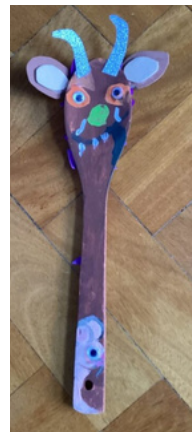


FEBRUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

WORLD BOOK DAY - THURSDAY 5TH MARCH

This year to celebrate World Book Day we are asking children to turn a wooden spoon into their favourite book character. Spoons will be sent home with children before half term so they can work on them over the holiday.

Please bring your finished design into school on Thursday 5th March when prizes will be handed out to the winning spoons!



We also know how much some children enjoy dressing up! So on Thursday 5th March there are three options for children.

Option 1 - Come dressed as your favourite book character

Option 2 - Come dressed in your pjs



Option 3 - School uniform for those children who don't enjoy dressing up



HARWOOD MEADOWS SPORTING CHAMPIONS

Four year 6 children represented Harwood Meadows at a table tennis tournament at Thornleigh High School this week. They all played a number of matches and definitely all won more than they lost. A good time was had by all and they all left with a bat as a souvenir.

Look out for more sporting news on future newsletters.



We'd love to hear of children's sporting achievements outside school. Maybe they got their 100m swimming certificate, took part in a dance competition or scored the winning goal in a football tournament.

Please send any photos into school and they can be featured in our monthly newsletters



SCHOOL MEALS

Due to annual inflation costs from 31st March 2026 Dolce have increased their school meals prices to £3.00 per day for children in Year 3 to Year 6 and £2.88 for Nursery children.



SOCIAL MEDIA

Did you know you can follow us on social media? Share and like!

Find us on Instagram @harwoodmeadowsprimaryschool
Our Facebook page is Harwood Meadows School
And you'll find us on X @HMPCS



IRONKIDS®

On Saturday, June 6, the children take centre stage for the world's largest IRONKIDS, when up to 6,000 young people aged 3-16 take on the challenge of running 500m, 1000m or 1500m.

With the capacity increased again this year to accommodate 6,000 children, Bolton once again holds the title of hosting the biggest IRONKIDS in the world.

Bolton's IRONMAN 70.3 weekend is a spectacular family-friendly event that gets bigger every year. There is something for people of every age and fitness level, from young children to fun runners to dedicated amateur athletes.

IRONKIDS is a great Bolton tradition and has become the biggest in the world with 6,000 kids set to head down the iconic red carpet this year.

The weekend is set up to be one of the best yet!

Register for IRONKIDS https://bit.ly/IMBolton_Register



WHY IS REGULAR ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL IMPORTANT?

ATTENDANCE



Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life. Research shows that children with higher attendance rates consistently gain better grades and achieve greater levels of attainment. Attendance is a key factor in facilitating learning and maximising educational outcomes.

Days off school add up to lost learning.

HOW DOES YOUR CHILD COMPARE?

| Attendance during one school year. | Equals this number of days absent | Which is approximately this many weeks absent | Which means this number of lessons missed |
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| 95% | 9 days | 2 weeks | 45 lessons |
| 90% | 19 days | 4 weeks | 90 lessons |
| 85% | 29 days | 6 weeks | 145 lessons |
| 80% | 38 days | 8 weeks | 190 lessons |
| 75% | 47 days | 9.5 weeks | 285 lessons |



WHAT IS THE HUB OF HOPE?

The Hub of Hope is the UK's leading mental health support database. It is provided by national mental health charity, Chasing the Stigma, and brings local, national, peer, community, charity, private and NHS mental health support and services together in one place for the first time.



To date, the Hub of Hope has directed hundreds of thousands of people to life-changing and even life-saving support and it is now the UK's go-to mental health support signposting tool, with thousands of local, regional and national support groups and services listed.

If you, or someone you care about, is experiencing mental and emotional distress, the hub of hope can help direct you to organisations which can help.

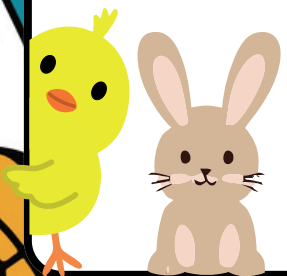
[Mental Health Support Network provided by Chasing the Stigma | Hub of hope](#)

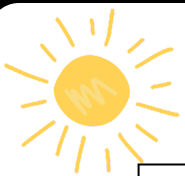


SPRING TERM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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| 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 |
| Friday 13 th March | Reception – Muffins with Mummy |
| 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 |

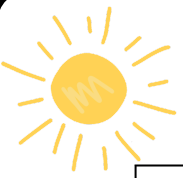




SUMMER TERM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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| 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 |
| Tuesday 23 rd June | Music concert for Bolton Music Service fee paying students 2pm - 1.30pm. Parents invited |
| Friday 26 th June | Class photographs |
| Tuesday 30 th June | RESERVE KS1 & KS2 Sports Day |



SUMMER TERM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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| Thursday 2 nd July | RESERVE EYFS Sports Day |
| 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 |