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BULLETIN

BOWDON PREP LAUNCHES FIRST ECO FASHION SWAP

Encouraging greener choices in our
school community

AN EXTRAORDINARY DISPLAY OF GENEROSITY

Outstanding totals for Children in Need
and the Poppy Appeal



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COMMUNICATION. CURRICULUM. CARE.



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Winter Safety Matters at BPS

A Seasonal Reminder for Our School Community

As we move into the winter months and the darker evenings are upon us, we are reminded that the time of year brings unique challenges: reduced daylight, wet and icy conditions, and increased traffic during peak school hours. As a community, we will continue to do our utmost to ensure the safety of every child.

- **Visibility is Key:** Encourage your child to wear bright or reflective clothing and consider adding reflective strips to bags or coats.
- **Safe Crossing Habits:** Remind and support children to use designated crossings and wait until vehicles have fully stopped before stepping out.
- **Stay Alert:** Distractions like mobile phones and headphones can reduce awareness—please remind children to keep their focus when out and about.
- **Drivers:** If you drive near school, please slow down, especially during drop-off and pick-up times. Be mindful where you park, children may be harder to see in poor light or bad weather.

Safety is intentional, not accidental—allowing children to thrive with confidence.

At Bowdon Prep, safety is never left to chance—it's the result of planning, vigilance, and teamwork between staff, parents, and pupils. Children are naturally curious and more vulnerable to accidents and we therefore **prioritise a culture of care and safety at BPS.**



From playground supervision to classroom design, every space and activity is risk-assessed. Staff receive regular training to handle emergencies and safeguarding concerns, and safety drills (fire, lockdown, and evacuation) are practised so everyone knows what to do calmly and confidently.

We continue to work hard to create an inclusive environment where every child feels seen, safe and protected and parents play a vital role. Open communication helps us understand and meet each child's needs and when home and school work together, we create the best outcomes for our pupils.



Ms K Pheasant
Bursar (Finance / Health &
Safety / Data Protection / HR)





Enforcement of *School Keep Clear* markings in Trafford this half term.

Following last week's communication, we are sharing Trafford Council's important road safety message once again. The Council will soon increase enforcement of the 'School Keep Clear' markings outside our school, using a camera car to help keep these areas safe and unobstructed for pupils and families.

The Council explains that the yellow zig-zag zones ensure safe access for pedestrians and cyclists and reduce congestion during busy periods. Additional signage to indicate camera enforcement will be installed and camera car visits beginning this half term.

We kindly ask all parents and carers to take note of this reminder and support these measures to help keep our school community safe.



TRAFFORD

Looking Ahead: Next Week

Thought of the Week

Every day is a chance to be better

Happy school, Healthy school, Safe school

Perseverance, grit and resilience

Communication

Key Dates





NEXT WEEK

At a glance...

**WC 24
NOVEMBER**

KG reviews will take place this week

*After School Clubs
cancellations.*

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WEDNESDAY

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Wreath making - BPS Society

Y4 trip

THURSDAY

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Prep Theatre trip

FRIDAY

Autumn Term 2025

Key Dates at a glance

November



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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 <i>School opens</i>	4	5 Y5 Residential Zoom	6	7 Y2 Trip BPSS Disco
10 Rec Walk	11 Y6 Outward Bound Zoom - 6pm	12	13	14 Anti Bullying/Odd Socks/ Children in Need
17	18 Open Morning - Prospective Parents	19	20 Class Reps meeting	21
24	25	26	27 Y4 Trip	28 Prep Theatre trip

MONDAY

Y1 & Y2 Dance
(Y5 Netball)
Y2 Art
Y3 Baking

TUESDAY

Y1 & Y2 Yoga
Y5 & Y6 Chamber Choir
Y3 Baking
Y3 & Y4 Science Club

WEDNESDAY

Y3 - Y6 Multi Sports
Y3 - Y6 Choir
Y3 - Y6 Art
Rock Band

THURSDAY

Y6 Netball
Y1 - Y6 Drama
Y3 - Y5 Street Dance
Y1 & Y2 Recorder Club

FRIDAY

Y3 - Y6 Yoga
Y3 - Y6 Full Orchestra
Y1 -Y6 Mandarin

December

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	2	3	4 EY Nativity 1.30pm Y1 & Y2 Concert 2.30pm	5 Eco Day
8	9 Y3 & Y4 Christmas Concert 2.30pm	10 Lower School trip	11 Y5 & Y6 Carol Concert St Mary's Church	12 Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
15 Hannukkah	16	17	18 BPSS Christmas Fair	19 School Closes

