



# Bolton on Swale St Mary's Church of England Aided Primary School

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*'To love, live and learn together'*

Newsletter Friday 6th October 2023

Our Christian value this half term is 'Friendship'

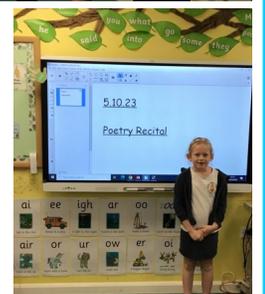
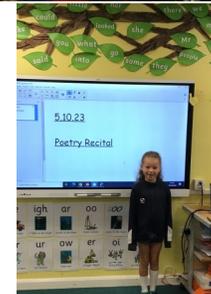
**Our Eco Team at work caring for our school grounds** We are a Green Flag Eco School and everyone in our school community works hard to support our Eco work, both during the school day and in our after school Eco Clubs. Pictured below our Eco Teams: Harvesting, planting, litter picking and caring for our school grounds.



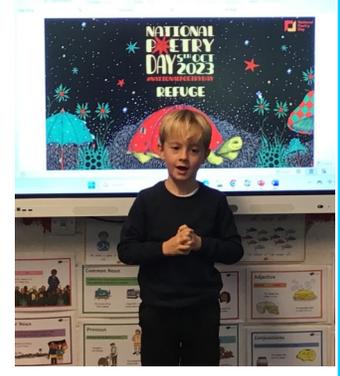
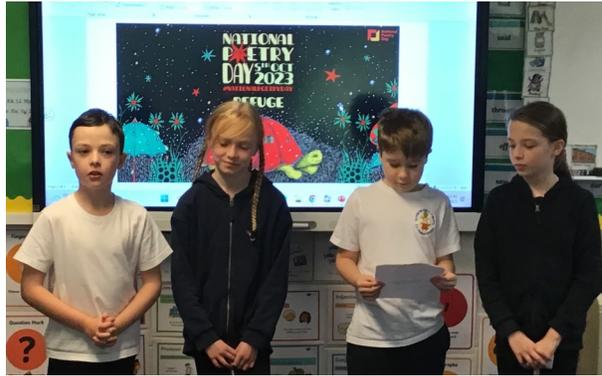
**This week in Class 1:** Mrs Reynolds says, 'this week we have explored the story of Noah's Ark and developed our creative and fine motor skills. We are all enjoying reading in our Autumn themed book corner and have shared our poetry. In Science we have identified parts of our body and in Maths we have learnt about shapes'.



**This week in Class 2:** Mrs Dutton says, 'We have all done a fantastic job sharing the poems we learnt for National Poetry Day. In RE we explored the parable of the prodigal son and made hidden meaning boxes. We have also worked hard on our Autumn poetry.'



**This week in Class 3:** Mrs Wright says, 'We have been preparing for our Viking visit. Well done to everyone for learning and reciting your poems. Well done to those who were selected to represent school at the cross country competition.'



**This week in Class 4:** Mr Ramsbottom says, 'We enjoyed an excellent visit to Richmond Castle and the Georgian Theatre and completed sketch maps in the market square. Well done to those who were selected to represent school in the cross country also. A huge well done to everyone for a selection of great poetry for National Poetry Day; well learnt and delivered.'



**Individual School Photos rearranged for Monday 23rd October** Photographs were cancelled on Friday due to photographer illness. We have a new date - Monday morning 23rd October.

**Reception Parents Phonics and Early Reading Meeting Thursday 12th October** Reception Parents and carers are invited into school on **Thursday 12th October at 2.45pm to learn more about how we teach children to read using the Little Wandle Phonics Programme. Please enter school through the office entrance.** Our Year 1 children continue with this programme. We held a similar meeting last year but Year 1 parents are most welcome to attend for an update.

**Class 1 Parental Assembly Thursday 19th October 9.30am in the school hall** All Class 1 parents and carers are welcome to join us. Please enter through the hall entrance door.

**Book Fair in School** Our Book Fair is returning to school. You are invited to come in after school to browse and purchase books if you would like to. You can pay for books online using a QR code, by cheque or cash. **The Book Fair will be open before and after school on Wednesday 18th, Thursday 19th, Friday 20th and Monday 23rd October.**

**Friends of the School** are holding a **Halloween Disco on Friday 20th October in the school hall.** This is a fun Halloween disco and children often dress up in Halloween themed costumes. **Please pay on ParentPay before the disco.** It is £3 per child and includes entrance, a drink, a glow stick and sweets. **A parent/carer needs to stay with each child.** Class 1 and 2 - 6-7pm. Class 3 and 4 - 7.15-8.15pm.

