



9 May 2025



Some people dream of success while others wake up and work at it – Mrs Stiles

The quotation above highlights the difference between aspiration and action. Simply having a desire for success is not enough. To achieve your dreams requires consistent effort, determination and dedication. It means *loving what you are doing and putting your whole self into it.*

Dream Big: Don't limit yourself with self-doubt. Then break down your goals into smaller steps, and actively work towards them, even when facing setbacks.

At our school, we believe that dreams are just the beginning — and our young musicians, for example, are proving it every day! The girls outstanding performances at the **Alderley Edge Music Festival (see Page 4)** didn't just happen by chance. It's the result of weeks of focused practice, teamwork, and dedication.

While many people dream of being great performers, it is the BPS pupils who *wake up and work hard* that truly shine. Whether it's showing up for music rehearsals each week, spending time learning new notes on an instrument, or performing in front of their classmates, these musical stars are putting in the effort it takes to succeed.

So, remember dreaming of success is a great start, but practicing with passion is how we turn those dreams into music!

Mrs Stiles – BPS Teacher

Parents' Information Board

WC 12 May

Go Explore

Y2

Reviews

Y6

Monday

Rounders after school club - cancelled

Wednesday – Friday

Y6 STEM Days

Happy, Healthy, Safe School

Talking about our feelings
and listening to others, in
order to support positive
emotional health for all



'Cultural Diversity Day' on 23 May.

We are excited to learn more about each other - our beliefs, celebrations, music, home languages. We would like the girls to dress in clothes which represent their cultural heritage or with which they identify; by wearing traditional clothing, their nations' colours or clothes which show belonging to a group with shared values and principles such as Brownies.

A thought
TO START
YOUR WEEK

**Find joy in the
journey**

**** SAVE THE DATE ****

BFest will take place on
22 May from midday.

See letter sent...

We are so excited!

ISA Poetry Competition



Huge congratulations to **Martina** (Y5) and **Shivani** (Y6) for achieving equal third, '**Highly Commended**' placements for their poems in the National ISA Poetry Competition. **Penelope** (Y6) was also recognised for her worthy entry.

All three entries, entitled 'My Life as' were innovative and creative, and showed the girls to be clever wordsmiths indeed.



**ALDERLEY EDGE
— FESTIVAL —**



Congratulations to the Y5 and Y6 pupils who took part in the Alderley Edge Music Festival.

Orchestra: 1st place
Chamber Choir: 2nd Place

Thank you to Mrs Stiles and Mrs Fan for your commitment, talent and guidance, enabling our BPS pupils to shine!

Our Y3 and Y4 pupils had the most wonderful time on their residential this week at **Tattenhall Outdoor Centre**. From jungle camps to pond dipping, zip wires to tree climbs, our pupils had the best time pushing themselves out of their comfort zones, experiencing new things, and having fun and adventures with their friends. The day finished with a cup of hot chocolate and a DVD, all cosy in their PJs and cuddly toys. We're sure they all slept well when they returned home!



A huge thank you to Mrs Hughes and the wonderful Y3 & Y4 staff who gave up their time to accompany our pupils. The planning, preparation, and organisation is epic and without our dedicated staff, these amazing experiences wouldn't happen. ❤️



Y3 & Y4 Residential





Break the Rules Day

Wow! - what an amazingly cheeky bunch you are!

Wearing crazy costumes and nail art; a visit from a little furry friend (fabulous hair styles!); and the firm favourite rule to break, having juice in your water bottles!!



You broke so many rules – the fines raised just over **£1000** for our wonderful school!

Thank you, School Council ☺





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

"VE Day 80" events were held in honour of veterans:

Lavinia and her siblings enjoyed the street parade in Hale.

Bea and Anna from 4G took on the challenge of Kinder Scout and showed great resilience.

...And we all enjoyed VE themed treats from Mrs Abbey and the Catering Team.



Tuesday 29th April

Can I write a victory speech?

The war in Europe has ended today. At 2:41am at General Eisenhower's headquarters, General Jodl signed the contract for unconditional surrender for all land, sea and air forces. This means that the war between Germany and Europe has come to an end, but at 12:01a the war will officially be over... but to save multiple lives we called a ceasefire yesterday. America are still at war with Japan and may be for a long time so we must be grateful that Europe has won and the war is over. Advance Britannia. Let us hope this will never happen again. Hostilities must end for now and forever. Some may have lost family, friends and people you love but we stand together, the United Kingdom is your family, your friends and are your supporters. We will commemorate those we have lost in the war and look after the people that are suffering. Stand proud, stand tall and stand together.

Tuesday 29th April

Can I write a victory speech?

Ladies and Gentlemen, people of England! As your Prime Minister I have come to tell you excellent. At 2.41 yesterday in General Eisenhower's Headquarters in America, General Jodl, representative of the German Command and Grand Admiral Doenitz, the design head of the German state, signed the critical and unconditional surrender of all German land, sea and air in Europe. This is the same for our allies, the High Command. Fortunately, that means that all channel islands have been freed and all hostilities ended. These horrible years of fear and hiding are no more! This triumphant victory will go down in history. So this is my message to you today: I want victory! God save the queen!



Tuesday 29th April

Can I write a victory speech?

I am Winston Churchill. Yesterday, at 2:41 Am. at General Eisenhower Headquarters, Jodl signed the act of unconditional surrender. All German land, sea and air forces will stop their fighting. There has been a ceasefire in France. I am glad to announce that the German War is therefore at an end. After years of intense preparation, Britain has finally ended this tragic fighting. I am glad to say that hostilities will end, evacuees will return back to their homes and all of your beloved men will come back. Tomorrow, one minute after midnight the war will officially end. Rationing will not end yet because we must still remember that Japan is still fighting at war. Remember, this is your victory. Long live the freedom of Britain. God save the King. Thank you.

