

RED LANE ROUND UP

May 2025

As we come to the end of this first half of the summer term, I'd like to thank all of our children, staff, and families for their continued hard work and support. We now look forward to a well-earned two-week break. When we return, the second half of the term promises to be full of exciting opportunities, including Sports Day, musical events, Presentation Evening, and important transition days.

It's vital that children are in school every day, on time, and in the correct uniform so they can make the most of everything we have planned.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable break—we look forward to seeing everyone back, refreshed and ready for a fantastic end to the school year!

Mrs Driver



Early Birds and Night Owls

To book in for Early Birds and Night Owls please call Mrs Cornick on 01204 333580 Extension 302.

Early Birds 7.30am – 8.40am £6
Night Owls 3.30pm – 6pm £9



Attendance

Current class attendance

Rec J	88%	Rec W	90%
1M	91%	1S	91%
2B	91%	2F	95%
3I	94%	3T	93%
4H	91%	4N	92%
5C	96%	5W	91%
6H	93%	6S	94%

Our current school attendance level is:
92.1%

This is below the expected level of attendance.

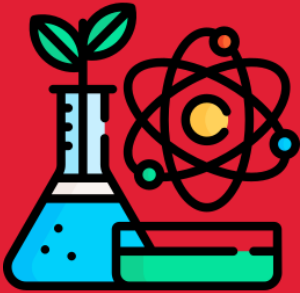
The Department for Education (DfE) states that children should attend school every day, with exceptions only for illness or other unavoidable circumstances.

At Red Lane, we monitor attendance closely and work with families to address any concerns. Consistent attendance helps children build routines, engage fully in learning, and achieve their potential.

Parents are urged to avoid taking children out of school for holidays during term time.

Together Everyone Achieves More

Wonder Lab: Fun Science You Can Try at Home!



We love being scientists at Red Lane and have been learning so much this year in our science lessons. At the moment, lots of us are learning about plants and have been making the most of the opportunities to get outside and experience science around our school. But, science doesn't have to stay at school!

Grow your own food

Why not have a go at growing your own food at home. You can pick up a packet of seeds from the supermarket and start growing your favourite food or veg – lots can be grown on a sunny window in a takeaway tub, old yoghurt pot (or even egg shell!) You can even grow some from leftovers at home!



Discover the water cycle at home

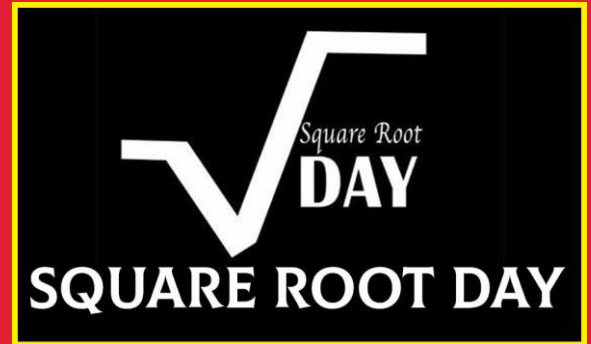
Have you ever wondered where puddles go on a sunny day? Or where rain comes from? With just a freezer bag, marker pen and some water you can discover the answers with your own Water Cycle in a bag. Just stick your bag on a sunny window and watch what happens.

Kitchen cupboard science

Lots of the children in school have been learning about chemistry though materials and their properties. With a few things you might have at home, you can create some chemical reactions with amazing effects. With vinegar, bicarbonate of soda and a few extras you can inflate a balloon with chemistry, create fizzing chalk paint, a volcano and many more....

Our Science Lead is Mr Charlton

Rooting for Year 5!



Year 5 enjoyed learning about and celebrating Square Root Day!

This is when the day and month in the date are the square root of the year - 05.05.25.

We joined a live lesson with My First Love Maths where we learnt about square roots and square root day. The children loved hearing from Professor Nira Chamberlain OBE - a real life mathematician who uses maths to solve complex engineering and business problems. We got to join with children around the UK to ask questions and learnt about Professor Nira's favourite number -Pi!

