



SEPTEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

Welcome BACK to SCHOOL

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that you enjoyed a restful and enjoyable summer break.

It has been fantastic welcoming you all back to a new academic year. A particularly warm welcome to the families who are joining us for the first time - whether your child is starting in Reception or has joined us in another year group, we are delighted to have you as part of our school community.

The staff and I are very much looking forward to another positive and successful year ahead. We have lots planned for the coming months, including engaging learning opportunities, enrichment activities, and opportunities for you to come into school and share in your children's achievements.

As always, our priority remains the well-being, safety, and academic progress of every child. In order for children to thrive, it is important that they attend school every day and arrive on time. School opens at 8:45am and learning activities start straight away! Thank you for ensuring that the children arrive on time and are ready for learning.

You will have an opportunity to meet your child(ren's) teachers in the coming weeks but in the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact us in school if you have any questions or need support with anything.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Mr Bevan
Headteacher





TREASURE ISLAND

What an exciting start to the term we had on Monday! Children in Years 2 to 6 were treated to a swashbuckling show when we were visited by some pirates!

The children gave the audience participation plenty of gusto! We could hear shouts of "He's behind you!" from outside!



MUSIC LESSONS



Bolton Music Service can provide music lessons for children in Y1–Y6. For more information click [here](#). Here is a video giving more details: <https://youtu.be/aP2fh-wO17o>

STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPT 2026

Applications for places in reception from September 2026 can be made from 1st September 2025 online at:

<https://www.bolton.gov.uk/admissions>

The closing date for applications is **15th January 2026**.

Open Days

8th October 2pm–6pm

9th October 9am - 12pm

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Our open days will be on 8th and 9th October. Please share with any families whose children are due to start Nursery or Reception in September 2026.

HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME



As per Government guidelines, holiday requests will not be authorised unless in exceptional circumstance. Unauthorised absences may attract a fine. From 1st August 2024 fines are now £80 per child per parent, payable to Bolton Council.

We would ask that no holidays are booked in May as this is SATS month, not just a week and all children have assessments in May.

WELCOME TO THE PTFA

All are welcome to join our PTFA. All parents automatically become a member of the PTFA when their child starts at Harwood Meadows and any help, no matter how small, is always very welcome. Speak to your class representative for more information.

PARKING NEAR SCHOOL



Please could we politely remind parents to park considerately in our local area. Please ensure that driveways of local residents are not blocked. We have had a number of complaints from residents about inconsiderate and dangerous parking. Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The photographer will be in school from 8:30am on Friday 19th September. Younger siblings not yet in school are welcome to come between 8.30am and 8.45am for family photos.



LOST PROPERTY

We have a lost property box outside the office which children can look in for any missing items.

Please could we ask parents to label all items of clothing to ensure they don't get lost.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER SALE



Christmas jumper day this year is on Friday 5th December 2025

We know Christmas is an expensive time of the year for our families, and as so many Christmas jumpers only get worn a handful of times before they are grown out of we would like to have a Christmas Jumper sale. Jumpers will be sold for £1 each and will be available to buy during our parent conferences which are:

Nursery to Year 2 - 11th and 12th November
Year 3 to Year 6 - 18th and 19th November

Please donate any unwanted Christmas jumpers by Friday 7th November so that we can sort them into sizes ready for our families to buy the following week.



**SAVE
THE DATE**

MEET THE TEACHER

Parents of children in Year 1 to Year 6 are invited to come and meet their child's class teacher on Tuesday 23rd September. In this 30min meeting you will learn more about the topics being covered in your child's class this year and how you can support your child in their learning.

Sessions are 3.45pm - 4.15pm

or

4.15pm - 4.45pm

You need only attend one session, this is to allow parents to visit multiple classes if their child has siblings.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARDS

To promote good attendance throughout the school this academic year we shall be having weekly attendance awards.

Each Friday children who have had 100% for that week will be entered into a draw and one lucky person's name from each class will be pulled out. They will then be able to choose a prize from the prize box.

We will also be awarding termly hampers to parents whose children have excellent attendance as well as our end of year attendance awards.

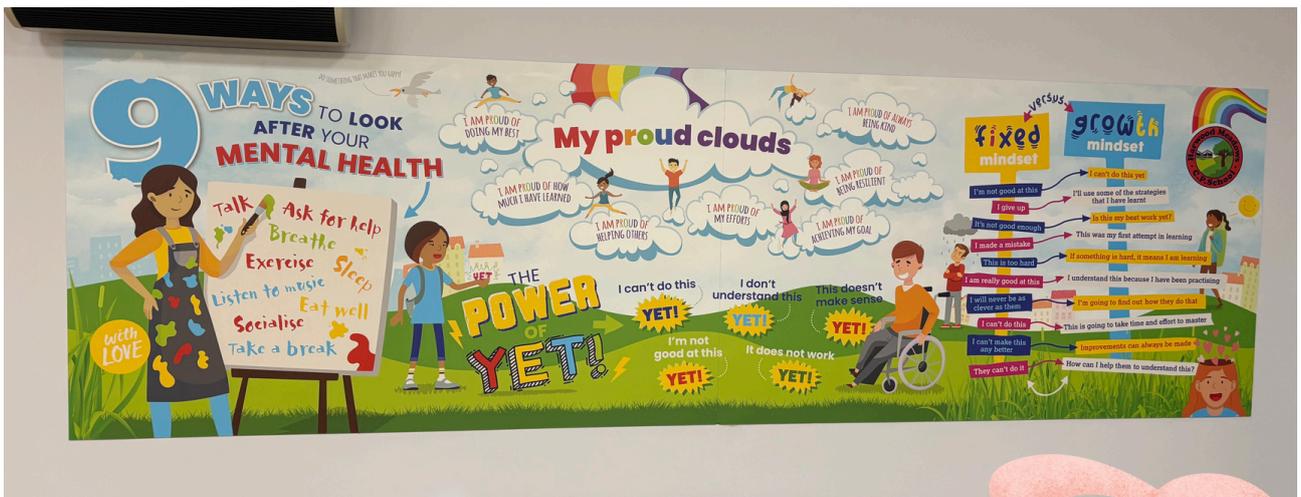


HOPPING BRILLIANT WALL ART!



