



LADYWOOD SCHOOL

JULY 2026 NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Carers

What an incredible year it has been! Thank you so much for everyone's continued support - it has been truly appreciated!

Our end-of-year celebrations have been the perfect way to round off a wonderful year. The EYFS children enjoyed their EYFS Graduation, while our Year 6 pupils marked the end of their journey at Ladywood with a memorable Ladywood's Got Talent and Grad-Fest.

All of our children have enjoyed some fantastic class trips and everyone also had a visit from the ice cream van, which was a very well-deserved treat and a perfect way to celebrate together.

Our recent Meet the Team event was also a great success. It provided families with the opportunity to meet the wide range of staff and professionals who work together to support our children. One parent commented, "In what other school would you get all of the services that support your child under the same roof?" Feedback like this reflects our ongoing commitment to working closely with families and multi-agency services to ensure that every child receives the support they need to thrive.

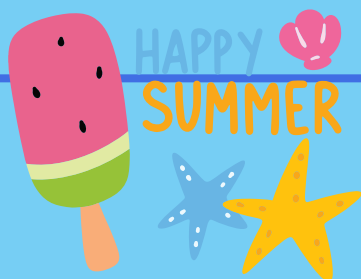
I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our incredible Ladywood team. Their unwavering dedication, care and commitment to every single child in our school never goes unnoticed. They go above and beyond each day to ensure our children feel safe, valued and are inspired to achieve their very best. As a leadership team, we are immensely grateful for the passion, integrity and kindness that they bring to our school community every single day.

As we come to the end of the academic year, we also send our very best wishes to 6 members of staff who are preparing to begin their maternity leave. We wish them every happiness with their exciting new chapter and look forward to meeting some very special new arrivals in the Autumn term!

We wish all of our children and families a safe and happy Summer break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new academic year on Thursday 3rd September.

Many thanks,

Lynsey



Reminder

School closes on Friday 17th
July **at the earlier time of**
2.00pm and re-opens
on Thursday 3rd September

Ladywood Rucksack

We are pleased to share that Smart Clothing in Bolton now have the new rucksack available to purchase for £12.99.

Please click on the link:

<https://www.smartschoolwear.co.uk/product/ladywood-primary-backpack/>

It has already proved very popular with the children and we're delighted to offer an alternative to the Reading bag. The Reading bag will still be gifted to families during their first year of school.



Staff Sports Day

Last week, our Ladywood team took part in a fun and friendly Staff Sports Day!



Kindness Ambassador School



This year, our School Ambassadors have been taking part in the School of Kindness programme, which has involved sharing ideas with children from other schools each term through Zoom meetings.

We are now officially accredited School of Kindness Ambassadors! 🎉

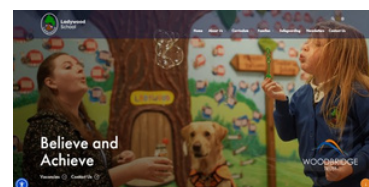
We also applied for the Kind School Awards and were shortlisted. We are delighted to have received a 'Highly Commended' recognition from the judging panel.

The judges were particularly impressed by how deeply kindness is embedded throughout our school. They loved the way kindness underpins every aspect of our work with pupils, staff and families, creating such a nurturing and supportive environment.

New Ladywood Website!

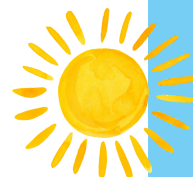
Please check out our amazing new website by clicking on the link below:

www.ladywoodschool.com



Summer Activities

Please see below posters for some activities taking place this summer.



BOLTON SHARED CARE PRESENTS

BALL & BOUNCE SESSION

A FUN SEND-FRIENDLY SESSION FOR ALL KIDS!

SENSORY TOYS, FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, SPACE HOPPERS & MORE!