Game on!

This month's sports round up



This short half-term has definitely been a busy one with sports competitions.

It all started with The KS2 Girls football at Bolton School. A huge tournament with over 50 schools. The girls topped their group and qualified for the knockout stage. They put up a brave fight but were knocked out in the quarter finals.

The KS2 boys also played in the Bolton School's cup and despite being undefeated, they finished their group in 2nd place on goal difference and did not progress.

We participated in the local schools Goalball tournament at BSCA. This is a game designed to be inclusive. The children all wear blindfolds and play the game by rolling a ball into the opposing team's net. The ball has a bell in it, so they have to listen carefully and save it if it comes towards their net. The children were superb and finished 3rd overall.



Goalball team

KS2 Boys football team



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The final tournament this half term was the KS2 Girls Football. The Lioness Cup is a local schools tournament held at Castle Hill. The girls went up and enjoyed their football. We beat Blackshaw and drew with Tonge Moor to go through to the semi- final where we played the much favoured BSCA. Red Lane battled hard and came out on top to reach the final. Tonge Moor beat Castle Hill in the other semi so we knew it was going to be a tough match. In the final we played well, but Tonge Moor took their chances and were leading 2-1. With seconds to play, a fantastic shot rebounded off the crossbar onto the line. Mr Nicholson was sure it was in but the ref didn't give it. We could have done with the 1966 World Cup final linesman!!! But all was not lost as the ball was still rolling across the goal face and their keeper was scrambling to get it away. In charged Mille and the ball hit the back of the net with the last kick of normal time. We went into extra time fired up and the girls battled well. Tonge Moor were a tough team and we struggled to break them down. After extra time finished in a draw, we went into a golden goal situation- next goal wins! The game was tight but we pressed on. Suddenly the ball broke for Tonge Moor. Our girls were tired and the ball was heading towards our net with the Tonge Moor girls chasing it down. Indie was the last defender. Mr Nicholson's watch was telling him his heart rate was too high! Indie didn't try to dribble out, but put her foot through the ball. A sweet strike to clear her lines. The ball travelled like a rocket into Tonge Moor's net and the girls were the champions! A fantastic effort from all.

Our PE lead is Mr Nicholson

Count us in!

Numeracy Day 2025



A big thank you to all our families who participated in the Numeracy Day competition!

Fantastic photos were collected showing where number is used in everyday life, from receipts and shop prices to door numbers and shoes sizes.

With the longest number line created reaching an amazing 272 the winners were...



A big congratulations to Mrs France and 2F!

The children also enjoyed celebrating Numeracy Day by completing activities linked to this year's theme money and some classes took part in a live lesson!



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/articles/zv2bt39#zm4k239>

Follow the link to films and games from the BBC. These resources are aimed at getting children active whilst they learn!

Our Maths Leads are Miss Taylor and Mrs Behan

Count us in!

Numeracy Day 2025

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Numeracy
Day 2025
The money edition

Thank you to everyone who sent in images to take part. Here are a few!

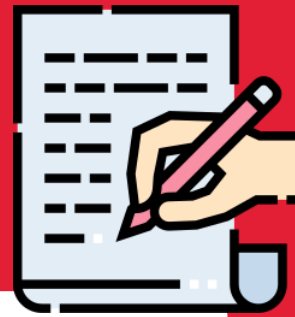


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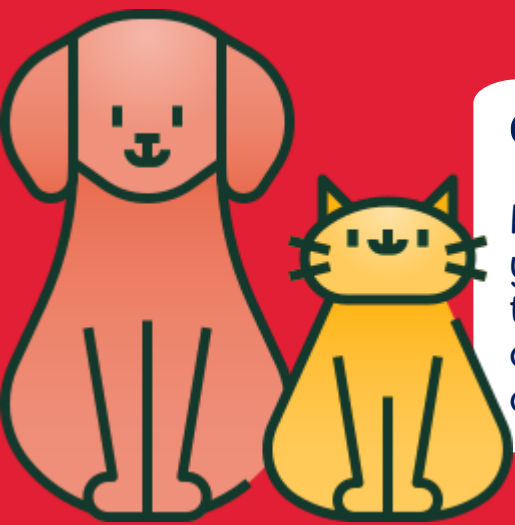
Master the Write Life:

Top Tips for Writing at Home



Writing is a huge part of our lives, even in an increasingly digital world. It's also a skill we often take for granted as adults, but for children, it takes time and effort to get right.

