



RED LANE ROUND UP

March 2026

Welcome to the March edition of our school newsletter. As we move through the spring term, we want to highlight the importance of strong attendance. Every day in school matters—especially as we approach key assessments including the Phonics Screening Check for Year 1 and some of Year 2, the Year 4 Multiplication Check, and KS2 SATs.



A reminder that bikes and scooters must not be ridden on school grounds, and dogs are not permitted. These rules help keep our site safe and comfortable for everyone. We also ask all members of our community (parents, children, and staff) to show the same respect and courtesy to others that they would hope to receive.

This month has already been filled with fantastic events, from our well-received Oracy parent workshops to the excitement of World Book Day and several successful sporting events. We are grateful to our staff for their hard work and to our families for their continued support. We hope you enjoy this month's updates and the celebrations within our school community.

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



Oracy spotlight: *Nursery Parent Workshops*

Over the past few weeks, we've had the pleasure of welcoming some of our Nursery families into school for our Communication and Language workshops. Each session has explored a different area of early communication, including speaking, listening, rhymes, songs and stories. Families have taken part in a range of fun, practical activities designed to support children's language development and build confidence in these key skills. It's been wonderful to see everyone joining in, learning together and enjoying the sessions.

Our EYFS lead is Mrs Willenbrook



World Book Day 2026



We had a truly magical day celebrating World Book Day this March! Our Nursery children enjoyed a cosy, themed day of bedtime stories, coming to school in their pyjamas and sharing their favourite books together. From Reception onwards, the school was full of excitement as children arrived dressed as their favourite book characters – it was wonderful to see such creativity on display!

The day began with a fantastic assembly led by our Reading Champions, who inspired everyone with their love of books. Throughout the day, each class took part in a 'Book Café', where children explored and discussed a range of texts from different genres. To end the day, every class enjoyed a special guest reader and listened to a story read by another teacher, all while relaxing with a biscuit and a drink – a perfect way to unwind with a good book.

We also began planning our very own class books in partnership with Our Class Book. These exciting publications will soon be available for parents to order, and the children are absolutely thrilled at the thought of becoming published authors and illustrators!

It was a wonderful day filled with imagination, creativity and a real love of reading.

Our Reading Lead is Miss Simpson, and our Phonics Lead is Miss Spencer.



Red Lane Sports Update



Red Lane teams have been busy this half term:

The football team is continuing with the KEY PE Sports league at Ladybridge, results have not been going our way recently but each week the children are showing resilience to enjoy the positives and they are improving their game. Only a matter of time before we get back on that win streak!

The Dodgeball team played in a local schools tournament and performed well, however they were knocked out in the group stages.

The handball team also played in a local schools tournament and played brilliantly, they topped their group but went out in the semi finals to the eventual winners. They finished third overall.

Our PE Lead is Mr Nicholson



That's Music to my ears...



What an exciting half term it has been for music! The Red Lane Boy Band performed at Harwood Methodist Church at the Alfa Spring Festival. The boys stunned the audience with their rendition of 'Eternity' by Alex Warren. A small group of children were invited to attend the 'Canon Slade Music Recital'. This was a fantastic opportunity for the children to experience live music played by the Canon Slade Stage Band and St Wilfred's Academy Jazz Band. We hope to be invited back in the near future.

Our wonderful Choir have once again delivered an evening of entertainment here in school. Their performance was enjoyed by parents and carers, it certainly put a spring in everyone's step.

Production club will start after half term and will be weekly on a Thursday after school.

Our Music Lead is Mrs France.



Attendance

Current class attendance

Rec C	92.6%	Rec W	91.9%
1H	91.4%	1S	93.4%
2C	94.2%	2F	91.3%
3T	94.2%	3W	90.9%
4K	93.7%	4N	93.7%
5B	90.6%	5R	93.7%
6M	91%	6H	96.4%
6S 94.1%			



Our current school attendance level is:
92.8%

This is below the expected level of attendance.

The Attendance Shop

Our very successful attendance shop will be restocked ready for the next opening at the end of this half term. This initiative has been hugely successful and the children really understand that points mean prizes!

Every child gets 10 points a day for coming to school, and a further 10 points for arriving on time!

What is your child's points goal this week? Can they get the maximum of 100 points per week to spend at the shop?



Attendance

Do I need to keep my child off school?



Chicken Pox Until all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Impetigo Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies Until after first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Flu Until recovered	Head Lice No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Threadworms No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Tonsillitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed		

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.

