



NEWSLETTER

20th March 2026

Easter Raffle

Tickets are on sale for our Easter Raffle, please check the posters around school. The tickets are £1 per strip or 3 strips for £2. The last day to buy tickets is Wednesday 1st April. Please send your child to school with the money, this will be collected by the staff in their class and the tickets will then be sent home with the children (do not worry if these get misplaced, the names are written on the back of the tickets that are put in the draw). We ask that you avoid calling in at the school office to purchase tickets and send the money directly to class, unless you have no change as the office area can become blocked if we queue for tickets.

Names in Uniform

The weather is very changeable at the moment and children are removing jumpers/hoodies, could we please ask that you check your child's name is in all their clothing and ensure if rain is forecast they still have a coat.

MSJ Chaplaincy Day

Some children from our GIFT team and Caritas Ambassadors along with Miss Dennehy will be visiting Mount St Joseph's on Tuesday next week for a Chaplaincy Day.

We would like to remind you of the school guidance regarding children who are absent due to sickness and/or diarrhoea. Following advice from the school nursing team, any child experiencing these symptoms should remain at home for at least 48 hours after the last episode. This helps prevent the illness from spreading to other children and staff.

Please ensure you notify the school office of your child's absence, as they will be able to advise on when it is appropriate for your child to return. If you have been advised that your child should stay off until a specific date and they return earlier, you may be asked to collect them. Thank you for your support in helping us keep our school community healthy.

After School Clubs

Next week is the last week for the following after school clubs: **Recorder, Board Games and Performing Arts.** Science Club and hip hop finishes the following week (last week of term).

Following the ECO Missionaries litter pick this week Mrs Levay has asked former members to join an after school club to continue the community work to keep it tidy. Letters have been sent home, this will start in the new term.

Details of next terms teacher-led clubs will be sent out in due course, please note that these will be limited due to SATs and Phonics preparation.

Hip Hop Sessions

A message has been sent to families regarding the hip hop sessions for next term. The Monday session is for children in YR/Y1 and the Wednesday is session for Y2 to Y6.

You can sign up for this online via the MCAS system or collect a letter and pay cash at the office. Places are offered on a first come first served basis.

If your child already participates in any of the team clubs after school (e.g. ECO or GIFT) and these fall on the same day we are not able to refund your hip hop payment (as this is an external provider).

This week a small group of our Eco Missionaries went out of school to take part in the Big British Spring Clean with some of Bolton Council's Environment enforcement officers. As always they behaved impeccably and were even thanked and congratulated by a number of local residents for their commitment to the cause. We spent an hour litter picking around the local area but filled a staggering 8 bags of litter! Our local environment enforcement officers also spoke to the children about the opportunities for families within Bolton to volunteer to litter pick as part of community projects. If you are interested, free litter picking equipment can be requested here: <https://www.bolton.gov.uk/street-care-cleaning/volunteer-litter-picking>



I can do great things with God's love!

REMINDERS

Please can we remind parents/carers:

- ♦ Appointments during the school day to be avoided, but if necessary then the school office MUST be informed as early as possible rather than notified when being collected.
- ♦ Earrings must be removed on PE Days
- ♦ No other jewellery to be worn with the exception of stud earrings
- ♦ Outdoor coat to be brought to school every day
- ♦ Standard size water bottle brought to school every day (only water, no juices)
- ♦ School reading folders should be brought to school everyday unless instructed otherwise
- ♦ Please check reading folders each night for any information sent home from school
- ♦ Names are written in all school uniform
- ♦ We are a NUT FREE school
- ♦ We are a mobile phone-free school.

Spring2 After School Clubs

Mon	KS1 Hip Hop
Tue	Recorder, Board Games
Wed	KS2 Hip Hop, Science
Thu	Performing Arts

Spring Term PE Days

Monday	YR & Y6
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Y1 and Y5
Thursday	Y2 and Y3
Friday	YN/Y4/Y6

Dates for your diary

31st March 2026	Y2 trip to Smithills Farm
2nd April 2026	School closes at the earlier time 1.15pm for the Easter Break
3rd—10th April 2026	School closed for Easter Holiday
13th April 2026	School re-opens at normal time for Spring2 term
16th April 2026	National offer day for Reception places for September 2026

Facebook

Please remember to look at and 'like' our Facebook page for updates on the activities the children have been taking part in.

[OLOL Facebook](#)

Stars of the Week

Nursery	Patrick, Penelope	Year 3	Sarah, Tara
Reception	Helsby, Emily	Year 4	Ore, Leon
Year 1	Ella, Eizo	Year 5	Oliver, Rosie
Year 2	Theo, Mateusz	Year 6	Jack, Molly

UNIFORM

OLOL 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 Uniform: OLOL PE hoodie, white t-shirt (plain no writing or pictures), black joggers or leggings, trainers

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

Weekly Attendance

Reception	88.5%
Year 1	95.2%
Year 2	94.8%
Year 3	89.3%
Year 4	89.7%
Year 5	93.5%
Year 6	91.3%
School	91.8%



Attendance Trophy Winner



Y2 taken from Thu due to Eid

Absence Reporting

You should call the school office before 8.45 a.m. each day of your child's absence.
01204 333181

Please ensure your child returns to school as soon as possible.

USEFUL LINKS

[Parish Newsletters](#)

[School Website](#)

[Term Dates](#)

[School Facebook](#)

[Free School Meals Applications](#)

[MCAS Online Payments](#)

[Out of School Activities](#)

[Bolton Council Admissions](#)

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Easter Raffle

Lots of exciting prizes!

£1 per strip OR £2 for 3 strips!

Warburton's
hamper

the **CoffeeHouse**
gift card

Afternoon Tea at



**LAST DROP
VILLAGE**
Hotel & Spa



Chocolate bundles



Activity hampers

To be drawn on
Thursday 2nd April