

4TH JULY 2025

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BULLETIN

MATILDA WOWS AT THE WATERSIDE

BPS pupils light up the stage with confidence, creativity, and unforgettable talent.

WILD WONDERS AT CHESTER ZOO

Reception girls go wild on an adventure to Chester Zoo

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As a proud Girls on Board school, we are committed to nurturing not only the academic growth of our pupils but also their emotional intelligence, empathy, and leadership.

This summer term has been a shining example of what it means to empower girls to support one another, step into leadership roles, and grow together. We encourage our girls to take off the blinkers and look around—to notice who might need a helping hand, a kind word, or simply someone to sit beside. In our community, we don't want anyone to feel adrift or overlooked.

Everyone deserves a place on the friendship raft, and it's up to the pupils to make sure no one is left behind. It's about collaboration, not isolation. It's about building bridges, not walls. This term has offered countless opportunities for our girls to lead and champion each other. Whether performing on stage, competing with grace and determination on Sports Day, or embracing the challenges of the Year 6 residential, our pupils have shown that leadership doesn't always mean being at the front.



Sometimes, the most powerful leaders are those who lead from the back - quietly supporting, encouraging, and lifting others up. We want our girls to grow in confidence, to develop socially, and to understand that every story has two sides.



We encourage them to be "hoppers"—girls who can move confidently between different friendship groups, feeling secure in themselves and spreading that sense of security to others.

Let's continue to support our daughters in becoming thoughtful, resilient, and compassionate leaders. Together, we can ensure that every girl feels seen, heard, and valued.

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This week, 5H led a reflective assembly on the importance of “taking the blinkers off”—a reminder to stay aware of those around us and to support one another with kindness and empathy.

Year 1 brought energy and enthusiasm to their assembly, sharing their appreciation for the great outdoors. They spoke about the benefits of spending time in nature, its impact on our well-being, and the importance of looking after the environment.

Their message tied in perfectly with our theme of the week: Do what you love, love what you do. We hope everyone finds time this weekend to enjoy the outdoors and take a moment to do something meaningful.



Mrs Hughes

**Year 3/4 Phase Leader
Head of Sport**



Looking Ahead: Next Week

Thought of the Week

Put down the map and get wonderfully lost.

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Be Safe! - Road safety – scooters, bikes and crossing the road



S Makepeace-Taylor

**Mrs S Makepeace-Taylor
Headteacher**



Communication

Key Dates

NEXT WEEK

At a glance...

7 JULY



Bowdon Preparatory
School for Girls

Go Expore - Year 5

After School Clubs
notices.

MON

7

MONDAY

TUES

8

4-5pm - Open School event for
Pupils and Parents

TUESDAY

WED

9

MFL day in school

WEDNESDAY

THUR

10

Optional Zoom Meetings
(more details on Monday)

THURSDAY

Drama - now finished
Street Dance - now
finished

FRI

11

Reception Trip
Y1 Trip

2-3.15pm: Y3 Waxworks

FRIDAY

Summer Term 2

Key Dates at a glance



**Why not print and add
the Club/Activities that
your child/children
attend here...**

June 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9 Staff Inset Day	10 School Opens	11 Sports Day	12	13
16 Y6 Residential	17 Y6 Residential Open Morning	18 Y6 Residential Welcome Y1 Zoom Welcome Y2 Zoom	19 Y6 Residential Y1 & Y2 Show	20 Y6 Residential
23 Welcome Y5 Zoom Welcome Y6 Zoom	24 Whole Class Photo Welcome Y3 Zoom Welcome Y4 Zoom	25 Welcome KG Zoom	26 Welcome to Reception Zoom	27
30	1	2	3	4

MONDAY

Y1 & Y2 Dance
Y2 Art
Y3 - Y6 Woodwind
Y5 Rounders

TUESDAY

Y1 & Y2 Yoga
Y4 Rounders
Y5 & Y6 Chamber Choir

WEDNESDAY

Y1 & Y2 Recorder
Y3 - Y6 Art
Y3 - Y6 Multi Sports
Y4 - Y6 Rock Band

THURSDAY

Y3 - Y6 Recorder
Y6 Rounders

July 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1 Year 5 and 6 Show	2 Year 5 and 6 Show - matinee and evening	3 'Move Up' Day	4 School Reports
7	8 Open School Event (end of day)	9 Modern Foreign Languages Day	10 Optional Parent Zoom Meetings	11 Year 3 Waxworks
14	15	16 Y6 leavers assembly School closes at 12pm	17	18

