

# MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER



## EASTER ACTIVITIES

### FRIDAY 13TH MARCH - OWN CLOTHES DAY FOR EASTER EGG DONATIONS

Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes in exchange for a donation of an Easter Egg for the Easter Egg hamper raffle.

### WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL - EGG CREATIONS

This year all children, from Nursery up to Year 6 are invited to make an Egg Creation! Maybe they'll be egg-spired to create some egg animals, an egg-ceptional scene from a movie or an egg-hausting sporting event!



Winners will be picked from each class and children are welcome to bring in their creations from 30th March.

### THURSDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL - EASTER EGG HAMPER RAFFLE DRAW

Raffle tickets at £1.50 will be available to purchase from 23rd March to be in with a chance to win one of the delicious Easter Egg Hampers! What a way to start the Easter break, a chocoholic's dream!



## WORLD BOOK DAY - THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

This year to celebrate World Book Day we are asking children to turn a wooden spoon into their favourite book character. Spoons were sent home with children before half term.

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



We also know how much some children enjoy dressing up! So on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 CHAMPIONS

Each month we will be celebrating our children's achievements, both inside and outside of school. Please send any photos of what our awesome pupils get up to outside of school on Dojo to Mrs Green so that they can be featured in next month's newsletter.



Caspian in Reception has had a busy few weeks! He was awarded Swimmer of the Week for swimming underwater and through a hoop in deep water. Then he won it again for his hard work swimming in his PJs for Water Safety Week. Well done Caspian! Part boy part dolphin!



Our very own future Olympian Theon in Year 3 won an award for completing an incredible 4 triathlons this season. What an amazing achievement!



You may have seen Milly in Y6 selling her homemade bracelets at the Christmas fair to raise money for Bolton Hospice. She decided to wait for the double donation day and has turned her £82 into £164! Well done Milly!

Our budding actress in Y5 Athena was recently asked to go to Leeds to film in a West End Promo video for Matilda the Musical. Next stop Broadway!



## KINDNESS ONLINE

We'd like to gently remind parents and carers to regularly check your child's phone and online activity to ensure the apps, games and messages they are accessing are age-appropriate. Having open conversations at home about staying safe online makes a big difference.

We have also had a few instances of unkind comments being shared in online chats and WhatsApp groups. Please remind your child that the same kindness and respect we expect in school should be shown online too.

Words shared digitally can have a real impact.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep all of our children safe and happy, both in school and online.



## MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOL

In line with the Government's guidance, Mobile phones in schools, our school does not permit pupils to use mobile phones during the school day.

If a child needs to bring a phone to school (for example, for travel home), it must be switched off and away (upon entering school grounds) and handed to the class teacher for safekeeping until the end of the day.

Why is this important?

A mobile phone-free school day:

- Reduces distractions and supports learning
- Encourages positive friendships and play
- Helps protect children from online risks and cyberbullying
- Supports children's wellbeing and focus



Our Mobile Phones Policy can be found on the school website.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a safe and focused learning environment for all children.

## CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

We would like to inform you that our Chair of Governors, Ian Moore, has made the decision to step down from his role. While we are naturally very sorry to see Ian step down, we are extremely grateful for the time, dedication and commitment he has given to our school community. Ian always led with integrity and has always had the children and Harwood Meadows at heart, particularly as all 3 of his children attended Harwood Meadows over the years. On behalf of the staff, governors and pupils, we would like to thank him sincerely for his service and wish him every success for the future.



We are pleased to share that one of our current governors, Katharine Collingwood, will be taking on the role of Chair of Governors. We warmly welcome her to this position and look forward to working together as we continue to support and develop our school.

## HEALTHY SNACK REMINDER

A quick reminder to all families about sending healthy snacks into school each day.

We encourage children to bring nutritious, balanced snacks to help them stay focused and energised for learning. Please remember that we are a nut-free school to keep all of our pupils safe, including those with severe allergies.

### ✓ Healthy snack ideas:

- Fresh fruit (e.g. apples, bananas, grapes, berries)
- Chopped vegetables (carrots, cucumber, peppers)
- Cheese cubes or cheese strings
- Yogurt (please include a spoon if needed)
- Rice cakes or plain crackers
- Wholegrain cereal bars (nut-free)
- Boiled eggs
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### ⊘ Please avoid:

- Any products containing nuts or labelled "may contain nuts"
- Chocolate bars and sweets
- Fizzy drinks or energy drinks



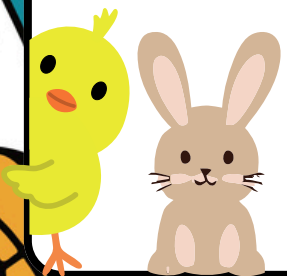
Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a safe and healthy environment for all children. If you are unsure whether a product is suitable, please check the label carefully or speak to a member of staff.

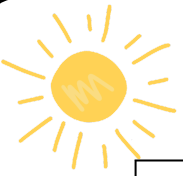


## SPRING TERM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 trip to Sevenacres
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March & Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	EYFS and KS1 parent conferences
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 trip to Bolton Museum
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Y1 assembly 9am parents welcome
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception - Muffins with Mummy
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March & Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	KS2 parent conferences
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Y1 trip to Blackpool Zoo
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 assembly 9am parents welcome
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Egg Creations
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April - Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter break

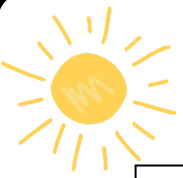




## SUMMER TERM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



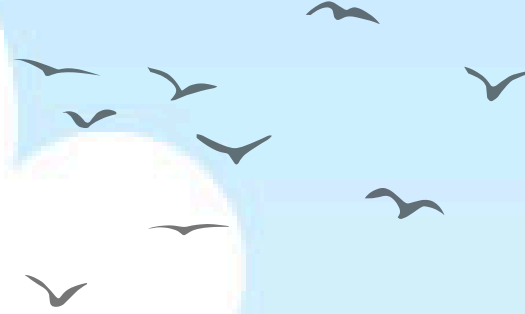
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Y5 trip to Turton Tower
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Y4 trip to Ordsall Hall
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May & Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Y5 Bikeability
Week beginning 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs week
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	EYFS trip to Imagine That!
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Y5 assembly 9am parents welcome
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	HALF TERM
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Teacher training day
Week beginning 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Book Fair week
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	KS1 & KS2 Sports Day 1.15pm - 3.15pm
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	EYFS Sports day 2pm - 3pm
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	New parents evening 5pm
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Music concert for Bolton Music Service fee paying students 2pm - 1.30pm. Parents invited
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Class photographs & school BBQ
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	RESERVE KS1 & KS2 Sports Day



## SUMMER TERM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	RESERVE EYFS Sports Day
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Summer Fair
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers performance 2pm & 6pm
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers assembly 2pm parents welcome
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	School finishes at 2pm



# Community Play Sessions



Join us for a range of exciting play sessions with our Early Years team for children aged 1yr - 4yrs. Sessions are 10am - 11.30am.

Safe, creative and fun activities for all, come and explore our outdoor play area, forest school field and 4D immersive space.

Join us for creative play, new friends and lots of fun!

## Tuesday 31st March 2026 - Easter Fun



Please contact school to book your place:  
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