FOLLOW US





MRS. ABBEY'S LUNCH



WC 24.11.25

MONDAY



*Paneer or Chicken Curry, Naan Bread
Broccoli
Sorbet*

TUESDAY



*Veggie or Beef Lasange, Garlic Bread
Green Beans
Fruit or Yoghurt*

WEDNESDAY



*Jacket Potatoes with various fillings
Salad Bar
Carrot Cake*

THURSDAY



*Veggie or Pork Meatballs and Pasta
Peas
Sponge Cake*

FRIDAY



*Quorn or Chicken Strips
Sweetcorn
Flapjack*

Salad Bar available each day

Health and Safety Notice

Please cut grapes in half - length-ways or in quarters

BPS is a nut and sesame seed free school



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

Fruit and yogurt are available daily as an alternative to desserts. All our food is made using the finest quality produce, suppliers include Taylor's of Sale (Butchers) and 'Bettaveg'.

BPS SOCIETY NEWS

Christmas Wreath-Making Evening – In Support of the New Playground Fund!

The BPS community is invited to wonderfully festive evening hosted by local florist Bloom and Gorgeous Flowers, where you'll create your very own **12" scented Christmas wreath** to proudly hang on your front door throughout the season.

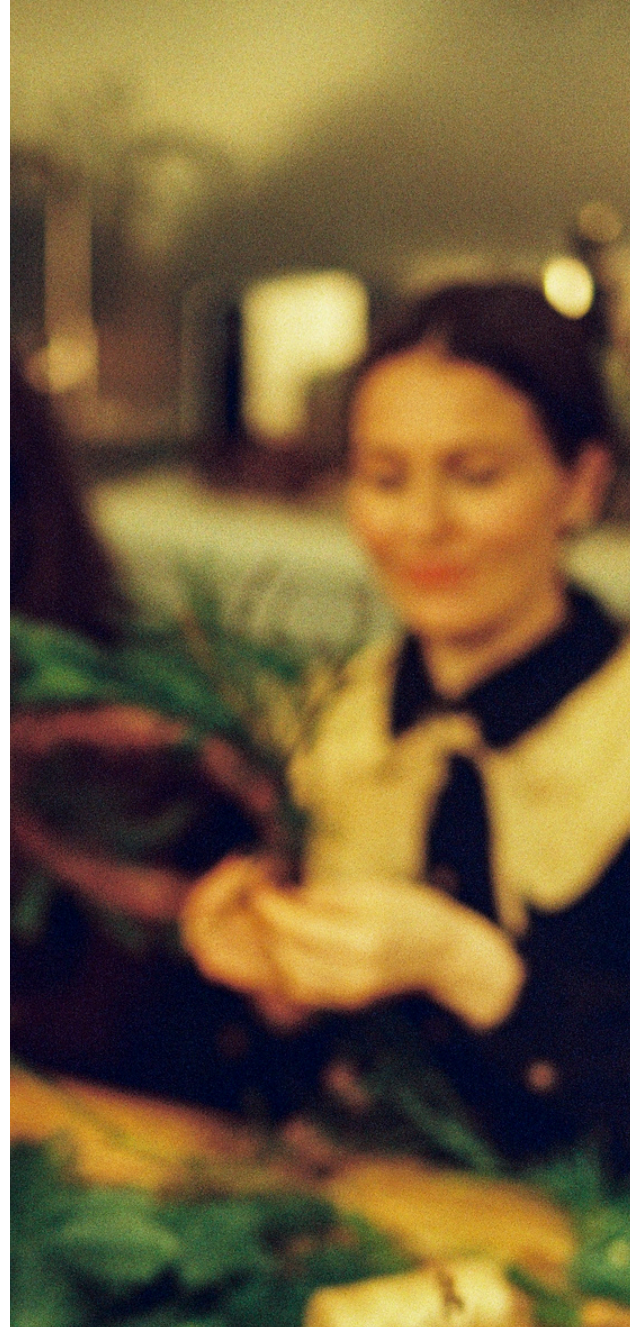
Using British foliage and decorations on a willow base, all materials are compostable – making this a sustainable and stylish way to celebrate.

