



LADYWOOD SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a fabulous first half to the Spring Term with lots of lovely activities happening in school.

Classes have been busy celebrating Chinese New Year, Number Day and Valentines Day. We had a whole week focusing on Children's Mental Health where the children took part in lots of wellbeing activities in school and in the forest area.



Wishing you a lovely half term.

Susan and everyone at Ladywood



Upcoming Events

- ★ Photographer in school - 4th March - further information to follow
- ★ Thursday 6th March - World Book Day - more information to follow
- ★ Year 6 Residential to Bendrigg - further information to follow
- ★ Parent Coffee & Chat - Mother's Day Afternoon Tea themed - date to be confirmed
- ★ Tuesday 1st April - 5.30 - 6.30 pm - Easter Bingo



Reminder

Please note school closes at the usual time on Friday 14th February and re-opens on Monday 24th February

End of the School Day - Important Information

Please note that the time for collection of children from school is 2.50pm. Children will only start to come out from that time unless specific arrangements have been made with school.

For parents collecting their child, to ensure the safety of the children, we kindly ask that parents wait outside of the school reception and children will be brought to you accordingly. The class staff will have been made aware of your arrival, but it will take time to bring the children down due to the school building now being significantly bigger.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Leave of Absence

As part of new guidance and monitoring of pupil attendance from the Department of Education, a Leave of Absence form needs to be completed 4 weeks prior to an event, due to authorisation from the Head Teacher. Parents will need to provide as much information as possible before sending in the form. As a parent, you may wish to take your child, out of school, on holiday in less busier times, to benefit from quieter facilities. Please can you put this level of detail in the Leave of Absence form.

If you are taking your child out of the country for longer than 10 days, school will also require copies of flight tickets, both leaving England and arriving back into England, and an address where your child will be staying.

We realise that sometimes families may need to visit family overseas at short notice. We will still require a Leave of Absence form to be completed, flight tickets and address where the child will be staying.

It is the right of a child to receive an education and school attendance is crucial for children's progress of learning. Attendance is closely monitored at school and if there is an issue Ladywood's Attendance lead may be in touch to offer support or strategies.

If your child is off school for any reason please get in touch with the office to let them know the reasons. It is important we have a full picture of children's attendance throughout the year.

Click on link below for the Holiday Request Form:

<file:///F:/Holiday%20application%20forms%20-%20pupils.pdf>

Children's Mental Health Week

We recently held our Children's Mental Health Week. The children were involved in a full week of wellbeing activities.

These included a Wellbeing Trail in the forest, planting seeds, taking mindful moments, outdoor artwork and Lego Therapy.

There were also yoga, dance, mini fitness circuit and sensory story time sessions.



Chinese New Year



The children had a lovely day celebrating Chinese New Year. They took part in lots of fun activities - a Chinese sensory circuit, explored curiosity corner and tasted different Chinese food.



Rights Respecting School Award

We are so proud to announce that we have been recognised as a Silver Accredited School as part of the Rights Respecting School Award!

Thank you for all your support along the way.



Trauma Informed School

In January this year, Ladywood School became a trauma informed school. Our staff are able to support all children who suffer with trauma or mental health problems and ensure our children feel mentally and physically healthy. As a school we are committed to ensuring all children have the opportunities, skills to address and make sense of their experiences, by providing positive interactions where children feel listened to and provide interventions that promote skills where children can heal minds, brains and bodies.



Bingo + music x quiz / friends = Brew Bingo!

Following on from the fantastic event at Castle Hill Centre (sports Hall)

What is Brew Bingo?

Brew Bingo is a mash up of three games of bingo, a DJ playing music, party games and an opportunity to meet friends and make new ones. The event is aimed at young people who have a disability, their families, and carers.

Where is Brew Bingo?

At Castle Hill Centre in the sports hall via the main entrance.

When is Brew Bingo?

Sunday 2nd March 1pm-3pm

How much is Brew Bingo?

There is a £3.50 per person including carers which includes bingo and refreshments.

To find out more please email elaine.nuttall@bolton.gov.uk. Places are limited and will go quick, so book early to avoid disappointment.



**Bolton
Shared
Care**



 **Bolton
Family Hubs**



Please click on the link below to access the Bolton Family Hub information for families.

