



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

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*'To love, live and learn together'*

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Our Christian value this half term is 'Friendship'

**Celebrating our Sporting Success** Many congratulations to our Girls Football Team and to our Netball Team who both finished in 1st place in the Richmond Area Tournaments this week. A fantastic achievement! All our children get opportunities to participate in sporting competitions against other schools. We all love to take part and work as a team. **Pictured: our tournament winning girls team.**



**Pictured: our classroom transformed into a Viking Hall.**

**Class 1's Parental Assembly** A special well done to Class 1 who shared their learning this term with the rest of school and their parents and carers in their parental assembly. They all spoke and sang so confidently and we enjoyed sharing in their art work, poetry, songs and rhymes.

**The day the Vikings came to school!** Class 3 had a great day dressed as Vikings and hosting our Viking visitor to support their History topic. They examined Viking artefacts and heard Viking sagas. They also enjoyed making clay oil lamps and a Viking number game. They defended their Viking village from Saxon attack with swords and spears.





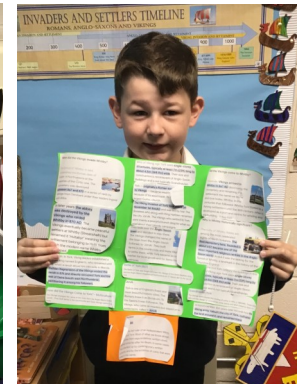
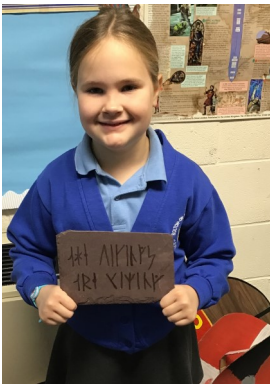
**This week in Class 1:** Mrs Reynolds says, 'a huge well done for your Class Assembly. We have also been enjoying books in our outdoor reading house. Thank you to Reception parents who attended our Little Wandle Phonics and Reading Meeting and Parent Teacher Consultations. I look forward to meeting with Y1 parents soon.'



**This week in Class 2:** Mrs Dutton says, 'we have been working hard to identify different coins and their value. We have also explored Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot. We are preparing our Harvest song and completing our Autumn Poetry.'



**This week in Class 3:** Mrs Wright says: 'I continue to be very impressed with all your homework linked to the Vikings; excellent research and creative Viking runes and boat construction. Well done to our Y3/4 Boys football team who competed in the Bedale tournament this week.'



**This week in Class 4:** Mr Ramsbottom says: 'we have been working hard on multi step addition and subtraction problems in Maths. In RE we have considered the meaning of diversity and interfaith issues. Our Science work on Forces and gravity has involved research on Isaac Newton and our marble ski jump investigation. In Music we have explored Elgar's 'Enigma Variations' and created our own musical compositions.'





**Class Parental Assemblies** Well done to Class 1 for sharing their learning with their parents and carers last week.

**Reminders: Class 2 Parental Assembly** Thursday 9th November at 9.30am; **Class 3 Parental Assembly** Thursday 16th November at 9.30am; **Class 4 Parental Assembly** Thursday 30th November at 9.30am. All welcome.

**Friends of the School** Many thanks for organising and supporting our Halloween disco. **Refreshments after Harvest Festival Service** this Friday 27th November will be in the school hall.

**FoS Christmas Cards created by your child.** Order forms and proofs for these will be sent home before half term with details of how to place your orders.

**Parent Teacher Consultations** These are opportunities to see your child's work and meet with their teacher. **Year 1 children in Class 1 on 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 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, singing, reading, leading drama and prayers. Everyone is very welcome. FoS will provide refreshments in the school hall afterwards.

We are supporting the charity **Farm Africa**. Our School Council have organised a **Farm Africa design a logo competition**. Details were sent home in book bags on Friday. **Please donate £1 to Farm Africa to enter our competition.**

**Donations are also welcome for the parish Open Pantry – please see the details at the end of this newsletter.**

**Clubs have now finished for this half term** New Clubs for after half term will be available to book on Parent Pay soon. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Clubs are after school until 4.15pm (Y6 SATS Club till 4.30pm).

**Tuesday:** Choir (Y1-Y6); Hockey (Y3-Y6). **Wednesday:** Lego (Y1-Y5) Y6 SATs Club. **Thursday:** Eco Club (Y1/2) and Eco Club (Y3-Y6). **Friday:** Recorders 8.15am (Y1-Y6).

**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. Details at the end of this newsletter. This is held on the school site and grounds.

**Little Learners Nursery and Mike Layfield Sports** are also providing half term holiday activities. Please book directly with them.

We finish for half term this Friday 27th October and return to school on Monday 6th November.

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.

