



SUNNING HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Building a Bright Future Together

Ofsted Visit

As you will be aware, Ofsted visited school in the last week of term. Your children made us feel extremely proud in the way they conducted themselves during the inspection.

We have been told that the report for parents will be available, in most circumstances, 35 working days from the end of the inspection. As soon as it is made available a copy will be sent to you all.

Supporting Charities

During this term, you have kindly supported Urban Outreach and Kidz4kidz. Through your kind donations we have supported foodbanks to support families in Bolton and also less fortunate children around the world – thank you so much.

On Wednesday 18th December, we will be having our annual Jolly Jumper Day to support one of our chosen charities Bolton Hospice. This is an opportunity for the children to wear a festive or colourful jumper and donate towards this worthy charity.

Road Safety

As the nights start to get darker it is important that children can be seen on the roads. In the next few weeks you will receive a letter explaining how you can order a Hi Vis jacket for your child.

In school, we have been discussing road safety with the children. Please can you go over the following reminders with your children:

- When crossing the road look left and right before crossing.
- Don't cross between parked cars.
- When you get into a car ALWAYS put your seat belt on.
- When it is dark, wear reflective clothing so you can be seen.

Free Swimming

Swimming is an important life skill and has many physical benefits. It helps to strengthen muscles, develop lung capacity and generally keep children fit and healthy. It is important that children feel confident around water and have the right skills.

Children under the age of 17 can access FREE swimming at the following leisure centres: Bolton One, Horwich, Westhoughton and Farnworth. You will need a Leisure Card to do this.

<https://www.bolton.gov.uk/leisure-centres-sports-clubs/leisure-centres>

Autumn Term Diary Dates

Autumn Term 2024		
Monday	11 th November	Parents' Evening
Tuesday	12 th November	Parents' Morning 1H, 2P, 3H, 4T, 5R, 6S
Tuesday	12 th November	Odd Sock Day to support Anti-Bullying Week
Wednesday	13 th November	Y2 trip to Smithills Hall
Thursday	14 th November	Parents' Morning 1M, 2T, 3E, 4J, 5L, 6P
Monday	25 th November	Y6 Swimming for next 2 weeks
Monday	9 th December	5L Computing workshop
Tuesday	10 th December	5R Computing workshop
Thursday	12 th December	Children's Christmas Meal
Wednesday	18 th December	Jolly Jumper Day
Christmas Holidays – school closes Friday 20th December at 2.30pm and reopens Tuesday 7th Jan		

A Big Thank you

We would like to say a big thank you to The Qamar Trust who kindly donated more money to school to buy books for the children. The money has been used to buy class novels including Gangster Granny and Wonder.

Reception School Admissions

The closing date for reception place school admissions is **15th January 2025**. Please click on the link to get further information <https://www.bolton.gov.uk/admissions/apply-online-school-place>

My Child at School

We would like to thank all of our parents for taking the time to register on the new parent app MCAS. This system replaces SCOPAY for the payment of dinners, snacks and trips.

(Please note, if you have an outstanding trip balance on SCOPAY you can use this system to make a payment, future trips will be raised through MCAS).

Please ensure that you have downloaded the MCAS app and enabled notifications in your app settings, on your mobile device. Moving forward, we will be using push notifications to alert you to communications and letters. You will see this as a pop up/notification on your mobile phone.

From January 2025, MCAS notifications will replace the current messaging service we use (Teachers to parents). So it is very important the app is downloaded and notifications are enabled. If you need any further support please contact the main office.

Pupils that had £16.10 on their SCOPAY account have received their snack as normal. Refunds have been issued for amounts above or below this value. Please note, we have been unable to refund amounts of less than £1, where the original payment was made several years ago or in cash. These balances can be checked on SCOPAY. If you would like the refund please contact school. Any small balances remaining will be added to our school fund in December 2024.

Please remember that if you have any concern regarding your child, no matter how small, please get in touch. We are always keen to ensure that all our pupils are happy and settled in school. If you or your family needs support, advice or information please visit families@bolton.gov.uk