

Headteacher Newsletter

Spring Term: February 2026

Welcome back after the half term break. This half term is five weeks and four days, as we finish on Thursday 2nd April, the day before Good Friday. **This means our Easter holidays is a week later than usual.**

Attendance

Our school attendance target this year is 97%. Unfortunately, we are a way off this target with only 95.2% so far, so please do support us in improving this percentage! I appreciate there have been lots of germs and viruses which have resulted in lots of children being off ill, which cannot be helped.

Last half term, 110 children in school had 100% attendance and 156 children had more than 97% and **the half-termly attendance party was a huge success!** The children also enjoyed coming to school in **non-uniform and enjoyed their well-being activities.** Thank you to School Council for this suggestion. I hope to report more children with 97% attendance and higher next term.

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child has excellent attendance.

Class attendance so far this year is as follows:

Reception: 95.8%

Year 4: 92.8%

Year 1: 92.4%

Year 5: 96.5%

Year 2: 92.6%

Year 6: 94%

Year 3: 94.4%

Parents Evening

Thank you to parents / carers who attended the KS1 / KS2 Parents Evening this term. **EYFS Parents Evenings for Nursery and Reception will be held on Monday 16th March and Tuesday 17th March, 3:20pm – 5pm. Bookings are now live on MCAS and will close on Friday 13th March at 3.30pm. Thank you.**

World Book Day

As always, on World Book Day, the children are invited to come to school dressed as a book character. Please **do not** feel the need to buy a costume; there are many book characters to choose from who wear everyday clothes. **Whilst it is the Year of Reading**, the PTA have suggested a £20.26 Reading Challenge – a separate letter will be sent to you on MCAS, with more details. **Please note, there is no expectation for families to raise the full £20.26 amount – all donations are welcomed!**

Easter Bingo

Our PTA Easter Bingo evening will be on Wednesday 25th March, starting at 5pm. **Tickets will go on sale on Friday 6th March at 3.30pm.** We will have a non-uniform day before this event on Friday 13th March and we ask children to bring in an Easter egg that day so we have plenty of prizes for the Easter Bingo event. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

School Council Easter Event

Decorate an Egg Competition or Easter Bake off? School Council are going to vote on which Easter event they would like for the school: our annual Decorate an Egg Competition or an Easter Bake off and cake sale? I will send more information next week, as School Council are voting on Monday.

May Bank Holiday – extended weekend!

School will be closed on Friday 1st May as well as the Bank Holiday on Monday 4th May. We hope you enjoy your extended weekend with your children.

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](#)

March 2026

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
23 Back in school	24	25	26	27	28	1
2	3 Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 Cross Country	4 World Book Day	5	6	7	8
9 09:00 Year 3 Spring Showcase	10 09:00 Y5 Spring Showcase	11 09:00 Y6 Spring Showcase	12 14:45 Y6 Spring Showcase	13 Non-uniform Day Chocolate Donation for Easter Bings	14	15
16 Assessment Week KS1 and KS2	17	18	19	20	21	22
15:20 EYFS Parents Evening	09:00 KS2 Guitar Assembly 15:20 EYFS Parents Evening	09:00 Y1 Spring Showcase				
23	24 Decorate an Egg Competition – School Council to Judge Netball 17:00 PTA Easter Bings	25	26	27	28	29
30 09:00 Y4 Spring Showcase	31 09:00 Reception Traditional Tales Assembly	1 09:00 Y2 Spring Showcase	2 Half Term	3	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

This month, I wanted to share a You Tube video for parents who would like to know more about Free Parental Control Apps to monitor what your child is watching, doing and to set time restrictions on their device. Here's a 4-minute video with 5 Free Parental Control Apps:

[Top 5 Free Parental Control Apps For iPhone and Android](#)

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Hickman