FRIDAY

Y3 & Y4 Lacrosse
Y3 - Y6 Orchestra
Y1 - Y6 Mandarin



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REACH MORE PARENTS APP - COMING SOON

We are always looking for new ways to improve communications with our parents and carers. In the next few weeks, we are delighted to be launching Reach More Parents - a new digital communications tool specifically designed for parent communications.

Reach More Parents allows you to see live updates about your child's education, meaning you will never miss a moment of your child's learning Journey. Receive alerts and keep updated with School News, Trips, Learning Activities, Important Announcements, Key Dates and Events, Attendance Information and much more!

We will be providing all the information you need to get started next week. This will include an enrolment message, and both priority one and two contacts with parental responsibility will be sent an enrolment code.

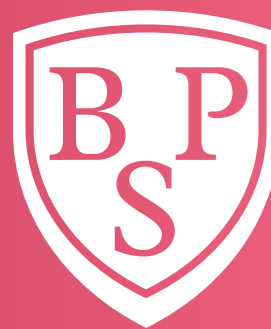
Year 6 parents are most welcome to enroll but if you do not wish to do so, we will continue to communicate via the parent portal until then of term. We look forward to welcoming you on board on this exciting journey to effective and efficient communication.

If you want to download the app in preparation for the launch, scan below (left for Android and right for Apple)

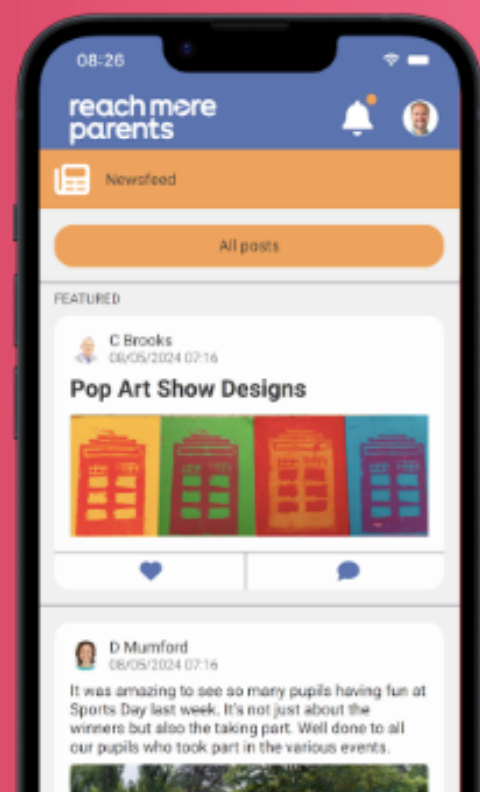
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Reminder

WHOLE SCHOOL LANGUAGES DAY @ BPS

WEDNESDAY 9 JULY

We will be celebrating the various mother tongues of our pupils and will also be learning key vocabulary in other languages. In addition, each class will be focusing on an in-depth study of the culture and traditions of a specific country.

**TO MARK THIS OCCASION, WE
WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ALL GIRLS TO
COME DRESSED IN THE COLOURS OF A
WORLD FLAG.**

