

25 April 2025

Mrs Makepeace-Taylor - Welcome to the summer term!

How lovely to be back! We hope you all enjoyed the holidays, and that your daughters are looking forward to an exciting and busy summer term ahead. We also hope you have now accessed both the curriculum maps and summer term calendar document, with all the fabulous enrichment activities too; please remember that the calendar is a summary of dates which also appear on the school website (where any updates will be published), which can always be accessed here: [School Calendar | Girls Prep School | Bowdon Preparatory School](#)

This week, our 'Thought of the Week' has been, **"The best way to predict the future is to invent it."** As we begin the final term of this academic year, we are already planning for the next academic year – inventing the future for your daughters, with their assistance! – and we are looking forward to all the **transition events** this term, in preparation. Our minds inevitably also wander to our **wonderful Year 6 pupils** who are now looking forward to the future, at their **chosen secondary schools**. We hope you saw the Governors' letter before the holidays but, as a reminder:

We are delighted to report that:

- *100% of our Year 6 girls who sat entrance exams reached qualifying scores and offers at selective schools*
- *96% of the whole Year 6 cohort received offers from selective senior schools*
- *87% of the girls who sat the Trafford Grammar schools exam, received offers*
- *48% of our girls have chosen to attend a Grammar school next year*
- *46% of our girls have chosen to attend a school within the independent sector.*

We are so proud of ALL our Year 6 girls and know that you will join us in congratulating them on their amazing achievements during their time at BPS. What an exciting term, and year, ahead for them...



At this time of year, we also think about some of our **teachers** who are inventing a new future for themselves. We will write more formally in due course, but for your awareness, we would like to announce that Mrs Statham will be retiring at the end of year; Mrs Waters will be taking early retirement; and Mr Horridge will be stepping back from full time teaching and supporting students within the secondary sector. An exciting future awaits, and we hope that they will have fun inventing it!

School uniform – “Be Smart. Be Proud. Be Bowdon.”

It was so lovely to mark the start of the summer term this year with everyone returning to school in their summer uniform. Thank you for your support with this – how smart all our BPS pupils looked!

The benefits of taking pride in a school uniform:

1. **School Identity and Pride:** Uniforms foster a sense of belonging and school spirit. Wearing the same clothing can help pupils feel part of a community and take pride in their school.
2. **Equality:** Uniforms create a level playing field.
3. **Focus on Learning:** Uniforms can create a more academically focused environment, where pupils are not worrying about what they are wearing.
4. **Safety:** Uniforms make it easier to identify pupils, which can enhance security on school trips or even within the school premises.
5. **Simplicity:** Uniforms simplify the morning routine for students and parents, reducing the stress of choosing what to wear each day.

Bowdon Bulletin




Bowdon Preparatory
School for Girls

When we met with the Class Reps last term, we all agreed on changing the summer uniform timings, to simplify the process. So, winter uniform will be worn during the autumn and spring terms (September through to the Easter holidays), and summer uniform during the summer term (post-Easter until the end of term).

If you have any comments or feedback about uniform, please email us on headteacher@bowdonprep.org.uk

Thank you for your on-going support.



Parents' Information Board

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Reviews meetings – Y3

Go Explore – Y5

Tuesday Y4 ISA Netball Tournament

Thursday Y6 Maths Challenge

Y6 Transition Evening with Y7/Y8 pupils

Friday Break the Rules Day (see next page)

**Happy, Healthy,
Safe School**

**Looking after our
environment – what
can we do to help
make our planet a
better place?**



A thought
**TO START
YOUR WEEK**

**Everything begins
with an idea!**

£1.00 pound each on
parent pay

BREAK THE RULES

1. Wear your own clothes or pyjamas



2. Bring a teddy



3. Bring in crisps as your snack
NO nuts.



4. Crazy hair style (bring a bobble
just in case it gets in the way)

5. Wear a small transfer tattoo on your hand



6. Wear a headband or tiara

7. Bring in any school bag



8. Write in any colour pen (not felt tip and only for prep)



9. Bring juice in your bottle



10. Wear nail polish but it has to be off by
Tuesday or there will be a £1.00 fine



Break The Rules Day Friday 2 May

Break the Rules day is back!!

Pupils can select to break any or all 10 rules and each broken rule will incur a £1 fine!

A register will be taken on the day to note which rules have been broken. Fines can be paid on parent pay under 'break the rules.'

And remember NO school on the following Monday 5 May – Enjoy!!