<https://www.bolton.gov.uk/bolton-start-well-family-hubs>

Parents Team Meeting/Event Dates



Please see below dates for next term:

Tuesday 1st April 5.30 - 6.30 - Easter Bingo

Wednesday 12th or 19th March 1.00 pm (Date to be confirmed) -
Mothers Day Afternoon Tea themed Parent Coffee and Chat



Friends of Ladywood Parent Group



What is Friends of Ladywood?

Friends of Ladywood are a group of parents/carers (who wish to have a more involved role in school) and staff, that get together regularly to discuss and plan upcoming fundraising events.

What does it involve?

Being a friend of Ladywood involves a wide range of things such as attending meetings to discuss upcoming events (Easter Raffle/Christmas Fair) and bringing new ideas to the table, sourcing raffle prizes from local businesses, helping to put on large events at school to fundraise for Ladywood.

Next Meeting - To be confirmed

Join us for a coffee and chat to find out how you can get involved.

Want to know more?

If you are interested in becoming a member please email the team:
friendsofladywood@bolton.sch.uk

Operation Encompass is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and all police forces.

“ Children who live in homes where there is domestic abuse, or who experience domestic abuse in their own teenage relationships, can be negatively impacted by this experience. ”

“ We have ensured that a member of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained about Operation Encompass procedures. This allows us to use the information that has been confidentially shared with us by the police, to understand how a child may be impacted by domestic abuse and to then offer support to the child/ren in our care. ”

“ This information means that we can understand a child's behaviour and support that child in whatever way they may need or want. ”

“ Children who experience domestic abuse are recognised as victims of domestic abuse in their own right! ”

“ Operation Encompass means that our school will be told, prior to the start of the next school day, when police have attended an incident of domestic abuse where there is a child or young person who attends our school who is related to any of those involved in the incident. ”

“ We are keen to offer the very best support possible to all our pupils and we believe that being part of Operation Encompass helps us to do this. ”

¹ Domestic Abuse Act 2021

www.operationencompass.org

Operation Encompass

Ladywood School is in partnership with Bolton Safeguarding Board and Greater Manchester Police in a project called “Bolton Encompass”. The project is designed to provide support for children who may be impacted on by domestic violence. Information from Encompass will be shared with school who will ensure that appropriate supportive strategies are put in place.

To access the Operation Encompass website, please click on the link below:

<https://www.operationencompass.org/>

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ENCOMPASS**
In every force. In every school. For every child.



A very warm welcome to Katie Halton who has recently joined the Ladywood team.

Parent Partner

Sarah Travis is the School's Parent Partner and will be able to provide guidance, advice and support for parents/carers.

Sarah is available all day Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Should you require any help then please contact Sarah either on the school office number:

01204 333400

or via email parentpartner@ladywood.bolton.sch.uk



Online Payments



We use School Gateway system with regards to the payment of school meals, snack and a way in which we can communicate with parents.

It is essential that parents download AND register on the School Gateway App to make sure you receive all messages.

We no longer use Teachers2Parents as a form of communicating.

If you are struggling to sign up please feel free to telephone the school office for guidance over the phone.

Texting Service - Adverse Weather Conditions/School Closure

Please can we remind parents of our procedure if we need to close the school due to adverse weather conditions or for any other reason. If school is not going to be open we will make a decision and send communication out as early as we possibly can. If for any reason transport is not running, they will contact you directly. Please ensure that the main contact number for your child is up to date at all times and check for texts or messages via class dojo on a regular basis. School closure messages will also be put on:

<https://www.bolton.gov.uk/schoolinformation/school-closures>, Facebook and our Website

Important Information - Allergy Aware

Allergy Aware School



A reminder that we are an 'Allergy Aware' school and therefore nuts should be avoided at all costs.

We have a number of children who are severely allergic to nuts and therefore these shouldn't be coming into school in any form.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Educate Against Hate

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Education Against Hate website provides practical advice on protecting children from extremism and radicalisation for parents. Please click on the link below for further information.

