



Bolton by Bowland C.E. Primary School

Newsletter

Belong Believe Blossom

18th July 2025



All the best to our Year 6 Leavers. We are so proud of all you have achieved and will miss you.

Carry on being fantastic at your new school!



BIG NEWS!! From Tuesday 2nd September After School Club will be **FREE** and available from 3.30-5.30pm. We have asked Absolute Futbol to provide this opportunity and Coach James will be regularly supervising these sessions. We can accommodate a maximum of 16 children each afternoon. Please complete the booking form attached if you want to prioritise your booking. If not, adhoc bookings will need to be made before 10am on the day, to guarantee a place if there are any available, or in order that parents can make alternative arrangements if the club is full.

Children are welcome to refill their water bottles for the session and bring a nut free snack to eat from home.

On **Sunday 20th July** FOBBS are organising a fancy-dress sponsored walk from Bolton-by-Bowland to Sawley and back again to raise money and to promote our special village school. We will set off at 11am and stop to eat our packed lunches at Sawley Bridge. There will be a prize for the best fancy dress costume. Please come and join in or support the event by sponsoring those taking part. Thank you



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School Meal Menu – Week Beginning 2nd September – Week 1

Summer 2025	Monday	Tuesday Bolton Abbey	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choice 1	INSET DAY	Meatballs in Gravy	Roast Gammon	Burger in a Bun	Fish Fingers & Chips
Choice 2	INSET DAY	Cheese Omelette	Summer Picnic	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Pizza & Chips

School Dinners

Lancashire County Council's Schools and Residential Catering Services will be increasing the cost of school lunches for Nursery and KS2 children to **£2.90** from **September 2025**. This is an inflationary rise in line with food and labour increases.

Trophies Awarded for the Summer Term

Courtesy – Erin (Y1)

STEM – Arlo (Y2)

Sport – Sam (Y5)

Progress – Nancy (Y4)

Creativity – Isabelle (R)

Writing – Cassie (Y5)

Diary Dates

- School reopens on Tuesday 2nd September at 8.45am
- PE will now be every Monday and Friday afternoon from the 5th September
- Tempest Individual Photographs Tuesday 14th October
- Flu Vaccinations Tuesday 21st October
- School closes on Friday 24th October at 3.30pm for half-term and returns on Tuesday 3rd November

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For anybody in difficulty in the water -
Float to Live:

COLD WATER KILLS
IT'S MORE DANGEROUS THAN IT LOOKS

Scan here for more water safety advice and resources

Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service

**EVERY YEAR
PEOPLE DROWN
IN LANCASHIRE**

As temperatures rise, it's tempting to cool off with a swim in a river, canal, lake or reservoir. Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service is regularly called to rescue people who have got into trouble in the water.

WHAT ARE THE DANGERS?

- There is no supervision.
- The cold water temperature can claim your life in minutes - even if you are a strong swimmer.
- It's difficult to estimate the depth of the water. It may be much deeper or much shallower than expected.
- There are often no suitable places to get out of the water due to steep slimy banks or sides.
- There is no way of knowing what lies beneath - there could be weeds, pipes, shopping trolleys, sharp metal or broken bottles.
- Swimming in open water can lead to a variety of serious illnesses. There may be hidden currents. Flowing water or swimming in the sea can be especially dangerous.
- Alcohol and swimming don't mix - perception and capability are both affected by drinking.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU GET INTO TROUBLE?

Alert someone, preferably a lifeguard. Dial 999 and ask for the fire and rescue service if you are off a river, canal or reservoir and risk for the Coastguard if you're at sea. Explain your location clearly and describe any landmarks.

ENJOY THE WATER SAFELY THIS SUMMER

- Swim somewhere safe, like the swimming baths.
- Obey the warning signs around reservoirs, lakes, canals, rivers and at the beach.
- Value your own safety first - jumping into the water to rescue pets or belongings can be highly dangerous.
- Know what to do in an emergency - ring 999 and explain your location clearly and describe any landmarks.
- Enjoy organised water sports in a safe environment - with the correct equipment and a qualified instructor.

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ALWAYS FOLLOW THE WATER SAFETY CODE

Whenever you are around water:
STOP AND THINK
Take time to assess your surroundings. Look for the dangers and always research local signs and advice.