The BPS Society

Following the success of the preloved uniform sales, we are expanding the initiative by collecting donations of trainers for sports day and costumes for school performances and all donations will be used to support the BPS Society to fundraise for our wonderful school, help promote looking after our planet and of course save parents money!

Collection points, manned by the BPS Society, will be available at drop off and pick up on **Tuesday 6th May and Thursday 8th May**, please contact class rep if you can help. Dates for the preloved stalls will be communicated soon!

Trainer collection

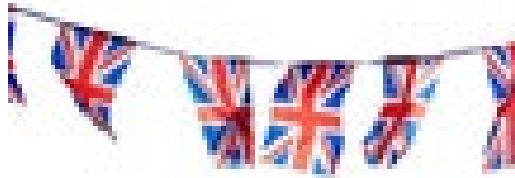
We are asking for donations of children's trainers with plenty of life left, washed and ready for their new home. Please tie or attach trainers together and note the sizing inside the shoe if unclear.

Y3 Waxworks – donations of costumes

In preparation for the upcoming Y3 Waxworks Day, donations are needed for costumes in good condition for children in Y3. The list of costumes required for this year will be shared with the class Reps on Monday so watch this space!

We will also look at trialling a donation system for school performance costumes - more details will be shared in due course.

Thank you for your support and promoting sustainability within our school community!



From **May 5th to May 9th**, we come together to commemorate the **80th anniversary of VE Day**, marking 80 years since the end of World War II in Europe.

The "VE Day 80" events will be held to honour veterans and commemorate this historic occasion. On May 5th, there will be a procession and fly-past in London, which will be broadcast on national television.

To make this celebration even more special, we invite you to **share your family's VE Day celebration pictures**. Whether it's a photo of your children dressed in 1940s attire, a street party, or any other creative way you choose to honour this day, we would love to see and share these moments with our school community.

Please send your photos to photos@bowdonprep.org.uk

We look forward to seeing your wonderful contributions and celebrating this important historical event.

Y6 Trip

On Wednesday, Y6 enjoyed a perfect, sunny day, as an introduction to river systems in the gorgeous natural surroundings of the River Bollin at **Quarry Bank Mill**.

They learned about key processes and features and carried out their own investigations into the way water flows on straight and meandering river channels and how this affects the development of the river.

The girls also rose well to the challenge of putting map skills developed last term into practice, with navigation exercises in Styal Woods.



Congratulations to Claudia and Kruthi in Y6 who have both been recently selected for county sport.

Claudia has successfully been chosen to be part of the U13 Lancashire Lacrosse squad, whilst Kruthi has just been selected for the U11 Girls Cheshire Cricket team.

We are super proud of you both and wish you every sporting success with Lancashire and Cheshire!



Sports Board

Netball Fixtures

Tuesday Y4 ISA Netball Tournament AESG – Away

Thursday Y6C & D Broadheath Primary School - Home



The School Council dedicate
this prestigious award
each week during the
Celebration Assemblies

Staff Updates



Staff of the week
has been awarded to

Mrs Walsh who keeps our library full of
exciting books and fantastic displays. We
are always greeted with a warm smile too!

Mrs Thomason for being such a positive
role model around school to all the girls.
We love your happy and caring attitude.



Uniform Notice Board

- **Summer uniform is now to be worn** until the end of the academic year, dresses should be worn with white ankle socks but can be worn with white or cream tights until May if the weather is cold.
- On PE days, **stud earrings should be removed or covered with tape BEFORE your daughter arrives in school.** Participation in PE may be affected if this Health and Safety requirement is not adhered to.

Uniform can be ordered online -

www.pascoeandwillis.com/bowdon-preparatory-school - Password: BPS24

Uniform Shop opening hours at BPS:

Tues 29 Apr: 8.10am – 9am

Wed 30 April: 8.10am – 9am

Thurs 1 May: 8.10am – 9am

Please click [here](#) to see the uniform policy.

Summer					
BPS blazer	✓	✓	✓		
BPS red rain jacket	✓	✓	✓		
BPS summer dress	✓	✓	✓		
BPS summer panama hat		✓	✓ Y3/4		
BPS red summer hat	✓				
BPS cardigan	✓	✓	✓		
White ankle socks	✓	✓	✓	Undershirt	



Mrs Abbey's Menu of the Week

Wc 28 April 2025



Monday	Chicken or Paneer Curry Rice and Naan bread	Broccoli	Gingerbread Men
Tuesday	Beef or Veggie Lasagne Garlic Bread	Carrots	Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt
Wednesday	Jacket Potatoes	Various Fillings	Carrot Cake
Thursday	Pork or Veggie Meatballs Pasta	Peas	Orange or Mango Sorbet
Friday	Chicken or Quorn Paninis	Sweetcorn	Lemon Drizzle Cake

BPS is a nut and sesame seed free school

However, due to manufacturing processes, some products used in the school kitchen state that they 'may contain nuts/sesame'.

