



July 2026

St Mary's Newsletter

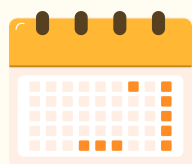
As the year draws to a close, I would like to thank you for all of your support this year. Your encouragement, cooperation and kindness have made a real difference to our school community, and we are so proud of everything our pupils have achieved. It has been a year full of hard work, progress and many special moments, and it has been a pleasure to see our children grow in confidence and capability.

We have seen some fantastic outcomes in Early Years Good Level of Development, Year 1 and Year 2 Phonics Screening Checks and Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check. That is down to the hard work of the pupils, staff and parents. Thank you for supporting us by practising these key and essential skills at home regularly. It really does make a difference! I am sorry that I cannot report on the Year 6 SATs results at this time but I know the pupils worked extremely hard and tried their best, so they should be immensely proud of their achievement.

We also say thank you and goodbye to our Year 6 pupils who are heading to high school. We wish you every success for the future, and please do come and see us again soon.

We will **re-open to all pupils at 8:45am on Wednesday 2nd September**, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back. We will be focusing more intently on attendance, behaviour expectations and uniform standards next year, and we thank you in advance for your support in this.

Finally, we hope that you all have a restful and fun summer break. Pupils, please stay safe in the heat and on the roads, and enjoy a well-earned break with your families and friends.



Attendance

As we close the year, you will have received an individual attendance report for your child alongside their End of Year Report. Below is a summary of each class attendance for the year. Good attendance can have a huge impact on learning and progress. If you find that you need support with your child's attendance, please contact the office. We are here to support you in any way we can to ensure your child is coming to school and making the most of every opportunity to learn.

Even a seemingly high percentage of attendance can result in missing a great deal of learning over time:

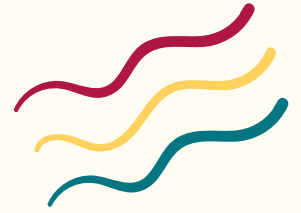
Attendance %	Impact over 1 school year	Impact over 5 school years
100%	0 days missed	0 days missed
96%	8 days missed	$\frac{1}{4}$ year learning lost
90%	19 days missed	$\frac{1}{2}$ year learning lost
85%	28 days missed	$\frac{3}{4}$ year learning lost
80%	38 days missed	1 year learning lost
75%	47 days missed	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ years learning lost

Class	Whole Year Attendance %
Reception L	92.9%
Reception O	93.4%
1H	92.2%
1J	91.9%
2J	94.1%
2S	93.8%
3G	93.4%
3S	94.4%
4L	93.6%
4M	95.3%
5C	92.1%
5M	93.6%
6G	93.9%
6J	91.1%



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Safeguarding



Electric Scooters

We have recently become aware of children and adults travelling to and from school on electric scooters, and also children using them on public roads.

We would like to remind families that, under current UK law, privately owned electric scooters may only be used on private land with the landowner's permission. They must not be ridden on public roads, pavements, cycle lanes or other public spaces.

The safety of our pupils, families and the wider community is our priority. We ask parents and carers to ensure that children do not ride electric scooters to/from school or in the community and thank you for your support in helping to keep our school community safe.



Water Safety

Now that the weather is warmer and families are spending more time outdoors, we would like to remind everyone about the importance of staying safe around water.

Open water, such as rivers, canals, lakes, reservoirs and the sea can be extremely dangerous, even on hot days. The water is often much colder than it looks, currents can be strong, and hidden hazards may be present.

To help keep children safe:

- Always supervise children closely near any water.

- Encourage children to swim only at lifeguarded swimming pools or beaches where lifeguards are on duty.

- Teach children never to enter open water without an adult.

- If a child gets into difficulty in the water, encourage them to Float to Live – lie on their back with ears submerged, relax, and use gentle movements until they can control their breathing and call for help.

- In an emergency, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard if at the coast, or the Fire and Rescue Service if inland.

Please use the QR code for more information from the Royal Life Saving Society.



Important Notice about Dinner Money

School dinners will be increasing to £2.75 per day (£13.75 per week) from September.

The rules around Free School Meals are changing. If you receive Universal Credit you may now be eligible for Free School Meals even if you have been **eligible from Free School Meals previously** you need to **reconfirm their eligibility** for next year.

