

Headteacher Newsletter

Autumn Term: November 2025

Thank you to all parents and carers who responded to the Parent Survey and for all of your feedback. We had lots of positive feedback, which we really appreciate, and this has been shared with the staff. I have also included a section within this newsletter on MCAS as some parents are finding it tricky to navigate. Thank you again for all feedback – we really appreciate it!

Attendance and Punctuality

Thank you once again for ensuring your child / children are **on time every day** and have a settled start to their day.

To raise the profile and importance of excellent attendance for all children, I asked the children to share their ideas for reward systems that could be considered for excellent attendance and take their ideas to their class councillors. School Council met last week and I am pleased to tell you, they came up with some excellent ideas. Before I introduce the reward systems next term, I would be very grateful of your feedback. A survey was sent out to parents/ carers on Friday with the rewards School Council suggested. When completing the survey, you can select 'YES' to more than one reward: please select 'Yes' to the ones you like and 'No' if there are any you do not agree with. I will review your responses and inform you of the outcome in December's Headteacher Newsletter, ready for implementation from January. Thank you for your support and time with this.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Please can you ensure your information is up to date and we have your current email and mobile phone number(s) to ensure our MCAS contacts are up-to-date. If you need to update your contact details at any point throughout the year, please email them to the school office (office@eatock.bolton.sch.uk). Thank you.

Busy Christmas Fun!!!

We have lots of events planned for the children, particularly the week commencing 1st December.

Monday 1st December: Year 2 and Year 3 Storyteller Workshop on the story 'Kid Christmas' by David Litchfield – these workshops will be delivered by Simon Sullivan, with the class teacher.

Wednesday 3rd December: KS1 & KS2 Christmas Carol Service at St James's Church. 2pm – 2:50pm. All parents / carers are welcome to watch. We will walk the children to the church and back to school. If you would like to walk with your child's class, please speak to the class teacher. Alternatively, we will see you there at church. All children will walk back to school for safeguarding reasons. Please collect your child from their classroom door at the end of the day as usual.

Thursday 4th December: Reindeer Run and Christmas Fair – see below for the details.

Friday 5th December: Bedtime Story Day – see below for the details.

Reindeer Run and Christmas Fair

KS1 and KS2 parents/ carers are invited to watch the children complete their Reindeer Run before we open the Christmas Fair **on Thursday 4th December**. The Reindeer Run will take place on the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds. Each class (KS1 and KS2) will have 10 minutes to complete as many laps as they like with their reindeer antlers on – see letter sent on MCAS this week. **We also invite all children to come to school in non-uniform wearing a Christmas Jumper on this day.**

If you would like to make a contribution to Bolton Hospice, please send your donation into school on Thursday 4th December.

After the Reindeer Run, the children will go back to class. Please collect your child / children from their classroom door at 2:30pm to enjoy the Christmas Fair. Once you have collected your children, please enter school via the Office at the front of school to enjoy the Christmas Café and stalls which will be set up in the training room and hall.

We will have lots of stalls to browse, including: Tombola, As Good as New Toys, Santa's Grotto, Christmas Face Paints, Christmas Café, Christmas Photo Booth, Luck Dip, Christmas Cakes, Handmade Wooden Reindeers, Christmas Decorations, Sweet Cones and Reindeer Food.

If you are unable to collect your child from class at 2:30pm for the Christmas Fair and you arrange for someone else to take them around the Christmas Fair, **please ensure the adult knows your child's collection password and let your child's class teacher know who will be collecting them.** Thank you.

Bedtime Story Day

Every year, we have a Bedtime Story Day, which promotes amazing reads, authors and a love for reading. This year's Bedtime Story Day will take place **on Friday 5th December!** Children are welcome to come to school in their Pjamas / cosy clothes **with appropriate footwear, e.g. trainers.** Please send your child to school with one of their favourite bedtime stories on this day. Thank you.

Winter is coming!