Vegetarian options, salad bar, fruit and yoghurts are available daily.

All our food is made using the finest quality produce. Suppliers include Taylor's of Sale (butchers) and 'Bettaveg'.

If you provide grapes as a school snack, for health and safety - PLEASE cut grapes in half lengthways or in quarters

The BPS / APS Unity Ball
16 May 2025

Tickets are going fast for the APS/BPS Unity Ball.

Don't miss your chance to enjoy this black-tie event at Stock Farm on 16 May where you will enjoy good food, great entertainment and fundraising for our amazing BPS Society. Everyone is welcome!

Tables and individual tickets are available to buy but are going fast. To book, please follow the link below and include 'UNITY' after your name in the payment reference.

<https://apssociety.hopp.to/unityball>

We can't wait to celebrate with you all!

**Best wishes,
The BPS Society**



THE UNITY *ball*

A night of glitz & glam

FRIDAY | MAY 16TH | 7.30PM- 1AM
£70 PER TICKET

STOCK FARM BARN, ASHLEY ROAD
Tickets on sale from 9am Friday 7th
March

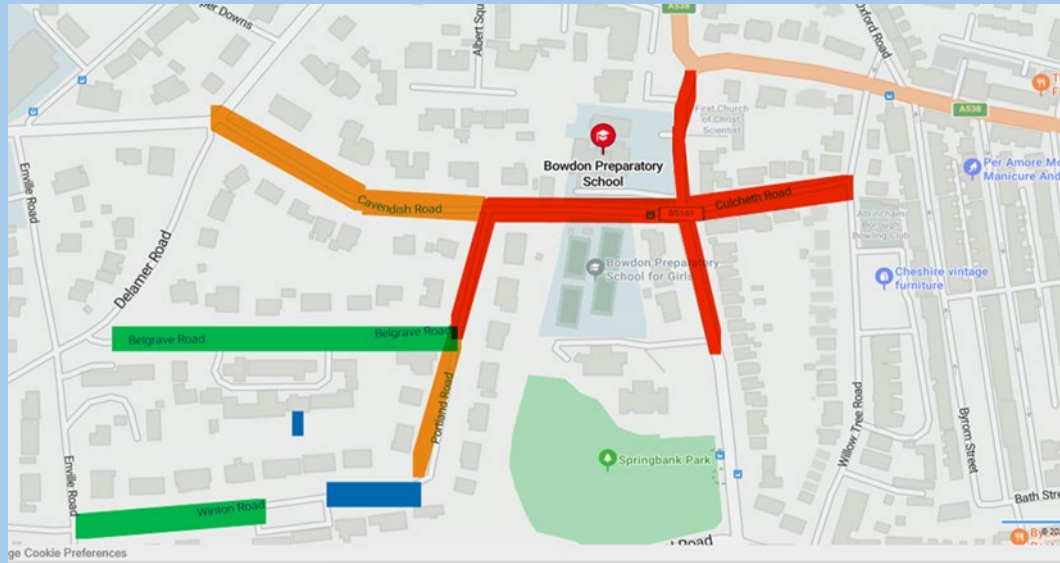
- A Night of Indulgence & Entertainment •
- ★ 3-Course Exquisite Dining – A feast to remember ★
- 🎵 Live Band & DJ – Dance the night away 🎵
- ★ Spectacular Entertainment – Expect the unexpected! ★



This event is being organised by the APS & BPS society

proceeds from the evening's auction are being donated to Once upon a Smile

Parents' Information Board



Please continue to show kindness to our school neighbours, ensuring cars are not parked over driveways and by not parking on roads we have noted as red.

Please do not drive or turn into the staff car park, as this compromises the safety of pupils, parents and staff.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Bookings are now open for the next holidays, with discounts too!

Book Friday (25 April) – Get 8% off with code SOP8

Book Saturday (26 April) – Enjoy 6% off with code SOP6

Book Sunday (27 April) – Save with 5% off with code SOP5

<https://schoolofplay.ipalbookings.com/>

Wishing you a wonderful weekend...

#Be Bowdon
#Be You!