Writing is a crucial way for young minds to unlock their creativity and individuality. Here are some tips that you can follow if you want to ensure your child develops excellent writing skills.

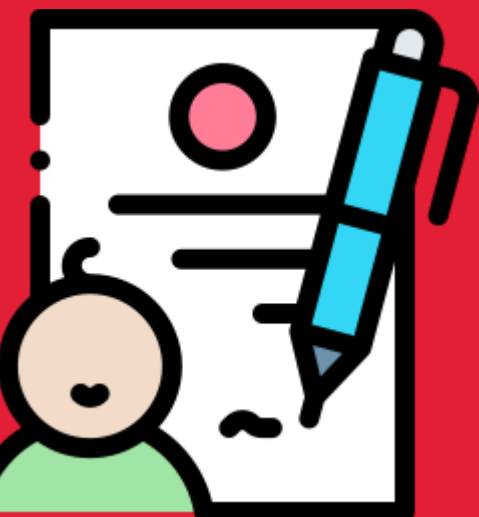


Connect Writing To Your Child's Interests

If your child is already developing good writing skills, you can take it to the next level by encouraging them to undertake writing projects around their other interests, for example, looking after their pets, or writing about the birds they see near their homes.

Write More Yourself

Young children look to their parents or guardians as role models and will replicate many of their behaviours. If you want your child to write more often, one of the best things you can do is see how much you write yourself.



Write With Your Child

You could even take the previous point one step further. Children love being asked to help with grown up stuff, which can be a great way of getting young minds motivated to learn new skills.

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Top Tips for Writing at Home

Play Word Games

Making writing fun is a sure-fire way to keep young ones excited. There are so many games you can play that will get your child writing, including:

- Wordsearch - Find a wordsearch on a topic they enjoy or are learning.
- I Spy - Ask your child to find certain things and write them down when they find them.
- Play Restaurant - Be a customer at your child's restaurant and ask them to write down your order.
- Categories - Pick a category (such as nature) and try to find a word starting with each letter of the alphabet.

All of these games help to make learning fun, which is crucial for keeping young minds engaged.

Keep Pens And Paper Close

You never know when your child's desire to write may strike. So, alongside a dedicated writing space at home, it can be a good idea to give your child a notepad and pen they can use while out and about.

Digital technology comes with a lot of distractions. By giving your little one a notepad and pen, they can explore the world, journaling things they see, copying signs, or any other interests that grab their attention.

Encourage Reading

Reading is crucial for developing strong writing skills. Good writers are often avid readers, so encourage your child to read regularly. It can be great to discuss the stories that your child has read and the characters involved in each book to foster critical thinking and comprehension skills.



Our Writing Lead is Mrs Williams

Family Hub Events...



The Bright Meadows family hub have lots on for families in the coming months.

BRIGHT MEADOWS FAMILY HUB

Greenroyd Avenue, BL2 5DD

Telephone: 01204 336691

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9:00am – 5:00pm

Monday to Friday

Stay and Play

Indoor and outdoor activities, including messy play. Free drop-in for families with 0-5s. Term time only.
Run by Bolton Toy Library.

Thursdays, 10:00am – 11:00am

Chat, Play, Read

Free drop-in group for families with children 12 months +. Enjoy songs, stories, sensory play, and craft activities to help boost your child's communication, language and literacy skills. Run by Family Hub Practitioners. Term time only.

Thursdays, 1:00pm – 2:00pm

Bolton College Learning and Employability Drop-ins

Free help with CV writing, career mapping, job applications, interview skills or get support with course enrolment, and gain qualifications!