THANK YOU

MISS ADAMS



YEAR THREE MUSEUM OF WAXWORKS

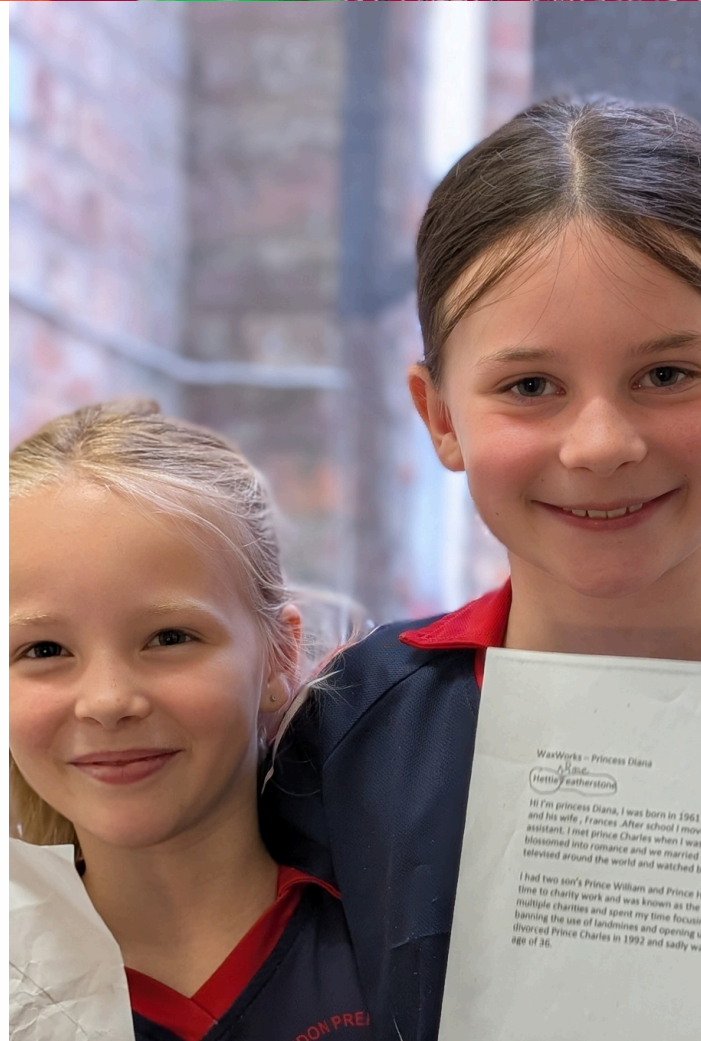


FRIDAY 11 JULY (2.00-3.15PM)

Our Year 3 girls are hard at work preparing for their upcoming Waxworks performance. They've been busy researching, writing, and putting the finishing touches on their costumes. Excitement is building as they now turn their attention to rehearsals! A reminder that Year 3 parents are warmly invited to attend the event, which will take place from 2:00 to 3:15pm on Friday, 11th July.

THANK YOU

MISS POWELL



Our wonderful BPS Society hold pre-loved uniform sales throughout the academic year - the next sales will be TUESDAY 8th July (Open School)

UNIFORM SHOP

OPENING HOURS

TUESDAY 8TH JULY (3 – 4PM)
THURSDAY 10TH JULY (8.10 – 9AM)

Uniform can also be ordered online via
www.pascoeandwillis.com/bowdon-preparatory-school
Password: BPS24



UNIFORM FOR SEPTEMBER...

Dear Parents and Carers,

If you would like to purchase any new BPS school uniform for your daughter before returning in September...

Before Term ends If you would like to check sizes and purchase uniform in person, then please pop along to the BPS uniform shop:

Tuesday 8 July (3 - 4pm)

Thursday 10 July (8.10 – 9am)

You can also order online as usual.

During the summer holidays:

If you would like to purchase uniform from the shop during the summer holidays, then please just email victoria@pwschoolwear.com to arrange a fitting appointment at a convenient time.

You can also purchase your uniform as usual online – local delivery is free.

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

As usual the BPS uniform shop will be open when we start back to school in September. Any uniform related questions please just get in touch.

A young girl with dark hair, wearing a red and white striped shirt under a dark blue jumper dress, is shown from the side, focused on playing a piano. Her hands are positioned on the keys. The background is a soft-focus indoor setting.

SIGN UP!

INSTRUMENT LESSONS AT BOWDON PREP

We are very fortunate to have an exceptional team of peripatetic music staff. The school can offer lessons in a wide range of instruments, including piano, violin, cello, clarinet, flute, saxophone, guitar, drums, and various brass instruments. If you would like to sign your daughter up for instrumental lessons, please contact the school office and indicate which instrument she is interested in. For further queries or more information, feel free to contact Mrs. Stiles via the school office.





