

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 'Justice'

Saying Farewell to Rev Yvonne after 10 years as our vicar The whole school community joined together to say farewell to Rev Yvonne at a special act of Collective Worship before half term. Each child recorded their memories of special times spent with her and what this has meant to them. We put these into special class books which we hope Rev Yvonne will treasure. **Pictured below, Rev Yvonne with our class books of thanksgiving.**



Candlemas, shining as a light in the world In our Collective Worship we shared the festival of Candlemas and reflected on how we can shine as lights in our school, community and world today. **Pictured below, children from Class 3 setting up for Collective Worship.**



Raising money for the children's cancer charity, Little Princess Trust This is a charity which has already been supported by several children in our school who have thoughtfully had their long hair cut short and raised money. Beau in Class 4, helped by his friends, School Council and the Collective Worship Team, raised **£163.00** with their cake sale before half term. Well done to Beau for this wonderful idea and to all his family and friends for raising an amazing total of **£1,682 on his Just Giving page**. Thank you to everyone who supported Beau by buying cakes.

The Season of Lent has started Rev Yvonne joined us for our Ash Wednesday worship this week. We thought about our Lenten promises. This week our focus has been on thinking about our **Family** and how we can do acts of kindness and be our best selves. Next week we will be thinking about our **Friends**.

Supporting your Year 6 child in preparation for SATs

You can support your child in preparation for the tests by practising past papers on this website:

<https://primarytests.co.uk/> All Year 6 children have an individual login for this site. Mr Ramsbottom is also able to monitor your progress on this site. There are additional practice activities on our school website/Children/Class 4.

Y6 SATS Test Dates 2023 Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12th May 2023. If children are absent for any reason they would take the tests on their return to school.

Parent Teacher Consultations Thank you to everyone in Classes 1, 2 and 4 who came to see their child's work and discuss their progress and targets with their teacher. **If you missed this please contact us to rearrange a time. Class 3 will have their meetings this Tuesday 28th or Wednesday 1st March with Mrs Hall and Mrs Wright** Timings are as you booked them.

Class 1 and 2 visit Bowes Museum We had a wonderful day exploring the history of toys. Photos from the visit have been uploaded to our school website. Follow the school website link in Gallery/Educational visits or click on the link below.

<http://bolton-on-swale.n-yorks.sch.uk/educational-visits/>

Class 3 and 4 visit the Hindu Temple and Bombay Stores in Bradford We had an excellent day exploring a Hindu Temple, taking part in an Indian Dance Workshop and visiting the Bombay Stores. See the Class pages for photo highlights. More photos on the school website to follow.

Excellent behaviour and good manners It is always a pleasure to take children from our school on educational visits and we are regularly complimented by members of the public for their excellent behaviour. Many thanks to you as parents for supporting our high expectations around this.

School Clubs start again next week These are for children in Y1 upwards and booking information to sign up on Parent Pay (no cost) went out before half term. In some clubs numbers are limited; in some clubs places may still be available. **Tuesday: Tennis Y3/4; SATs Club Y6; Wednesday Choir Y1-Y6; Thursday Eco KS2; Games Club Y1 -Y4; Friday am Recorders KS2.**

Clubs finish in the week of 20th March ready for Easter activities in the last week of term.

Date reminders:

Dress as a Book Character Friday 3rd March
Class 4 Parental Assembly Thursday 9th March 9.30am
Class 1 Parental Assembly Friday 10th March 9.30am
Class 3 Parental Assembly Thursday 16th March 9.30am
Class 2 Parental Assembly Wed 22nd March 9.30am
Whole School Theatre Performance 'The Hobbit' Thurs 23rd March
Decorated Easter Eggs and hats to school Thurs 30th March
Egg Rolling 2pm (parents/carers welcome) Thurs 30th March
Tempest Class Photographs Friday 31st March
Easter Service led by the children in St Mary's Church 2pm (all welcome) Friday 31st March

Entitled to Free School Meals If you think this is something you may be entitled to, you can check on:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals>
Please speak to Mrs Newton or me if you need any help with this.

Open Pantry in the Parish Food/toiletry items are freely available to anyone who might need them. Please visit St Mary's Church, Bolton-on-Swale or St Paul's Church, Brompton-on-Swale between 9am and 4pm Monday to Friday where you may freely select your own items.

Parish News: Rev Yvonne is retiring After 10 years in our parish Rev Yvonne is retiring. **Her last service will be at St Mary's Church, Bolton-on-Swale on Sunday 26th February at 10.30am.** All are welcome to attend. Our children have been invited to sing as a Choir in the service. Thank you if you have responded. **Please be at St Mary's Church by 10.15am if you are singing. Please wear school uniform.**

Preparing for Confirmation for children in Y5 upwards
Rev Mary is running a Confirmation preparation group starting after half term, on Shrove Tuesday 21st February at St Paul's, Brompton-on-Swale from 4-5.30pm. Please email: revmarywilliams@esbb.co.uk for more details.

Highlights and photos from our classes are on the next pages.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

With my best wishes,

Nicola Dobson

Class 1 and 2 Highlights from our visit to Bowes Museum Follow the link here to see more photos on our school website/gallery/educational visits. <http://bolton-on-swale.n-yorks.sch.uk/educational-visits/>



Class 3 and 4 highlights from our visit to Bradford, the Hindu Temple, Indian Dance and Bombay Stores we will notify you when more photos are available in our website gallery.