EVENT 1: MONDAY, 3RD AUGUST
1PM - 3PM

EVENT 2: MONDAY, 24TH AUGUST
1PM - 3PM

EVENT 3: MONDAY, 26TH OCTOBER
1PM - 3PM

PRICE: £2 PER CHILD

ADDRESS: 18 SPA RD, BOLTON BL1 4AG

TO BOOK YOUR SPOT, PLEASE CONTACT:
Harry.Bateman@bolton.gov.uk
OR TEXT: 07917 026840

Bolton Shared Care

BOLTON SHARED CARE & WHEELS FOR ALL

SPECIALLY FOR SEND CHILDREN & FAMILIES

COMMUNITY INCLUSIVE CYCLING DAY

MONDAY 17th AUGUST
1:00pm - 3:30pm

LEVERHULME PARK, BOLTON
(Playground, Long Ln, Darcy Lever, Bolton BL2 6BZ)

FLEET OF OVER 50 ADAPTED BICYCLES FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG ADULTS
Accessible support and amenities available

Cost: £4 PER PERSON

BOLTON SHARED CARE **WHEELS FOR ALL** **Bolton Council**

Find us on Facebook! #InclusiveBolton #AdaptedCycling

SUMMER HOLIDAY SENSORY PLAY SESSIONS!

HOSTED BY BOLTON SHARED CARE OVER THE 6 WEEK HOLIDAYS!

WHAT WE HAVE

- Bubbles
- Sand
- Music play
- Bikes/trikes
- water play
- Tactile materials

DATES, TIMES & LOCATIONS

- 23rd JULY | 3-5pm | THE TONGE FAMILY HUB
- 6th AUGUST | 3-5pm | THE TONGE FAMILY HUB
- 7th AUGUST | 10am-12pm | OXFORD GROVE FAMILY HUB
- 11th AUGUST | 10am-12pm | THE HARVEY CENTRE
- 13th AUGUST | 3-5pm | THE TONGE FAMILY HUB
- 20th AUGUST | 3-5pm | THE TONGE FAMILY HUB
- 27th AUGUST | 3-5pm | THE TONGE FAMILY HUB

TO CONFIRM BOOKING, PLEASE CONTACT:
Harry.Bateman@bolton.gov.uk
or text 07917026840

THE SESSIONS WILL BE £2 PER CHILD. ALL MONEY GOES TO BOOKING NEW ACTIVITIES IN THE FUTURE OR NEW EQUIPMENT!

Bolton Council **Bolton Shared Care**

Walking in the Same Shoes

SEN dads & kids walk

You're not alone
Connect, support & make memories together

- Sensory walk for SEN dads & kids
- Meet dads who get it
- Feed the ducks & swans
- Explore nature & spot wildlife
- Fun activities for children
- Bird food provided
- Play Football & playground fun
- Share, connect & support
- Build friendships & community

Join us on
Thursday
6th August, 2026
at 1pm
at Moses Gate Park

Booking is essential

WE ARE BOLTON AMBASSADORS

To book on the session contact Harry on
07917 026 840
Harry.Bateman@bolton.gov.uk

Trust-Wide Reminder: Recording & Tracking Devices

Please be aware that, under our Trust-Wide Policy, no recording devices are permitted on any school site. This includes items such as Meta smart glasses, as well as AirTags or any other tracking devices.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and secure environment for all pupils, staff and visitors.

Staff Professional Development Update

Our staff team has continued to engage in professional development and collaborative working to ensure we provide the highest quality support for all children. As part of preparations for September, staff have been sharing detailed transition information with new class teams to support smooth and successful transitions into new classes.

We have also completed training linked to online safety, further strengthening our knowledge and understanding of how to promote safe and responsible use of technology for both pupils and staff. In addition, staff have valued the opportunity to meet with families during Parents' Evening, sharing children's progress, celebrating achievements, and discussing next steps to support learning and development both at school and at home.

Important Information

End-of-Day Collection Time Reminder:

To help maximise learning time for all pupils, we kindly ask parents and carers to collect children promptly at 2:45pm.