MRS. ABBEY'S LUNCH



WC 7 JULY

MONDAY



Paneer or Chicken Curry with Rice and Naan Bread
Broccoli
Orange and Mango Sorbet

TUESDAY



Veggie or Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread
Carrots
Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

WEDNESDAY



Jacket Potatoes served with various fillings
Salad Bar
Carrot Cake

THURSDAY



Veggieballs or Pork Meatballs with Pasta
Peas
Chocolate Sponge Cake

FRIDAY



Quorn or Chicken Strip Paninis
Sweetcorn
Gingerbread Men

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.

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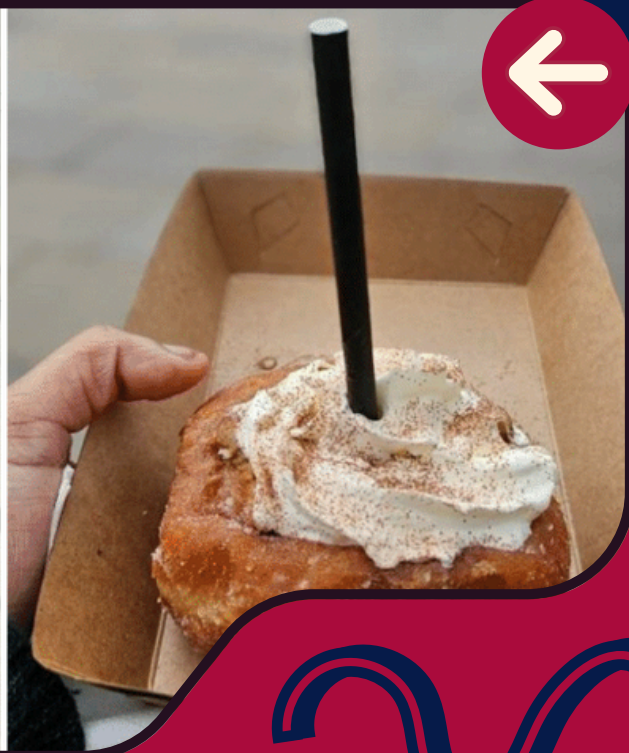
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AT BPS 7.30-9.30AM



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DONATED TO THE BPS SOCIETY. ✕



Curriculum

Reflecting on our week at BPS



When I Grow Up... I'll Remember This Forever

An unforgettable performance by our talented Year 5 and 6 pupils at the Waterside Theatre

What an unforgettable experience it was as our talented pupils took to the stage for three dazzling performances of *Matilda* at the Waterside Theatre! With two sell-out evening shows and a special afternoon performance, the energy, talent, and professionalism displayed by the girls was nothing short of spectacular.

Performing in a professional theatre is a truly special opportunity, and our pupils embraced it with confidence and joy. Our Year 6 girls shone in their leading roles – performing with creativity, charisma, and a real sense of camaraderie. They supported one another throughout and embodied what it means to be part of a cast. Their maturity and stage presence were truly inspirational.

Year 5 also played their part brilliantly. Their professionalism and enthusiasm were evident from start to finish. They observed, learned, and delivered a performance full of confidence and sparkle. With such promise on show, we can't wait to see them take on bigger roles next year.

Behind the magic of the performances were months of preparation – rehearsals, choreography, costume fittings, set building, line learning, and more. Every moment of hard work was worth it. So much effort goes into staging a production like this, but it simply couldn't happen without a cast who turn up, give it 110%, and support each other every



step of the way. The girls' dedication, energy, and commitment have been the heartbeat of this success.

A huge thank you goes to the Waterside Theatre team, especially the sound technicians, for helping our young performers look and sound so polished on stage. The experience of performing in such a professional environment has been unforgettable.

We're also incredibly grateful to our parents and carers, whose behind-the-scenes efforts – especially with costumes – helped bring the production to life. Your support makes all the difference and never goes unnoticed.