Wednesday 30th April

VE Day - The 80th Anniversary

VE Day is celebrated worldwide as the day the war in Europe officially ended. The public were overjoyed at this news and festivities began. There were street parties, the pubs opening hours extended and dance halls were open till midnight. Although it was a time of happiness, many were overcome by the loss of loved ones; whether by fighting or bombing many suffered. The prime minister at the time, Winston Churchill, broadcast on the radio. 'In accordance with arrangements between the three great powers, tomorrow, Tuesday will be treated as Victory in Europe day and will be regarded as a holiday'. Churches held thanksgiving services and church bells were rung. It was a time of joy and reunion but also of remembrance and reflection. We are looking forward to hearing about everyone's celebrations on the 7th May!



Sports Board



On Tuesday Y4A and B pop lacrosse teams played in the Timperley tournament. Both teams did really well, the B team won one match and the A-Team won four out of their six matches!



Sports Board



Fixtures

Monday	Y5	Ladybarn	Away
Tuesday	Y4 v Y5 A and B	Inter year	
Thursday	Y5A & 6A	Cheadle Hulme	Home

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

Staff Updates



Staff of the week
has been awarded to

Mr Kelly - where would be without you
helping us with our IT issues and always
finding a solution to our problems.

Mr Nelson - for helping with the smooth
running of our school and always being
happy to see us.

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.
- 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 and collected from the Uniform Shop
www.pascoeandwillis.com/bowdon-preparatory-school
 Password: BPS24

Uniform Shop opening hours at BPS:

Tuesday 13 May: 8.10am – 9am

Thursday 15 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	✓	✓	✓	Undershort	



Mrs Abbey's Menu of the Week

Wc 12 May 2025



Monday	Cheese, Tomato or Carbonara Pasta	Broccoli	Orange Cookies
Tuesday	Roast Chicken or Quorn Roast Potatoes	Cauliflower Cheese and Carrots	Cornflake Cake
Wednesday	Pizza Various Toppings	Bakes Beans and Sweetcorn	Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt
Thursday	Chicken or Veggie Escalope Crispy Potatoes	Peas	Cookies
Friday	Pork or Veggie Sausages	Green Beans and Bakes Beans	Chocolate Cupcakes

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 fundraise 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

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THE UNITY ball

A night of glitz & glam

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

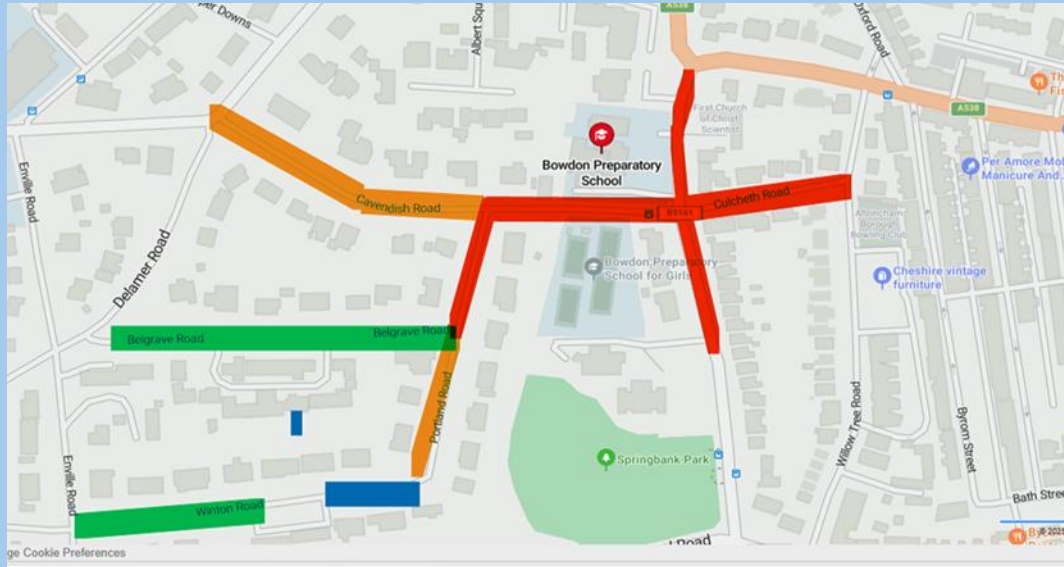
STOCK FARM BARN, ASHLEY ROAD
Tickets on sale from 9am Friday 7th March

- 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.

As we enter a very busy time at School with lots of trips, please **do not park in the bus area**, this ensures the safety of our pupils as they depart and arrive back at school.



Bookings are now open for the next half term break in May. Parents who book three or more days will be entered into a draw to win two tickets to Chester Zoo

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



Bowdon Vale are building a women's and girls cricket team. We are a friendly local club.
No experience necessary.



Girls 5-11

- Age 5-8 - All Stars
- Age 8-11 - Dynamos
- Saturday morning

Girls 11+

- Soft ball
- Tuesday evening
- U13 and U15 hardball (mixed)
- Duke of Edinburgh volunteering opportunities



Women's Cricket

- Soft ball
- Tuesday night training
- Monday night CrickFit (fun keep fit with music)

Priory Street, Bowdon Vale. WA14 3BH
admin@bowdonvalecc.org.uk Instagram: bowdonvaleccwandg
For more information call Alice 07989 968832

**Wishing you a wonderful weekend
See you on Monday!**

**#Be Bowdon
#Be You!**

