children, 'Park and Stride', and allow the children to attend after-school clubs and events outside school. We must not forget the office staff, for their letters, texts, and medical provision, and the team selectors! Last, but not least, let's not forget the children themselves, who take part in what is offered with skill, grace, enthusiasm and great behaviour! Thanks, everybody – it is a true team effort, typifying all that is good about our school.

A MESSAGE FROM MR HARRISON

"As I head into retirement this week, I would like to extend a massive thank you to parents and children for the cards and presents I received, too numerous to mention! I had a truly memorable two decades at Our Lady of Lourdes – and the send-off I had over the last week of the Summer Term will stay with me forever. Good luck everyone for this new school year and the future!"

PE Days

PE lessons will start next week. Please ensure children come to school in their PE kit on their allocated day (earrings must be removed before school)

Monday	Reception
Tuesday	Nursery
Wednesday	Y3 and Y4
Thursday	Y2 and Y5
Friday	Y1 and Y6

Clubs

Hip Hop sessions start next week: KS1 on Monday and KS2 on Wednesday. There are still some places available. Please remember the children attending must bring suitable clothing to change into for the session, this includes trainers. The sessions finish promptly at 3.55 p.m. School led clubs will start after the October half term.

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Secondary School Applications

Families of children in year 6 can now apply for their secondary school place through the Citizen Portal, using this link:

[Bolton Citizen Portal Secondary School Applications](#)

Closing date is 31st October 2025

Primary School Applications

Families of children due to start Reception in September 2026 can start to apply for places through the Citizen Portal, using this link:

[Bolton Citizen Portal Reception Places Applications](#)

Closing date is 15th January 2026

UNIFORM

LOLOL blue sweatshirt or cardigan, grey skirt/pinafore or trousers, yellow polo shirt.

Girls: white socks or grey tights

Boys: grey socks

Black shoes (no boots or trainers)

PE Kit: OLOL PE hoodie, white t-shirt

(plain no writing or pictures), black joggers or leggings, trainers

Stud earrings can be worn, no other type of earrings should be worn. These **MUST** be removed on PE day. No other jewellery other than a normal watch (no SMART watches), watches must be removed for PE.

**** CHILDREN SHOULD COME TO SCHOOL IN THEIR PE KITS ON THEIR ALLOCATED PE DAY ****

Reporting your Child's Absence

If your child is absent from school, please contact the school office **before 9.00am EACH DAY OF ABSENCE**, to explain the reason for the absence. Unfortunately if we do not receive a reason, the absence will be noted as 'unauthorised'. Repeated 'unauthorised' absences could result in a fixed penalty notice being issued by the authority.

Please remember when completing any forms either for school or external agencies, these need to be completed with either BLACK or BLUE ink and preferably with capital letters. Documents are scanned and pale ink does not work.

NAMES IN UNIFORM

Please ensure your child's name is in all their uniform, in particular the school jumpers, cardigans and PE hoodies. Please be mindful that there are 30 children in a class and the majority have the same size jumper. Unfortunately, if the names are not in the clothing staff are unable to check; To assist with this, could parents/carers please check the correct clothing has been brought home and return any incorrect items to class.

Weekly Attendance

Reception	n/a
Year 1	98.7%
Year 2	99.1%
Year 3	91.7%
Year 4	93.3%
Year 5	95.2%
Year 6	99.6%
School	96.3%

Attendance Trophy Winner



Y6

Stars of the Week

Nursery	All our nursery new starters
Reception	Wojciech, Amaya
Year 1	Joshua, Luka
Year 2	Evie, Mohsin
Year 3	Asher, Rex
Year 4	Jaxon, Maia
Year 5	Tawana, Jade
Year 6	Leander, Jake

Dates for your diary

w/c 8th September 2025	Hip Hop after school club restarts on Monday (KS1) and Wednesday (KS2)
25th September 2025	YR to Y6 Flu Vaccinations in school—please return the consent form to the school office
1st October 2025	Y4 trip to Bolton Environmental Resource Centre
23rd October 2025	School closes for October half term

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