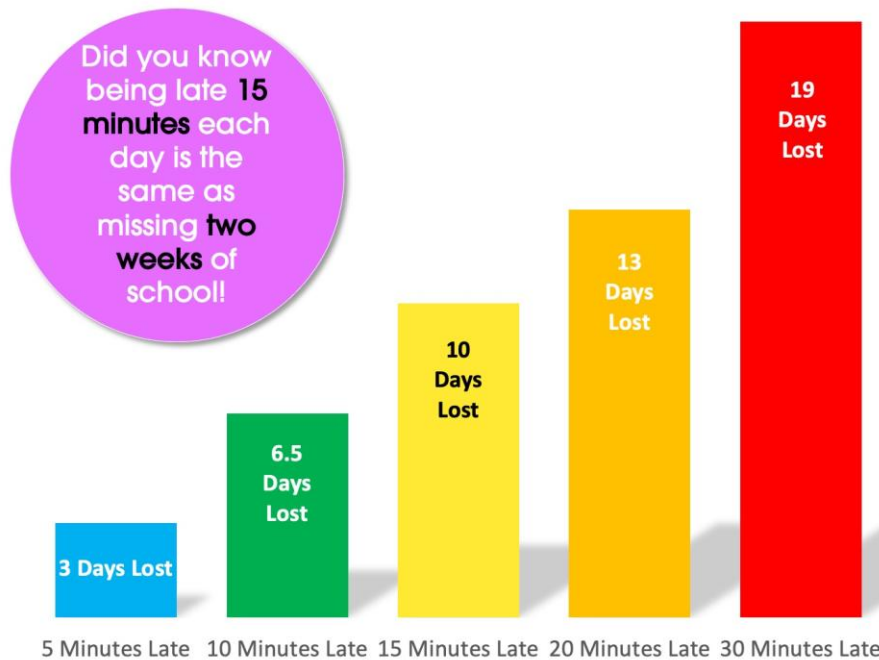
Parents are urged to avoid taking children out of school for holidays during term time.



Punctuality

Punctuality Matters!

Lost Minutes = Lost Learning



Punctuality

Thank you for your work on improving attendance. It is important that your children arrive on time to maximise their learning. From the moment they arrive, teachers are on hand to support pupils with reading, writing and maths work.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

When you're in school you...



Have the best possible start in life!



Help us to help you

We value positive relationships with our families and always want to resolve any concerns quickly, fairly and in the best interests of your child. If you have a worry or complaint, please follow the steps below so we can support you effectively. Please be aware that staff are not always immediately available but we will respond to parents as soon as is practicably possible.

Step 1 - Speak to the class teacher

Your child's class teacher is usually the best first point of contact, as they know your child well and can often resolve matters quickly.

Step 2 - Contact the phase or unit leader

If you feel the matter needs to be taken further, please contact the leader in charge of the phase or unit. They will review the situation and work with you towards a resolution.

EYFS - Mrs Willenbrook

Y1/2 - Mr Charlton

Y3/4 - Mr Nicholson

Y5/6 - Mr Hudson

Step 3 - Contact the school office

If you remain unhappy with the outcome, the concern is about the unit leader or if the matter is extremely serious, please contact the school office. The office will ask if you have followed the escalation process and who you have spoken to previously. Where this is the first contact you will be asked for some brief details in the event that in order that your concern is responded to in a timely manner you can will be contacted by the most appropriate team member. A member of the safeguarding or senior leadership team (Assistant Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher or Headteacher) will then get in touch.

We kindly ask that parents follow this process. When concerns are raised directly with outside bodies (such as the local authority or Ofsted), they are referred back to the school. This can slow things down and make it harder for us to investigate and help—especially if concerns are shared anonymously. While we can often work out where concerns have come from, it is always better for everyone if we can speak with you directly.

We also remind parents that, in line with our Parent Code of Conduct, all concerns should be raised in a calm and respectful manner. This helps us to focus on resolving the issue and modelling positive communication for our children. We would like to thank the many parents who consistently follow our policies and work with us in a constructive way.

Please be assured that we are always happy to listen and to work with you to sort out any concern or complaint. We simply need the opportunity to do so, and following the escalation process helps us resolve issues more quickly and in your child's best interests, avoiding unnecessary delays.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.



Spring Bucket List

Fun for the Whole Family!



Things to do in/around
Bolton



Things to do in/around
Manchester

1. Picnic in Backyard
2. Bake Cookies 
3. Blow Bubbles Outside
4. Make Homemade Lemonade
5. Go to the Zoo/Petting Farm
6. Plant New Flowers
7. Go Fishing
8. Play with Sidewalk Chalk
9. Dye Easter Eggs
10. Paint Rocks 
11. Pick Berries
12. Go on a Scavenger Hunt
13. Play in the Rain
14. Take Family Pictures
15. Make a Bird Feeder
16. Read a New Book
17. Have a Board Game Night
18. Ride Bikes 
19. Go For a Hike
20. Watch the Sunset
21. Write a Letter to Someone
22. Pay it Forward
23. Find a Rainbow
24. Catch Butterflies
25. Stargaze in the Backyard



Bubble Show

@ Octagon—£16



5K Easter Run £5



Toddler Tales—£0



Bolton HAF clubs £0