

Headteacher Newsletter

Spring Term: January 2026

Thank you to parents / carers who have booked a slot for parents evening this term. KS1 and KS2 Parents Evenings are this Wednesday (21st January) and next Monday (26th January) 3:30pm – 5pm. You can book on to either of these via the MCAS app. If you are unable to attend, please speak to your child's class teacher to arrange to see them, or to arrange a telephone call, on a different day. Thank you. EYFS Parents Evenings will be held on Monday 16th March and Tuesday 17th, 3:20pm – 5pm. You will be able to book on to either of these via the MCAS app nearer the time.

Attendance

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child has excellent attendance. Our aim is for all children to have 97%+ attendance.

We now display the class attendance each week via our Weekly Attendance display board in the hall to promote excellent attendance. The classes with the highest attendance last week were Year 3 with 97.5% attendance and Year 5 with 98% attendance. This is in addition to the **weekly class attendance draw, which has started this term.**

The first half-termly attendance party will be on Friday 13th February, for all children with 97% attendance or higher. This will be during the school day. It will also be a **non-uniform day for all children**, regardless of their attendance.

PE Kit

Thank you for ensuring your child has a **plain black hoodie or zippy and black trainers (mostly black) for PE.** The children look very smart when they come to school in the correct uniform / kit, and it helps to promote a sense of belonging for the child.

Computers for School Fundraising

A HUGE THANK YOU to our school PTA members for promoting our Just Giving Computer Fund and securing a donation of £5,000 from the Ward Councillors for Westhoughton South!! (Note: this donation will not appear in the Just Giving fund). We will keep the [Just Giving page](#) running until the end of April, so please continue to spread the word amongst businesses if you can! Thank you.

Wildlife Outdoor Lessons

Thank you to Mr Lackenby for 'sprucing up' our wildlife area and re-establishing the paths, as well as developing new paths. The children have been busy in their outdoor lessons, since returning to school this term, learning new skills as well as having fun. We aim to promote pupil well-being as much as possible across the curriculum and the outdoor lessons are especially great for this!

Cancelled clubs on Wednesday 11th February

Due to the KS1 and KS2 Movie Night, **Choir and Coding club will be cancelled on Wednesday 11th February.** Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Nursery Places for September 2026

We are still accepting applications for a place in our Eatock Nursery for September 2026. **Applications for Admission to Nursery should be submitted to school before 1st March.** Places will be allocated from 2nd March 2026. Any applications received after this date will be added onto the waiting list. [Application forms can be downloaded here.](#) They are also available on our school website and the school office.

Bolton Family Hub Offer – FREE SESSIONS

Bolton Family Hub offer a wide range of FREE sessions in Westhoughton. [Click here to find out more](#) Scroll to page 23-24 for sessions held in Westhoughton.

[Click here to find out more about Bolton Family Hubs and what they offer.](#)

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Please ensure 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).

Events Coming Up [Events calendar – Eatock Primary School](#)

Please check our **school website's Events Calendar on a regular basis** to ensure you are aware of the events coming up. Click the blue link below to visit our Events Calendar:

[Events calendar – Eatock Primary School](#)

February 2026

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
26 15:30 Parents Evening	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 13:00 KS2 Gaelic Football	11 15:15 KS1 and KS2 Movie Night	12 Reception dress up day (Earth, Sea and Space Day)	13 Non-uniform Day	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Half Term						
23 Back in school	24	25	26	27	28	1

March 2026

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
23 Back in school	24	25	26	27	28	1
2	3	4 Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 Cross Country	5	6	7	8
9	10 09:00 Year 3 Spring Showcase	11 09:00 Y5 Spring Showcase	12 14:45 Y6 Spring Showcase	13 Non-uniform Day Chocolate Donation for Easter Bingo	14	15
16	17 09:00 Y1 Spring Showcase	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 17:00 PTA Easter Bingo	26	27	28	29
30 09:00 Y4 Spring Showcase	31	1	2 09:00 Y2 Spring Showcase	3 Half Term	4	5

Safeguarding and safety

Encompass

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

Top tips for this month's newsletter:

- **Know when and what** - It's important that children ask an adult when they want to go online, so you as the parent / carer know when they are online and what they are accessing. It can be tricky to keep tabs as children get older, so a parenting control app is always recommended so you can monitor your child's access and use ongoing.
- **Stay informed** - It's also important that you know what to do or where to go for help if ever your child does need help with something that is worrying or upsetting them online. Childnet have lots of useful information if you wanted to find out more: [Digital wellbeing | Childnet](#)

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Hickman