Over the summer we had our wall art installed thanks to the incredible fundraising the children did at our Easter bunny hop. I think you'll agree that they look fantastic!

Well done to all the children for being such excellent hopping bunnies!





A WOOLLY REQUEST

As part of their topic this term, Y6 will be doing a Maya weaving project. They would be very grateful for any donations of balls of wool that you may have at home. They don't need to be full balls of wool, any odds and ends of wool would be happily received.

CONGRATULATIONS MISS MCFADDEN!



A big congratulations to Miss McFadden who welcomed a lovely baby girl in the summer. Little Erin is being doted on by her big brother who is already introducing her to the joys of dinosaurs! Looking forward to some little baby cuddles when Miss McFadden and Erin come to visit.





AUTUMN TERM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Friday 19 th September	School photographs
Tuesday 23 rd September	Meet the teacher 3.45pm - 4.15pm OR 4.15pm - 4.45pm
Monday 29 th September - Wednesday 1 st October	Y6 trip to Robinwood
Monday 6 th October	Reception trip to Hedgehog Woodlands
Monday 6 th October	Robinwood meeting for Y5 parents 5pm
Wednesday 8 th October	Open afternoon 2pm - 6pm
Thursday 9 th October	Open morning 9am - 12pm
Friday 17 th October	Flu vaccinations
Tuesday 21 st October	Y2 trip to Staircase Museum
Wednesday 22 nd October	Y3 Stoneage workshop
Monday 27 th October - Friday 31 st October	HALF TERM





AUTUMN TERM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Tuesday 11 th November and Wednesday 12 th November	EYFS and KS1 parent conferences
Tuesday 11 th November and Wednesday 12 th November	Christmas Jumper sale
Tuesday 18 th November and Wednesday 19 th November	KS2 parent conferences
Tuesday 18 th November and Wednesday 19 th November	Christmas Jumper sale
Thursday 20 th November	Y2 trip to Chester Zoo
Thursday 20 th November	Y4 Greek Workshop
Thursday 4 th December	KS2 Christmas panto trip
Friday 5 th December	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Dinner Day Christmas Fair
Tuesday 9 th December	KS1 Victorian Christmas trip
Wednesday 10 th December	EYFS Octagon Panto trip
Tuesday 16 th December	EYFS Christmas performance 10am
Wednesday 17 th December	KS1 Christmas performance 2pm



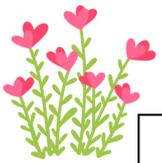


AUTUMN TERM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Thursday 18 th December	Y3 & Y4 Christmas performance 9am
Thursday 18 th December	Class Christmas party afternoon
Friday 19 th December	Y5 & Y6 Carols around the tree 9am
Friday 19 th December	School finishes at 2pm





SPRING TERM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Monday 5th January	Training Day
Tuesday 20 th January	Y2 trip to Brockholes
Thursday 29 th January	Y6 trip to Stockport Air Raid Shelter
Wednesday 4 th February	Y2 assembly 9am parents welcome
Thursday 12 th February	Y3 assembly 9am parents welcome
Monday 16 th February - Friday 20 th February	HALF TERM
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Tuesday 10 th March	Y4 trip to Sevenacres
Tuesday 10 th March & Wednesday 11 th March	EYFS and KS1 parent conferences
Thursday 12 th March	Y3 trip to Bolton Museum
Thursday 12 th March	Y1 assembly 9am parents welcome
Tuesday 17 th March & Wednesday 18 th March	KS2 parent conferences
Thursday 19 th March	Y1 trip to Blackpool Zoo
Thursday 26 th March	Y4 assembly 9am parents welcome
Wednesday 1 st April	Egg Creations
Friday 3 rd April - Friday 17 th April	Easter break





SUMMER TERM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Tuesday 28 th April	Y5 trip to Turton Tower
Thursday 30 th April	Y4 trip to Ordsall Hall
Thursday 7 th May & Friday 8 th May	Y5 Bikeability
Week beginning 11 th May	Y6 SATs week
Tuesday 12 th May	EYFS trip to Imagine That!
Thursday 21 st May	Y5 assembly 9am parents welcome
Monday 25 th May - Friday 29 th May	HALF TERM
Monday 1 st June	Teacher training day
Week beginning 8 th June	Book Fair week
Tuesday 16 th June	KS1 & KS2 Sports Day 1.15pm - 3.15pm
Thursday 18 th June	EYFS Sports day 2pm - 3pm
Monday 22 nd June	New parents evening 5pm
Friday 26 th June	Class photographs
Tuesday 30 th June	RESERVE KS1 & KS2 Sports Day
Thursday 2 nd July	RESERVE EYFS Sports Day



SUMMER TERM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Friday 3 rd July	Summer Fair
Wednesday 15 th July	Y6 Leavers performance 2pm & 6pm
Thursday 16 th July	Y6 Leavers assembly 2pm parents welcome
Friday 17 th July	School finishes at 2pm