Early collection will only be arranged in extenuating circumstances, agreed in advance. Parents are welcome to arrive earlier and wait outside; however, please note that children will not be brought to the door before 2:45pm. Any extenuating circumstances will be reviewed on a regular basis to ensure maximum attendance.

This approach helps us reduce interruptions to lessons and ensures pupils benefit from the full learning day. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.



Goodbye & Good Luck

We are saying goodbye to Ellie Swindlehurst, Victoria Palmer, Thea Watkinson, Abigail Boyce, Ashley Percival, Jane Middleton, Taiba Majeed and Louise Toone, wishing them all the very best for the future.

Happy Retirement!

We are saying goodbye to Toni Guerin and wishing her a very happy retirement.



Bendrigg

Please see Bendrigg posters below. They are also offering a 2 night weekend this year from the 4th of December which (due to sponsorship) is £150.00 per person. This includes meals, accommodation and activities.

Upcoming 2027 adventures



Be DofE: Open expeditions

Fri 17 th - Mon 20 th Sep	£498	Silver Training & Practice
Fri 17 th - Mon 20 th Sep	£489	Gold Training & Practice
Fri 22 nd - Mon 25 th Oct	£622.80	Silver Qualifying
Fri 22 nd - Tues 26 th Oct	£765.60	Gold Qualifying

(Carer prices available on request)

Be Individual: Activity-specific adventures

These adventures focus on each individual building skills, knowledge and confidence in specific activities.

Adult 3 night	Fri 20 th - Mon 23 rd	£399pp
Paddlesports	August	

#BeMoreBendrigg

www.bendrigg.org.uk | 01539 723766 | bookings@bendrigg.org.uk
Bendrigg Trust, Bendrigg Lodge, Old Hutton, Kendal LA8 0NR
Registered Charity: 508450

Upcoming 2027 adventures



Family holidays are suitable if you have someone in your group under 18. If you are all over 18 then please select a adult course.

*These prices have been subsidised with sponsorship and are available for anyone

Be Bold: 2-night adventures

Fri 2 nd - Sun 4 th April	£312pp/£186PC	Adults
Fri 30 th July - Sun 1 st Aug	£416.40 full	Families
	*£198	

Be Daring: 3-night adventures

Sun 4 th - Wed 7 th April	£546 Full	Families
	*£258	

Be Brave: 4-night adventures

Mon 31 st May - Fri 4 th June	£699pp/£354pc	Adults
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Be Adventurous: 5 & 6-night adventures

Sun 25 th - Fri 30 th July	£870 Full	Family
	*£399	
Mon 23 rd - Sun 29 th Aug	£840pp/£462pc	Adults
Mon 30 th Aug - Sun 5 th Sept	£840pp/£462pc	Adults

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Summer Fayre



This year's Summer Fayre was a huge success. We raised over £1000, which will be used towards improving our sensory and forest areas around school. Thank you to all who came to support this! Below are a few 'play-based' ideas from our Summer Fayre for you to take away and use during the Summer holiday.

Super Hero!



Fly and soar with a super hero!



Summer Sand!



What can you find?



Baby Care Station



Helpful
hint

Routines: consistent routines can make a big difference. Using a simple visual timetable or "Now and Next" board at home can help children feel more secure, understand what is happening next, and reduce anxiety during daily transitions.



Allergy Awareness Reminder

As an Allergy Aware school, we kindly ask all families to be mindful of what comes into school in lunch boxes and snacks.

We have several children with severe nut allergies, and even small traces of nuts can pose a serious risk. For this reason, no nuts or nut-containing products should be brought into school in any form.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in helping us keep all our children safe.



Social Media at Ladywood

Join us on our new
Facebook page!



Twitter



Instagram



Ladywood Social Media

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

Medication Reminder

A gentle reminder that any medication that needs to come into school needs to be brought by a parent/carer to Reception. Please do not send on transport. We need this medication signing into school and a medication administration form filling out by family.

