



St Columba's Catholic Primary School

Year 5 2025-2026

Welcome back to St Columba's!

This is the start of a really important year for your child. Please work with us and support your child over the next year.

Meet the team

Class teacher: Mrs Crossland
Class Teaching assistant: Mrs Reynolds

Home-school contact

Parents can communicate with school by emailing office@st-columbas.bolton.sch.uk or by phoning 01204 333421.

The school day

School begins at 8:45am and ends at 3:20pm. Attendance is vital to ensure that your child makes the best possible progress. Please do not allow your child to take off any more time than is necessary. Holidays are not permitted during term time. If your child is unwell, please phone the office as soon as possible to let us know.

Home time

In Year 5, children are allowed to walk to and from school by themselves, so long as this has been

authorised by a parent/guardian **via the school office**. If somebody unknown to us is picking your child up from school, please let us know who to look out for by contacting the school office.

Jewellery

The only jewellery permitted to be worn in school is a watch. Staff members **are not** allowed to remove or replace earrings, so please do not send your child to school in earrings. This is for your child's safety. Please also ensure that if your child has long hair, it is tied up with a bobble.

What to bring to school

Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school to keep them hydrated throughout the day, as well as a small, healthy snack for morning break.

If your child brings a mobile phone to school it must remain switched off and will be kept in a safe place during school hours.

Reading

Your child will be given a school reading book to read at home. In order for your child to make good progress, it is so important that they read at home **every night**. This need only take 10-15 minutes per day, but will have huge benefits for your child's learning! Please ensure your child's reading record is signed when they have read at home.

Times tables

Children will be tested on their times tables every **Friday**. Children will need to be practising regularly in order to progress. Children have log ins for TTrockstars in their reading



records.

Homework

Your child will bring home spellings and times tables every Monday to learn at home for test each Friday. It is vital that these spellings and times tables are practised every day.

This will not take long, but will again have a great impact on your child's learning. Log-ins for your child's online learning accounts can be found inside their yellow reading records.

PE

Your child will have PE lessons on **Monday and Wednesday** every week. On PE days, your child should come to school dressed in their PE kit and pumps. As it gets colder, your child will be allowed to wear plain tracksuit bottoms. They may also wear their school jumper over their PE kit. Trainers can be worn for **outdoor** PE. Year 5 children will be coming swimming in the Spring term.

*If you have any questions,
please do not hesitate to ask.
Thank you for your support.*

Mrs Crossland