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Our sincere thanks to Mr and Mrs Chapman and Miss Nassari, whose creativity and hard work on set design, props, and make-up helped transform the stage into the magical world of Matilda. The vibrant choreography, brought to life by Mrs Herbert, Mrs Hughes, and Mrs Malone, added dynamic movement and energy to every scene.

A whole host of staff have worked tirelessly to support this production – from rehearsals and supervision to logistics and encouragement. Your contributions have helped make these special memories possible, and we are incredibly thankful.



To our brilliant performing arts team – Mrs Lloyd-Wilson and Mr Wood – thank you. Your vision, dedication, and professionalism turned this production into something truly magical.

Reflecting on the experience, Mrs Hughes said, "In all my years at BPS, I cannot rate this show highly enough. The dress rehearsal in our sports hall was amazing – but to see the girls in the Waterside highlighted their brilliance."

To the cast – thank you for your passion, hard work, and infectious enthusiasm. You've created something very special, and we are so proud of you all. Bravo!



"I couldn't be prouder of what the girls have achieved. Their energy, professionalism, and teamwork across all three performances were outstanding. This production has been the result of months of hard work and dedication, and it's been a joy to watch them grow in confidence and creativity. Thank you to everyone who supported along the way – it truly was a team effort and a shining example of Performing Arts at its best."

**A Note from Mrs Lloyd-Wilson
Head of Performing Arts**







Bright Beginnings

Moving Up Morning Brings Smiles and Excitement

There was a real buzz of excitement in the air at Bowdon Prep School yesterday as pupils across the school took part in our annual 'Moving Up Morning'. A much-anticipated event on the school calendar, the morning offered pupils the chance to spend time with the teachers who will be guiding them in the next academic year.

From Reception through to Year 6, the school was alive with enthusiasm and positivity. Delighted faces could be seen in every corridor, as pupils embraced the opportunity to begin their journey into the next stage of their school life. The atmosphere was electric, filled with laughter, curiosity and the joy of new beginnings.

The day is an important step in supporting the transition process, helping pupils feel confident and excited about the year ahead. It wasn't just the girls who benefited—teachers, too, found great joy in getting to know their future classes and laying the foundation for a successful year to come.



One Year 5 pupil, Hosna, shared her thoughts: "We had the excitement of finding out our form teachers last week—you could hear cheers all round the school! So to spend the day with my new form teacher, Mrs. Hughes, was amazing. I am looking forward to next year already."

As we approach the end of this academic year, 'Moving Up Morning' has reminded everyone of the exciting new horizons that await. With a positive energy echoing through the school and so much to look forward to, the future at BPS is shining bright.

Term Dates for 2025/26



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Please note that next week, we will publish our term dates for 2026/27.

*Whilst every effort will be made to adhere to the published dates, occasionally it is necessary to change dates published a long way ahead owing to circumstances beyond our control.

Reception's Roarsome Adventure at Chester Zoo!

On Friday, as part of their "Animals Around the World" topic, our Reception girls set off on an exciting expedition to Chester Zoo – and what a day it was!

The visit brought their classroom learning to life as the girls had the chance to observe many of the animals they've been studying up close. Their adventure included a brilliant workshop led by one of the zoo's expert educators, who took them on a walking tour through the Heart of Africa zone. Through imaginative storytelling and hands-on exploration, the girls were introduced to some truly fascinating species.

Throughout the tour, the girls became real-life animal detectives, answering questions like: What do mole-rats eat? Why does a vulture need a hooked beak? How can an animal's features tell us about its diet? With wide eyes and eager minds, they discovered just how much we can learn from an animal's adaptations.



A highlight of the day – and a clear favourite – was a close-up encounter with the zoo's resident snow leopard. Seeking shade from the heat, the snow leopard had settled just inside its enclosure by a window, offering the girls an extraordinary view of this majestic creature from just inches away.

After all that learning and exploring, the girls enjoyed a sunny picnic lunch, full of chatter and laughter – and a few cheeky attempts from some very friendly ducks to join the feast! Their impeccable behaviour and boundless enthusiasm made us incredibly proud, as they truly embodied the values of our school throughout the day.

To round off a perfect trip, the girls were treated to a well-deserved ice lolly, ending their adventure on a sweet note.