The links to check eligibility are as below:



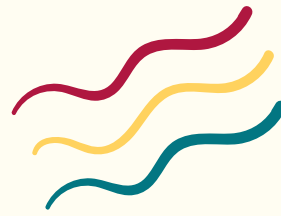
<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims>

or

<https://fsm.lgfl.net/>

If you are unsure, please come into school as we can support with with checking your eligibility.





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WHAT HAVE ST MARY'S BEEN UP TO?

WELLBEING

As another school year comes to an end, we would like to say a huge thank you to all of our Pupil Wellbeing Ambassadors. We are so proud of the kindness, compassion, and commitment you have shown throughout the year.

You have worked incredibly hard to support the wellbeing of others and have helped make our school a caring, welcoming place for everyone. To our Year 6 Wellbeing Ambassadors, thank you for everything you have given to the team. We hope you leave us not only with wonderful memories but also with the confidence, resilience, empathy, and leadership skills that will support you as you begin your exciting journey at high school. We know you will continue to shine, and we couldn't be prouder of everything you have achieved. We are also excited to welcome our new Wellbeing Ambassadors, who will begin their roles in September. We know they will be a fantastic addition to the team, and we look forward to seeing the positive impact they will have across our school.

Have a wonderful, well-deserved summer break. To all of our Year 6 pupils, we wish you every success and happiness as you move on to the next chapter. You will be greatly missed, but we know you are ready for the exciting adventures ahead. Good luck, we know you'll do amazing things!

School Council

This half term, the School Council completed Units 4, 5 and 6 of the Archbishops' Young Leaders Award (AYLA), successfully completing the programme! During these units, the children explored the national and global community before planning and carrying out their own community action project. They chose to organise a litter pick within the local area, helping to make a positive difference to the community while putting their leadership skills into practice. We are incredibly proud of everything the School Council has achieved throughout the award. Well done!



PARENT WORKSHOP

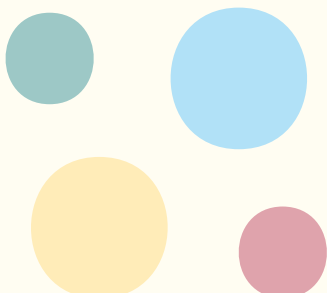
Autism Spectrum

Autism Spectrum This workshop will focus on supporting parents and families to better understand autism and develop an understanding of practical strategies for communication, managing ineffective behaviors and daily routines. Parents and families will have the opportunity to meet and share their thought and experiences.

Cost: £15 per family maximum 2 to attend

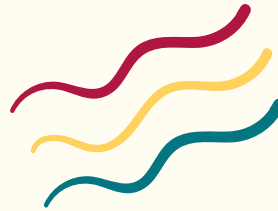
Date: Friday 23rd October 2026, 9.30-10.30

Woodbridge Training Hub
Waggon Road, Bolton
www.woodbridgesend.co.uk





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Clubs and Events in the Community

A number of companies have reached out to us and asked the school to pass on some of the activities within the community. Please see below for details.



SUMMER PROGRAMME AUGUST 2026

ON THE BEACH THURSDAY 6 TH AUGUST	IN THE CITY THURSDAY 13 TH AUGUST
IN THE FOREST THURSDAY 20 TH AUGUST	IN THE MOUNTAINS THURSDAY 27 TH AUGUST

Join us every Thursday 10.30-11.30 for a short celebration and crafts.

Most suitable for primary school aged children, but all ages welcome.
All children must be accompanied by an adult.
Free to attend, no booking required

For more information, email
canon.missioner@manchestercathedral.org

BOLTON BRICK SHOW

SUNDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 2026

10 AM - 4 PM

HOLIDAY INN BOLTON CENTRE

1 HIGHER BRIDGE STREET BOLTON BL1 2EW

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BOLTON SUMMER SOCCER CAMP 2026



St James C of E High School
Lucas Road, Farnworth BL4 9RU
TUESDAY 25th – THURSDAY 27th AUGUST
10.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m. (FOR ALL PLAYERS AGED 4-13)

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to inform you that following the outstanding success of our weekly coaching courses, we are organizing the **2026 SUMMER FOOTBALL CAMP**.

The children will be coached by F.A. QUALIFIED COACHES. All coaches are DBS checked and safeguarding trained. The coaches will help develop self-confidence and self esteem through encouragement and positive reinforcements. **FOOTBALL IS NOT JUST FOR THE STAR PLAYERS!**

The course is tightly structured with the players fully supervised at all times. All children are catered for from the absolute beginner to the more experienced players. Players are grouped together according to age, ability and experience. The children play outside on the football pitches (Indoor facilities are available so the course will definitely go ahead regardless of the weather).