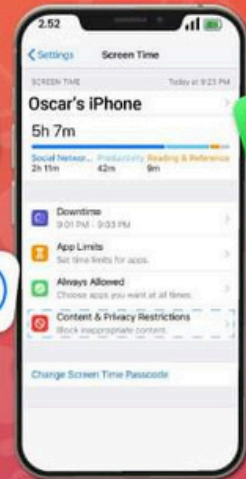
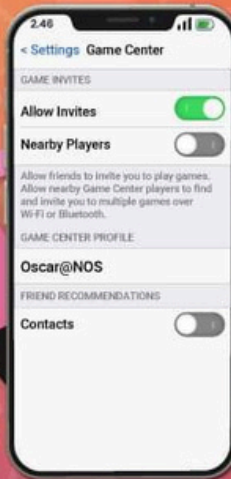
<https://www.educateagainsthate.com/parents/>

Online Safety

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS for APPS iPhone

Apple devices come with built-in apps already available: Mail, FaceTime and Safari, for example. However, you can choose which apps and Features appear on your child's device and which ones don't. You can also manipulate the features in Game Centre to enhance your child's safety and privacy when playing games, as well as blocking iTunes or App Store purchases if you wish.



How to Restrict Built-in Apps/Features

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Allowed Apps (you may need to toggle this to 'on' at the top)
- 5 Enable or disable the apps you wish to appear (or disappear) on your child's device

How to Restrict Game Centre

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Content Restrictions (you may need to switch the toggle at the top to the 'on' position)
- 5 Scroll down to Game Centre
- 6 Choose between Allow, Don't Allow, or Allow with Friends Only in the settings for each feature

How to Restrict iTunes & App Store Purchases

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap iTunes & App Store Purchases
- 5 Select Allow or Don't Allow for each feature (you can also lock these settings with a password)



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FREE SCHOOL MEALS



Are you missing out on £500.00 dinner money and £165.00 in vouchers per child per year?

Many parents don't realise their child is entitled to free school meals. This doesn't just cover meals, it covers money for trips (including our year 6 residential) plus receipt of the supermarket vouchers during school holidays to help with the cost of food shopping.

Have your circumstances changed?

Make sure you are not missing out on benefits you are entitled to. School meals remain free for ALL children in reception, years 1 and 2, regardless of circumstances and you don't have to apply.

Did you know that you can claim free school meals if you are on certain benefits or have a reduced household income when your children reach year 3 and onwards? For more information see the link below.

For further information or to apply, please click on the link below

<https://www.bolton.gov.uk/free-school-meals-clothing-allowance/free-school-meals-help-school-uniform>

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Ladywood Social Media

To keep up to date with all our latest news, please follow us on our various social media platforms.



Instagram: @ladywoodschoo



Twitter: @ladywoodschoo



Facebook: Ladywood School



Youtube: Ladywood School

Ladywood Blog

Please don't forget to check the blog for daily/weekly updates on the children's learning and all the exciting activities that have been happening around school. The blog is a great way for everyone to communicate and to keep up to date.

<http://blog.ladywood.bolton.sch.uk/>



In the UK, an estimated 350,000 tones of clothes end up in landfill every year! Join us and our ECO council in working towards reducing carbon emissions.

We would love any donations of nearly new or good quality Ladywood uniform for our uniform bank

Items can be donated via the school office



School Information

Snack Money

May we remind parents of non-pupil premium children, of the voluntary contribution of £1.00 a week towards your child's snack. This can be paid in cash or via your School Gateway account. If paying by cash, please send into school in an envelope with your child's name on. Thank you.

Parking

When dropping off/collecting your child, can we please ask that you do not park on the area at the front of school with the hatched marked sections, block other cars in and also that you do not park in a Masefield School parking space.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Sickness

Please be aware that if your child has an episode of sickness and/or diarrhoea they need to be kept off school for 48 hours from the last bout of sickness.

All schools are expected to adhere to this guidance from The Community Infection Prevention and Control Team.

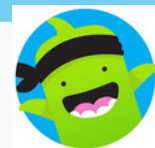
Many thanks in anticipation of your support

Appointments

If your child has an upcoming appointment, could we please ask that you notify school in advance of when the appointment is taking place.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Communication with Home/Class Dojo



We are continuing to use Class Dojo as the main form of communication with parents/carers.

However, we appreciate that there may be times that you feel you need to speak to someone in person or urgently. The office team are always available and welcome calls from parents/carers.

Contact Information



Please ensure that contact details and medical information for your child are up-to-date. If you are unsure please contact the main office on 01204 333400.

Could we please ask that parents keep their phone switched on throughout the day so that we are able to make contact with you if needed. Thank you.

Woodbridge Trust Holiday List 2024-2025 – Parents

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The dates that are shaded in Gold are the days children and young people are not in school.

The dates that are Red are Bank Holidays.