Thank you.



Absences

If your child is absent from school, it is important that you contact school and report your child's absence otherwise it will be recorded as unauthorised.

Attendance Awareness for Families

Ladywood is committed to promoting and maintaining high levels of attendance and punctuality, to ensure the best outcomes for all our children.

It is therefore a Parent's/Carer's responsibility to:

- Ensure your child is in school by 9:30 am and picked up no earlier than 2:30 pm unless you have an appointment (please arrange appointments outside school hours where possible)
- Report absences by 8:30 am and provide medical evidence when required
- Provide the setting with more than 1 emergency contact number

Authorised Absence Includes:

- Illness and medical/dental appointments (please make school aware of these in advance)
- Religious observance for 1 day
- Other possible 'exceptional circumstances' where the Head may grant term-time holiday. However if this is unauthorised due to attendance then a fine may be incurred.

Leave of Absence MUST be completed at least 2 weeks prior to a holiday or this will be considered UNAUTHORISED. We cannot complete this paperwork after the trip has occurred.

Unauthorised Absence could incur a Penalty Notice and fines starting from £80 up to £160. Further unauthorised absence could lead to Legal Action.

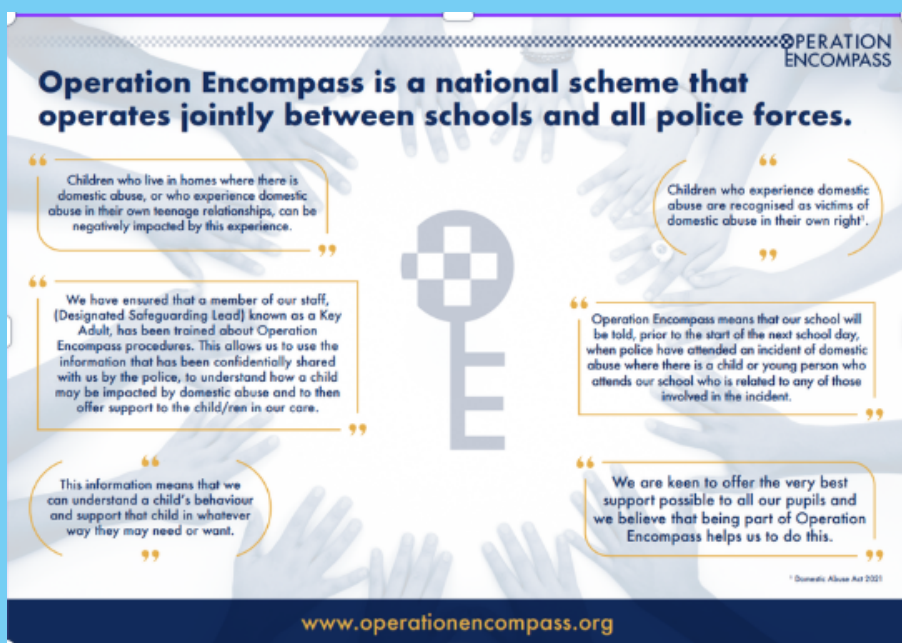
Unexplained Absence - where any pupil we expect to attend school does not attend, or stops attending, without reason, the school will:

- Day 1 and/or Day 2: Contact parents/carers by telephone to confirm a pupil's absence
- Day 3: If a pupil is still absent, and we have been unable to contact a parent/carers, a home visit will be completed.

If your child's attendance falls below 90% you may be notified in writing.

If your child's attendance falls below 80% you may be offered an attendance review meeting to discuss any support required.

We endeavour to support all our children in having a positive attendance. Should you require any further support please do not hesitate to contact school and we would be happy to work with yourselves to improve attendance.



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.

Children who experience domestic abuse are recognised as victims of domestic abuse in their own right.

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.

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.

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

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.

www.operationencompass.org

© Domestic Abuse Act 2021

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/>



Woodbridge Trust Holiday List 2026-2027

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