The course is for 3 days from 10.00am – 3.00pm with lunch from 12.15 – 1.00pm where the children can eat a packed lunch bought from home. The club is fully supervised so children may be left in our care, however parents are welcome to stay and watch if they wish to. On Thursday at 2:15pm there is a presentation where parents and friends are most encouraged to come and see the players receive their awards.

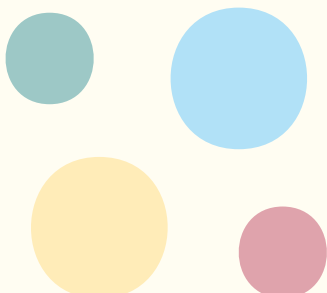
The cost of the course is **£60 (SPECIAL OFFER - £40 for second and subsequent brothers and sisters)**, which covers all coaching, referees, medals/trophies. **(ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING WILL RECEIVE AN AWARD)**

TO BOOK & CONFIRM A PLACE PLEASE TEXT - 07792000875

1. BOLTON SUMMER
2. CHILD'S NAME(S) & SCHOOL YEAR

Keem (Course Coordinator)

 **BOLTON SOCCER CLUB**





SUMMER HOLIDAYS ACTIVITIES

Dear Parent/Carer,

The Summer holidays are just around the corner, and we have a jam-packed programme of activities taking place near you over the coming weeks. We will also be providing food and drink at all our sessions. Come and JOIN US at our local FREE play sessions and GET INVOLVED in a whole host of FUN, ENGAGING activities whilst MAKING NEW FRIENDS along the way! **Please see below & overleaf of a local area planner for the summer holidays starting Monday 20th July until Friday 21st August!**

Please note: 4* year olds **must** already be in reception. Children and young people **must** be registered by a parent or guardian (18+) on their first visit. Places are limited at each session and a first come first serve policy is in place. Priority tickets will be given for the next session should we reach capacity on the day. As always, we will be operational come rain or shine so please ensure young people come dressed appropriately.

Got a minute? Why not 'Like' and follow us on **Facebook**, **Twitter**, and **Instagram** to keep up to date with all the LATEST information and other activities around Bolton!

@TeamBoltonYouth

TEAM BL3	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
*4-12yrs 10am - 12pm	Sunning Hill Primary School BL3 6TR	**St Matthews Ch Little Lever BL3 1HH			Sunning Hill Primary School BL3 6TR **Mytham Rd Park BL3 1TH
*4-12yrs 1pm - 3pm	Heywood YPC BL3 6SR St Marys Primary BL3 4QP	Morris Green Park BL3 3LS *Over Hulton Playing Fields BL3 3TF		Heywood YPC BL3 6SR	Heywood YPC BL3 6SR *Over Hulton Playing Fields BL3 3TF
*4-12yrs 4pm - 6pm	Holmeswood Rd Park BL3 3HS	Willows Park BL3 4BT ***Great Lever Park BL3 2HS			Willows Park BL3 4BT ***Great Lever Park BL3 2HS
9-12yrs 6.30pm-8.30pm	**Little Lever JYC Herbert Street BL3 1LU				

*Funded by Over Hulton Area Working Budget

**Funded by Little Lever Area Working Budget

*** Funded by Great Lever Area Working Budget

TEAM BL4	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
*4-12yrs 10am - 12pm		*Farnworth YPC BL4 7AP		*Farnworth YPC BL4 7AP	
*4-12yrs 1pm - 3pm	Masefield Park Newbury BL4 9TD *Devoke Park BL4 0PU	**Tulip Ave (Kearsley) BL4 8LJ	**Bank Top Park BL4 8DT *Eltsmere Park BL4 0AB	**Pilkington Park BL4 8JG	Masefield Park Newbury BL4 9TD
*4-12yrs 4pm - 6pm	*Cawdor St Doe Hey Park BL4 7HU	**Ringley Meadows Hulme Park M26 1EY	*Cawdor St Doe Hey Park BL4 7HU		Bradford St Park BL4 9JY

*Funded by Farnworth Working Area Budget

**Funded by Kearsley Area Working Budget

For more information please take a look at our HAF website www.bolton.gov.uk/HAF

We look forward to welcoming you all very soon!

Play & Youth Team (01204 338190)