

St. Columba's Catholic Primary School



**Year 4
2025-2026**

**Welcome back to St
Columba's!**

**Here are a few things you
should know as your child
enters their new school year:**

Meet the team

The year 4 team consists of Mrs Moore, who will be your child's class teacher, supported by Mrs Tierney and Miss Benton.

Home-school contact

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



The school day

Doors are opened at **8.45 am** and the school day 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 school as soon as possible to let us know.

Home time

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

PE Kit

Your child will have PE lessons every **Tuesday and Thursday**. On PE days your child should come dressed in their PE kit and pumps. As it gets colder, your child may wear plain tracksuit bottoms instead of their PE shorts. They may also wear their school jumper over their PE kit. **Please note, for indoor sessions, children must wear PE pumps.**

Jewellery

Our school policy is that **NO** jewellery may be worn in school. Staff are **not** allowed to remove or replace earrings, so please avoid sending 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 in a bobble.

Reading books

In order for your child to make good progress, it is important that they read to an adult at home as much as possible. This need only take 10 minutes per day, but will have huge benefits for your child's learning! We will provide your child with a reading book which they can change independently, but of course we encourage them to read as many books as they can of their choosing. Reading books need to be brought into school **every day**. Please sign your child's Reading Record to show that they have read with an adult at home.



End of Year Times Tables Check

Year 4 children are now required to sit a Times Tables Check at the end of the school year, to assess their progress. The test will be taken online during school time and will require the children to be able to recall multiplication facts quickly and fluently. Using TT Rockstars frequently at home has shown to have a huge impact in children's progress.

More information about this will be sent home throughout the year. In the meantime, if you have any further questions or would like some additional support, please speak to Mrs Moore.

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. As we are a nut aware school and have children with specific allergies no products containing nuts of any kind or peanuts are permitted to be brought into school.

Homework

Please ensure your child practices times tables at home each night to maximise progress in school.

Spelling will be taught in school throughout the week with a focus on specific spelling rules. However, we will be sending home a list of year 4 spelling words (which do not follow a specific rule) with an expectation that children will practise these at home.

I am very much looking forward to working with your child this year and I appreciate your continued support.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact school.

Mrs Moore