

October 18th 2024



Please can you advise the office as soon as possible of any changes to contact details for your child, including mobile numbers, home landlines and full addresses for **both** parents. Please also update any dietary and medical information for each child, so our records are constantly up to date.

Email: main@sspp.bolton.sch.uk

St Peter & St Paul's RCP School
Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

On Friday 25th October we say a sad but fond farewell to Ms Hodgkinson.

She first started her journey at St Peter & St Paul's as a parent before joining us as a member of staff.

Saying goodbye to a long-time colleague and friend is always a bittersweet occasion, and this is particularly true as we gather to honour and bid farewell to a remarkable individual who has dedicated 27 years of their life to our family. This transition marks not just the end of a chapter but the culmination of countless shared experiences, milestones, and memories that have shaped both the individual, the families that have moved through St Peter & St Paul's, the former work colleagues and the collective spirit of our current team.

The familiar rhythms of daily interactions, the friendships forged, and the shared laughter create a tapestry of memories that we are sure she will cherish deeply. It is this emotional complexity that makes the goodbye bittersweet—a poignant reminder of what was built over nearly three decades.

Several colleagues have also expressed their gratitude for the moments of laughter they have shared with her even during stressful times - her sense of humour has brightened even the toughest of days. These light-hearted moments are the treasures we hope she will carry with her, serving as reminders of the joy we found in each other's company.

The emotional impact of this farewell is profound. After nearly three decades,

Ms Hodgkinson has not only been a steadfast contributor but also a source of inspiration, mentorship, and friendship. Her departure signifies a significant change in our work environment, as we reflect on the wealth of knowledge and expertise her brought to her role. Whilst it is hard to say goodbye – we are excited for her new adventures. She has touched so many lives here and her legacy will continue to inspire us.

As Ms. Hodgkinson moves on to her new role, we extend our deepest thanks for all that she has contributed over the years. We wish her continued success and fulfilment in this next chapter of her career.

She will be greatly missed by the staff and the students. We wish her all the best.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Bates



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Caritas Ambassadors

Our Caritas Ambassadors visited 'Lucie's Pantry' based at Emmaus to donate the harvest festival gifts, kindly donated by yourselves. This worthwhile local cause is a social supermarket that currently operates as a food bank, which provides both a sustainable and affordable source of food and household essentials to members of the Bolton community that are struggling to make ends meet through debt, illness or low income.



Freshwater Theatre



The Freshwater Theatre visited our Year 3 class to talk about 'Volcanoes and Earthquakes'. In this dynamic and interactive workshop they learned all about the world's most notorious volcanoes, and the countries affected by earthquakes as well as the causes and effects. Using drama techniques such as mime they experienced the effects of being caught up in such natural disasters. A fantastic learning session was had by all the children.



Virtues to live

Rec	Daniel
Year 1	Amen
Year 2	Ruona
Year 3	Ezra
Year 4	Zara
Year 5	Chuck
Year 6	Charline



Student of

Rec	Willow
Year 1	Nadia
Year 2	Hiba
Year 3	Alfie
Year 4	Devansh
Year 5	Arthur
Year 6	Fatima



Weekly Attendance

Well done Year 1 to who are this week's attendance superstars with 100%

Year 1 are our most punctual class.

Well done everyone!



KS2 Panathlon

Five of our KS2 children enjoyed an afternoon out at Sharples school where they took part in a Panathlon against other schools in the Bolton area. The children participated in a variety of sports ranging from curling, table cricket, basketball and boccia. The children did themselves and the school proud, returning with medals and certificates rewarding their achievements.

Well done to you all.



We are currently in the season of Autumn when we celebrate Harvest and the nights are closing in and we long for cosy nights by the fire!! To help celebrate this we are holding our Spooky Disco after the half term holidays. We are letting parents know now so that you have the half term break to find suitable costumes for your children as we would love to see as many ghouls, Frankenstein's, Wednesdays and Girl Zombie prom queens as possible. The disco is booked for Thursday 7th November and times will be given out soon.

School Holiday Absence

Please remember that **NO** holidays during term time will be authorised. Unauthorised absences of 5 days or more, during two consecutive half terms, will incur a penalty notice from Bolton Council.

Attendance Expectations

What YOU must do:

Try to telephone the school before 8.30am each day of your child's absence.

Tell the school in advance, of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters.

If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.

Have a backup plan for if your child misses transport, call on a family member, neighbour or friend.

If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

What WE will do:

Check your child's attendance every day.

Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.

Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.

If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit

School Uniform

Please can we just remind you of our uniform policy which does state :- black shoes to be worn with uniform, plain black trainers to be worn with active wear, no jewellery apart from plain studs for earrings and a watch - analogue or digital (but no smart watches) - for our older children. Also due to health and safety reasons there can be no earrings for PE - they must be taken out at home before your child comes to school. If they are unable to remove them themselves - we are not able to put plasters on to cover them. Also children's hair should not be dyed or have temporary pieces in; short hair should not be worn shorter than a 'number 2' - patterns and lines are not allowed, hair bobbles and slides should coordinate with school uniform, whilst coloured braids, even though they are gorgeous, are not allowed.



Your child's birthday is important to us and we wish to make your child feel special on this day. We have decided that the following will happen on your child's birthday:

- They can wear their own clothes on that day if they wish.
- We will sing happy birthday in class and then on whole school assembly day
- They will receive a card from school Class Dojo
- They will have a group photo on the whole school Dojo

We are therefore asking that no more birthday cakes/sweets/party bags etc. are brought into school as we are very mindful of the current cost of living situation impacting on all families. We also have an increased number of dietary requirements/allergies coming into school .

We hope you understand and thank you for your continued support.

School Dinners

Dinners are £12-75 per week payable on Monday in advance. One month's notice will be required in writing to change to pack lunch.

Thank you.



Tues 22nd Oct	Year 5 local area walk 9.30-10.30am
Wed 23rd Oct	Parents Evening 1-00-6.00pm
Thurs 24th Oct	Year 4 Geography fieldtrip to Queens Park 9.30-11.00am Year 6 Football league at Ladybridge 3.00-5.00pm
Fri 25th Oct	School closes for half term holidays
Mon 4th Nov	School reopens after half term holidays 8.35am Bikeability Year 6 all day
Tues 5th Nov	Bikeability Year 6 all day Year 6 to St Patrick's church 10.00-11.00am
Thurs 7th Nov	Year 1/2 Active Maths at Bolton Arena 9.30-12.30pm Spooky Disco 5.00-7.30pm
Fri 8th Nov	Years 5&6 to Light cinema—'Kensuke's Kingdom' 9.00-12.00pm
Wed 13th Nov	Individual Photos All day Kindness Day Year 2 to St Patrick's Church 10.00-11.00am Year 6 assembly—parents welcome 2.30-3.00pm Internet Safety Parents meeting