Thursday 3 Apr or 8 May
1:30pm – 3:00pm

Family Fun Time

A free drop-in group for families with children of all ages. Read, play, craft, and connect in our indoor and outdoor spaces, with free snacks and the opportunity to chat with a Family Hub Practitioner. Term time only.

Thursdays, 3:15pm – 4:30pm

Baby's First Foods

Babies, parents, and grandparents – learn when and how to introduce solid foods to your baby. Ideal for families with babies around 3-6 months old. To book your place, call the Healthy Families Team on 01204 463175 or email hf@boltonft.nhs.uk

Friday, 16 May
10:00am – 11:30am

Early Years Sing and Play

An interactive musical session with Bolton Music Service for families with children 18 months to 4 years. Free and no need to book! Term time only.

Weekly from Friday 25 April
Fridays, 10:00am – 11:00am

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Hub opening hours:

9:00am – 5:00pm

Monday to Friday

Antenatal Clinic

For an appointment with a Midwife, call the Hub.

Baby in Mind

A support session for parents and caregivers. Meet a Specialist Parent Infant Mental Health Practitioner for up to 1 hour 15 mins. This time is personal to you e.g., thinking about current feelings and experiences, or making plans which might help the demands of daily life to feel more manageable. For more information see page 43.

Mondays, 9:30pm – 1:00pm

Little Bats Stay and Play

Stay and play the forest school way. An 8-week block to build confidence in your tot to play in nature. Outdoor sessions. 1-5 years. ***Advanced booking required.** To book visit: www.littlebatslearning.org/sessions/ or call Elanor on 07818 925678.

Mondays*, 1:00pm – 2:30pm

Baby Babble and Bond

A free drop-in fun and interactive group for families with babies 0-12 months. Enjoy songs, rhymes, sensory play, and topic chats on building relationships, weaning, play, oral health etc. Run by Family Hub Practitioners. Term time only.

Tuesdays, 9:30am – 10:30am

Bolton College Taster Sessions

Enjoy hands-on taster sessions in May. Contact the hub to find out more.

Cake decorating

Tuesday 13 May, 1:00pm – 3:30pm

Nail art

Tuesday 20 May, 1:00pm – 3:30pm

Shake, Rattle, and Roll

An active music and movement session for families with 0-5s. Term-time only.

Wednesdays, 10:00am – 10:45am
Excluding 25 June 2025

Pastoral and Safeguarding

A note from Miss Regan:

I am looking to host some group sessions for Parents. This will include getting someone from different areas of work (such as money skills, debt advice etc). I am looking for suggestions from families in areas they feel they could do with a little extra help. Please just drop me a DOJO with any ideas please!"



The poster for the Community Locker Summer Event features a white background with colorful, abstract watercolor-style splashes in shades of blue, green, and yellow. At the top left is a simple line drawing of a clothes hanger. To its right, the words "COMMUNITY LOCKER" are written in a bold, sans-serif font, with "LOCKER" in orange and "COMMUNITY" in black. Below this, the words "SUMMER EVENT" are written in large, bubbly, 3D-style letters, with "SUMMER" in teal and "EVENT" in pink. The event details are written in a pink, sans-serif font: "Saturday 14th June | 1-3pm" and "KINGS CHURCH BOLTON, BL2 6QE". A paragraph of text in a teal, sans-serif font reads: "We know how expensive getting ready for the new school year can be - so we're here to help. At our summer event, you'll find brand new school uniforms, backpacks, pencil cases, lunch boxes, coats, and more, all available at a fraction of the cost." At the bottom left, it says "in partnership with" followed by the "#LOVE DOES" logo (a heart shape with the text inside) and the "Reach" logo (the word "Reach" in a script font with "LOVING OTHERS, GIVING OUT" in small caps below it). On the right side of the poster, there are three photographs: a girl holding up a pink patterned bag, a boy holding a shoe box, and a girl in a school uniform with a backpack.

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