STAY TOGETHER
When around water always go with friends or family. Swim at a lifeguarded venue.

**In an emergency:
CALL 999**
Ask for the Fire and Rescue Service when inland and the Coastguard if at the coast. Don't enter the water to rescue.

FLOAT
Fall in or become tired - stay calm, float on your back and call for help. Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.

Enjoy Water Safety
Learn basic lifesaving and CPR skills. Visit www.rlss.org.uk

**Water safety tips
Be safe at inland water sites**

On average, more than 400 people drown in the UK each year. Nearly 60 of these are children and young people.

We believe that the majority of drownings are preventable.

Make sure that you and your loved ones are not counted in next year's drowning figures.

Here are some important water safety tips to help you stay safe:

Inland water sites
More people drown in inland waters than coastal or at sea (e.g. in rivers, canals, lakes, lochs, reservoirs and ponds).

- Swim at lifeguarded lakes.
- When around water, stay back from the edge. At least 22% of people who drown fall into the water by accident (e.g. whilst out fishing, running or walking).
- Remember that lakes and rivers remain cold all year round (warm shallow areas just a few metres from the shore can be misleading about the temperatures further out).
- Always wear a buoyancy aid or lifejacket for activities on the water or at the water's edge (such as when boating or fishing).
- Never enter the water after consuming alcohol.

For more information on being safe in, on and near water, visit www.rlss.org.uk

Discover fun ways to learn water-based personal survival and rescue skills, for all ages, by checking out our National Lifesaving Award Programmes. Or become involved by joining a local lifesaving club.

www.rlss.org.uk

www.drowningpreventionweek.org.uk

The Royal Life Saving Society UK is a registered charity in England and Wales (no. 1040681) and Scotland (SC032193). RLSS UK is a member of the RLSS Commonwealth (incorporated by Royal Charter).

LEARN TO FLOAT

If you get in trouble in the water, don't panic - follow these steps:

- Keep calm. Don't swim hard. Hold onto anything that floats.
- Lean back to keep your mouth and nose out of the water.
- Push your belly up and stretch out your arms and legs into a star shape.
- Controlly move your hands and feet to help you float.
- Do this until you feel more relaxed.
- When you're calm, raise your arms and shout for help. Swim to safety if you can.

Lifeboats

You can find really good practical water safety advice for all different situations from Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service and partner organisations

[Water Safety Tips](#) | [Open Water](#) | [Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service](#)

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Dear Parents/Kinship Carers of Current Year 5 pupils

Before the summer holidays begin, we wanted to get in touch with you about next term's prospective secondary school application, and how important it is to consider home to transport prior to making your final decision.

You must consider carefully how your child will get to and from your preferred secondary schools before submitting your application for a school place.

Pupils will only be eligible for free travel if they have an entitlement under the County Council's [Home to School Transport Policy](#). It is important, when selecting your preferences for a school place, that you have read and understood the information available on the [website](#) regarding [school admissions](#) and [travel assistance](#).

It is essential to remember - for transport purposes - the 'nearest suitable school' is the nearest school to the family home – and - in some cases, the nearest school will be located within another local authority area.

If you choose to send your child to a school that Lancashire County Council does not consider to be the nearest suitable school, there is no duty to provide free transport. You will need to make your own transport arrangements.

Assistance with home to school travel will not be needed for most children as they will attend their local school which will be within a reasonable walking distance when accompanied by a parent/carer as necessary.

However, if transport costs are a concern to you, please contact your Area Education Office before submitting your application:

NORTH AREA	SOUTH AREA	EAST AREA
Lancaster, Morecambe, Wyre and Fylde	Preston, South Ribble, West Lancashire and Chorley	Hyndburn, Ribble Valley, Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale
(01524) 581148	(01772) 532109	(01254) 220747

If your child is not eligible for free travel assistance but you would like your child to travel to school by bus, you may be able to buy a season travel pass from us.

The County Council will not provide extra services for non-statutory pupils and you will need to [plan how your child will get to school](#) if space on the bus is not available.

Please call 0300-123-6738 or visit [School bus season tickets - Lancashire County Council](#) to make an application.

It is important to plan ahead. Please make sure that appropriate transport is available, should a place be allocated at your preferred school.

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