

December 5th 2025



Advent

Last Sunday, 30th November (Sunday 30th Nov—Wednesday 24th December), marked the beginning of Advent. Whilst many of us will be excitedly opening windows on your calendars and seeing what is behind the doors, can we all just take a moment to reflect on the true meaning of this season.

Advent is taken from the Latin *adventus* meaning an arrival or visit, and is a joyous season for Christians of preparation. For Christians the four Sundays are marked as a way to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus. An Advent Wreath is a Christian tradition that symbolises the passage of the four weeks and is typically an evergreen wreath with four candles, sometimes with a fifth,

First Candle (Purple) – The Prophecy Candle
symbolising Hope

Second Candle (Purple) – The Bethlehem Candle
symbolising Faith

Third Candle (Pink) – The Shepherd's Candle
symbolising Joy

Fourth Candle (Purple) – The Angel's Candle
symbolising Peace

Where a fifth candle is used, this is generally white and is lit on either Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

The wreath as a whole is meant to remind us of both the immortality of our souls and God's promise of everlasting life to us through Christ.

Christmas Tree



As Ambassadors of our school our Year 6 children have the privilege of decorating our school Christmas Tree.

The Christmas tree was introduced to England in the early 19th Century and was popularised by German-born Prince Albert, the husband of Queen Victoria. The Victorian Tree was decorated with toys and small gifts, candles, sweets, popcorn strings and fancy cakes hung from the branches by ribbons and paper chains.

We are sure that when you come in to our various Christmas activities over the coming weeks you will marvel at just how beautifully our Year 6 children have decorated the tree.



Weekly Attendance

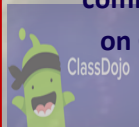


Well done to Year 5 who are this week's attendance superstars with 97.6%

Year 4 are our most punctual class.

Well done everyone!

Your child's class teacher will communicate on a regular basis with you on Class Dojo. It is a window into your child's class.



Please can you check and ensure that you are connected.



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Mon 8th Dec	Choir to Jubilee House, Bolton 10.00-11.30am
Tues 9th Dec	KS1 Nativity in hall 2.00-3.00pm
Wed 10th Dec	Christmas Dinner Day
	Choir to Bolton Hospice 11.00-1.00pm
	Year 5 class Mass at St Patrick's 9.30-11.00am
Thurs 11th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
	Christmas Fair
Fri 12th Dec	Year 4 to Manchester 'Shaun the Sheep'
Mon 15th Dec	'Reading for Pleasure Week'
	KS2 carol concert in hall 2.15-3.15pm
Tues 16th Dec	EYFS nativity in hall 9.00-10.00am
Wed 17th Dec	Whole school Mass in hall 9.15-10.15am
Thurs 18th Dec	'Reindeer Run'
Fri 19th Dec	Party Day
	School finishes at 1.30pm
Tues 6th Jan 26	School reopens after holidays at 8.35am
Thurs 8th Jan	Parents Meeting re Sacramental Programme in school 3.15-3.30pm



Student of the Week

Rec	Declan
Year 1	Alexander
Year 2	Poorvajeetsinh
Year 3	Nihan
Year 4	Abdullah
Year 5	Zane
Year 6	Mason



Virtues to live by

Rec	Limairah
Year 1	Zainab
Year 2	Dorcas
Year 3	Aaliyah
Year 4	Rylee
Year 5	Sofia
Year 6	Jay



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.

Nursery at Smithills Farm



Our youngest children in the Nursery enjoyed a day out at Smithills farm on Thursday. There they had the opportunity of coming face to face with owls, llamas, sheep, guinea pigs as well as having donkey rides; they also had a trip on a tractor trailer. The trip ended with a visit to Father Christmas, where our children must have been on his nice list as each and everyone of them received a present. Despite the cold and wet weather, everyone had a fabulous time.

School Dinners

Dinners are £13-25 per week payable on Monday in advance. One month's notice will be required in writing to change to pack lunch.

Thank you.

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