The excitement continues back in the classroom this week with follow-up activities, and we can't wait to hear their roarsome recounts of an unforgettable day!

Exciting Study Skills Workshop to Kick Off Year 5!

Looking ahead to the next academic year

On Wednesday 3rd September 2025, Year 5 pupils at Bowdon Prep will begin the new academic year with an inspiring and interactive Study Skills Workshop, delivered by Learning Performance, the UK's leading study skills company.

This exciting workshop is specially designed to equip pupils with essential strategies for success in the year ahead. Through engaging, hands-on activities, the girls will explore: effective learning and revision techniques, long-term memory strategies, well-being and breathing exercises and key organisational skills

The aim of the workshop is to provide pupils with the tools to become confident, independent learners. Research shows that introducing these approaches early in the academic year can boost student progress by an average of at least eight months.

Mrs Delf, shared her enthusiasm for the initiative: "Starting the year with this workshop sets a really positive tone. It empowers the girls to take ownership of their learning and supports their transition into the exciting challenges of Year 5."

To find out more about Learning Performance and their work in schools across the UK, please visit: www.learningperformance.com



From Bean to Giant – Meet Barbara!

In Year 2, the girls have been learning how to care for and grow plants. As part of their task, each pupil was challenged to grow a broad bean – and Amelia, with help from her Grandma, went above and beyond!

Their plant, affectionately named Barbara, grew to an impressive size – as tall as Amelia when she's sitting down! A fantastic effort that wowed the whole class.

Well done, Amelia – a truly bean-tastic achievement!



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BOWDON SPORT

YEAR 6 LACROSSE STARS SHINE

Bronze medals secured after an incredible run to the semi-finals at the National Mixed Lacrosse Finals in Stoke.

We are absolutely thrilled to share the incredible success of our Year 6 lacrosse team, who competed in the National Mixed Lacrosse Finals on Thursday 26th June in Stoke – and returned as bronze medallists!

In a fiercely competitive national tournament, featuring the very best school teams from across the country, our talented pupils rose to the occasion in spectacular fashion. Facing off against strong opposition in the group stages, they secured impressive victories against:

- Springfield – 6–5
- Stanton St. Quinton – 10–3
- Perry Hall – 6–2



These outstanding results meant the team finished top of their section, earning them a well-deserved place in the Championship Draw – the top 8 knockout stage of the competition.

In the quarter-finals, they faced Sparsholt in a nail-biting match, winning 5–4 to secure a place in the semi-finals. There, they met Gawsworth – the eventual champions – and although they battled hard, they were narrowly defeated 4–7.

Undeterred, the team entered the third-place playoff against Bowdon Church School and delivered a dominant performance, winning 7–2 to claim 3rd place overall and bronze medals.

Mrs Baxter, beaming with pride, said: "What a huge achievement for this talented team! They showed incredible skill, resilience, and teamwork throughout the day. I am so proud of each and every one of them. A huge thank you to all the parents for their support – it really made a difference."



UPCOMING FIXTURES

WEDNESDAY 9 JULY

Y3 AND Y4 ROUNDERS MATCH – INTER YEAR (HOME)



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Staff of the Week

Each week, the School Council presents this prestigious award during the Celebration Assemblies..



Mrs. Waters

A huge well done to Mrs Waters - What a great week on the Year 6 residential the girls had with you, and they love Go Explore with you, too. Thank you for making learning so much fun! We will miss you enormously. Thank you for everything you have given to BPS.

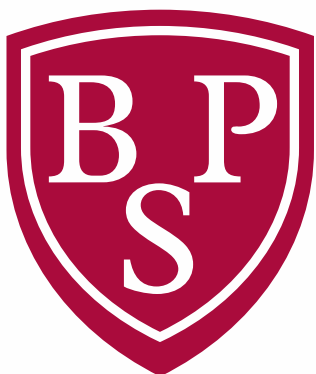


Mrs. Horridge

Huge congratulations to the wonderful Mrs Horridge. Your acting talents are incredible and your enthusiasm is infectious. We will miss you so much. Thank you for all you have done at Bowdon Prep!



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