**Parent Teacher Consultations** These are opportunities to see your child's work and meet with their teacher. **Reception meetings Wednesday 18th October 1.30pm– 6pm. Year 1 children in Class 1 Tuesday 24th October 3.45-6pm. Classes 2, 3 and 4 children Tuesday 24th October or Wednesday 25th October 3.45-6pm.** Appointments can be made from after school on Monday 2nd October by signing up in the office entrance area or by phoning emailing the office: [admin@bolton-on-swale.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bolton-on-swale.n-yorks.sch.uk)

**School Harvest Festival in St Mary's Church, Bolton-on-Swale on Friday 27th October at 2pm** All our children will be taking part in this service. Everyone is welcome. FoS will provide refreshments in the school hall afterwards. Children finish for half term at 3.30pm.

**Shelly's Wrap Around Care Half Term Holiday Club** Shelly is running a holiday club on Tuesday and Wednesday of half term and also in January before we return to school. Please book directly with Shelly.

**Parish News** We are part of the Parish of Bolton, Brompton, Easby and Skeeby. **The Open2All Family Service is held in St Mary's Church at 10.30am on the first Sunday of the month; the next service is Sunday 5th November.** All welcome. For those who are considering St Francis Xavier as a Secondary School choice, regular worship in your parish is a requirement.

**We are One –Parish Young People's Group** Children in Y5 upwards are welcome to attend on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month in St Paul's Church, Brompton-on-Swale with Rev Mary. We meet from 4-5.30pm and have lots of fun. This group may also link to confirmation preparation. Please contact Rev Mary for more details: [revmarywilliams@esbb.co.uk](mailto:revmarywilliams@esbb.co.uk). **Pictured here are some of our choir who performed and sang at the recent parish Harvest Festival.**



Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.  
With my best wishes, Nicola Dobson



## **Holiday Club**

We will be offering a holiday club during **October** and **January** school holidays.

Holiday club is based in Bolton-on-Swale School. The club will be running on Tuesday and Wednesday from 8am till 5pm. If you are interested in sending your children, please book in advance, by emailing: [shellyschildminding7@gmail.com](mailto:shellyschildminding7@gmail.com)



## **Dates of the club**

Tuesday	Wednesday
31/10/23	01/11/23
02/01/24	03/01/24

## **Prices:**

Full day £36

Half day 4.5 hours £18

## **Activities**

Our holiday club will include lots of different activities, utilising the indoor and outdoor space at the school and the beautiful village. A loose example timetable below shows what a typical day will look like:

8-9	Breakfast (if needed) – free flow outside, reading, colouring, HAMA beads, craft activities
9-10	Walk around the village
10-12	A small snack - crafts and board games (free flow to the outdoors)
12-1	Lunch (A packed lunch will need to be provided by yourselves)
1-3	Organised games on the field (football/rounders/bike riding)
3-3.30	A small snack (I will provide a light snack (sandwich/wraps etc)
3.30-4	Chill out time (children can bring in tech toys if they wish to use them during this time for a limited amount of time)
4-5	Free time – Free flow outdoors, indoor activities (reading/crafts/games)

Your child would need to bring a packed lunch, a water bottle, sensible shoes, a water-proof coat, and a spare set of clothes.

We will provide water and healthy snacks, but feel free to bring your own too. If they have a scooter/bike, they can bring it in to use on the playground, please bring a helmet.

Please email to book your places! [shellyschildminding7@gmail.com](mailto:shellyschildminding7@gmail.com)

Thank you, Shelly, Ann, and Cally



We are currently looking for any donations of food or other essentials. We are looking for the following items:

- Tins - soup, chopped tomatoes, vegetables, meat, fish, meals in a can (e.g. chilli con carne, curry, stew, meatballs), beans, spaghetti, fruit, rice pudding
- Jars of sauces, jam, marmalade, honey etc
- Bottles of squash and long-life milk
- Cereals, porridge (individual pots)
- Sanitary towels, tampons, baby wipes, nappies
- Bars of soap, shampoo, roll on deodorants, baby shampoo and body wash
- Washing detergent and softener
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouth wash (non-alcoholic)
- Sweet treats - individually wrapped chocolate bars and biscuits
- Pet food - cans of meat, boxes of dried foods

Please note we can't accept the following donations for safety purposes.

- Aerosol deodorant etc
- Any medication
- Alcohol

Please drop any donations off at your school which will be past on to the Church.