With the weather turning colder and wetter, please ensure your child has a warm coat, along with a hat and gloves. You are also welcome to put spare socks in your child's school bag and warm joggers / leggings for when your child goes into the wildlife for their outdoor learning. Thank you.

Computers for School Fundraising

A HUGE THANK YOU to **everyone who has donated** towards this fundraiser. So far, we have raised an impressive total of £895. If you know of any companies who give donations to schools, please let the office know so we can reach out to them. Thank you.

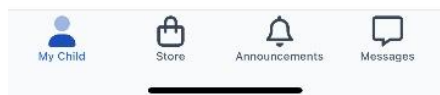
If you would like to make a donation, you click here: [Crowdfunding For Good From JustGiving](#)



Note: when you make a donation, Just Giving will add a tip to your donation, but you can **remove this.**

Thank you again to everyone who has donated towards our Computers for School Fundraiser.

Navigating MCAS for updates from school:



The vast majority of communication from school will appear within the **Announcements** and **Messages**. If you have more than one child in school, both / all profiles will display the same announcements and messages to prevent you missing any communication.

To purchase tickets, e.g. for PTA disco, please go to the Store (along the bottom of the MCAS screen). If you purchase tickets for the disco, each ticket selected **will have the name of the child whose profile you are on**. For ease for school, we would prefer parents / carers to purchase a ticket for each child separately and then checkout once all the tickets are in your basket. This is not essential, but it **very helpful** for the PTA.

KS1 / KS2 parents: If you have not paid your contribution and given consent for the Pantomime Trip, you can do this within the **Trips** section (top right of the MCAS screen). Please do this ASAP if you haven't already. Thank you for your support with this.

Finally, when accessing Messages, you need to click on Eatock Primary School Header of the message (displayed to the left) to open all messages.

You may have two messages that have been sent on the same day, so it is important you always click on the Eatock Primary

School Header to go into Messages to read them in full. Thank you.



We have **lots of exciting events** coming up in school. To ensure you are aware of the events coming up, please check our School Website regularly. Click the blue link below to visit our Events Calendar:

[Events calendar – Eatock Primary School](#) Thank you.

December 2025							<	>	today
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN			
	1	2	3	4	5	6			7
		KSI & KS2 Children to wear Christmas Jumpers (with Non-Uniform) 14:00 KSI & KS2 Christmas Carol Service (2pm Start)	Whole school to wear Christmas Jumpers (with Non-Uniform) 13:45 Reindeer Run 14:30 Christmas Fair	Bedtime Story Day					
	8	9	10	11	12	13			14
	Children to wear party clothes 15:15 PTA Christmas Disco	09:30 EYFS Nativity	Christmas Jumper Day 09:00 Christmas Piano & Guitar Performance – Invitation only	09:30 EYFS Nativity					
	15	16	17	18	19	20			21
EYFS Christmas Crafts Day	KSI&KS2 Christmas Party – Children to come dressed in party clothes		EYFS Christmas Party – Children to come dressed in party clothes 10:00 Choir to visit Winnifred Kettle	Last Day – Early Finish 2pm Traditional Toy Day					
	22	23	24	25	26	27			28
Half Term									

Safeguarding and safety

Encompass and safeguarding

Reminder: Schools have a duty to inform parents/carers about our participation in [Operation Encompass](#). Encompass is a partnership between Greater Manchester Police, Bolton Safeguarding Children Board and designated school staff, known as Key Adults. Working together to safeguard children, Greater Manchester Police will inform the Key Adults within schools about any incidents involving the police.

Online Safety

We talk to the children ongoing about Online Safety – how to stay safe online, but we ask parents / carers to also talk to your children about possible risks when online, including social media, to ensure they stay safe when online. Here are some useful websites you can explore if you wish to: [Help & advice | Childnet](#) and [Monitoring apps guide for parents: Top tips | Internet Matters](#).

Parking

Thank you to all parents /carers who park safely and courteously. Please ensure when you park, you avoid parking on the yellow lines at the front of school and ensure you do not block any of our residents' driveways. Thank you for your support on this matter.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Hickman