You'll receive all tools, materials, and expert tuition, ensuring a relaxed, hands-on experience perfect for getting into the Christmas spirit. Not only will you leave with a beautiful handmade wreath, but you'll also be helping raise funds for our school playground!

27 November 2025

School Hall

£45 - Parent Pay



BPS UNIFORM

The BPS Society sell pre-loved uniform throughout the academic year with all funds raised going towards our School. Please contact the School Office if you have an enquiry

To **purchase new uniform**, the BPS Uniform Shop will be open this week on;

Tuesday 25 th November	8.10am–9am
Thursday 27 th November	8.10am- 9am

PLEASE ENSURE children wear BPS hats/scarves

You can email victoria@pwschoolwear.com to arrange a fitting appointment or you can purchase online (local delivery is free)

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





Bowdon Prep Launches Its First Ever Eco Fashion Swap

Welcome to Bowdon's very first Eco fashion swap run by the School Council team. This is a brilliant opportunity to give a piece of clothing a new home. Allow someone else's pre-loved clothes to become your treasure!

Fashion swaps, also known as clothing swaps, are a sustainable practice that benefits the environment, promotes community, and supports local economies. They involve two or more people exchanging pre-loved, gently used clothing, giving each other a newhome and a second life. This practice not only reduces the demand for new clothing production but also helps to decrease pollution, water usage, and waste associated with the fashion industry

When – Friday 5th December 2025

Where – BPS Prep Gym

Time – Each class will visit the hall on a rota between 10.00 – 11.55am and will have 25 minutes to browse their allocated stall and swap their ticket for a fashion item.

Instructions

- Each pupil can bring in between 1-3 items that they would be proud to pass onto someone. The items need to be in very good condition with no stains/rips.
- Items included – clothes (suitable sizing for their year group- including coats, trousers, shorts, dresses, jumpers etc – no crop tops please) scarves, hat, gloves and bags.

Each Form Teacher will be given a set of tokens, when a pupil brings in an item for the fashion swap; the girls will be presented with a token that will allow them to pick one different item from the stall. Any items left over will be donated to the BPS society or local charities.

When do I bring my items in?

Please bring in your item/items into school the week commencing Monday 1st December, where your Form Teacher will store them until Friday morning. They will then be sent to the Prep Gym at 9am on Friday (Kindergarten and Reception, the Year 6 school council team will collect yours).

Parents/Carers and Teachers

We have a stall for parents, carers and teachers too! If you wish to be a part of the first ever Eco Fashion Swap, please send your item/items (between 1-3, no more than 3 please) into school with your daughter, they will bring it to Mrs Hill's room where they will be given a token. Parents are invited to the fashion swap stall between 12-12.30pm.

Please come into school via the Pupil Entrance, there will be a sign on the door.



Mrs J Hill
Year 2 Teacher
School Council Leader

Bowdon Prep's Festive Forest Adventure

with The Outdoors Project

Monday 22nd December

9:30am – 12:30pm

£15 per child

Parents attend for free

Join us for a magical morning of outdoor festive fun as The Outdoors Project brings the **Christmas spirit** to Bowdon Prep!

Children will get hands-on making their own **frosted s'mores** around the **campfire**, while sipping on hot chocolate or festive pine needle tea.

Then we'll dive into some snow-themed creativity – making our very own snow to take home and testing it out in a snowball target challenge before we finish!

All equipment and refreshments provided.
Dress warmly and ready for outdoor fun!



[Click here](#) to
book or scan QR
code





The new holiday club provision for BPS



We are excited to introduce Fun Fest - a provider that reflects our School's values and ethos, offering a stimulating, safe, and engaging environment where children can learn and grow while having fun.

Welcome to Fun Fest !

We are Emma and Becky, **proud owners of Fun Fest Altrincham**, and we're thrilled to bring our passion for childcare to this fantastic setting. With First-Class Degrees in Childhood Studies and years of experience in playwork and wraparound care, we're committed to creating an inclusive, exciting, and truly child-led environment where every child can thrive.



We're delighted to be **partnering with BPS**, a school that holds a special place in our hearts. Having grown up in the Trafford area, it means so much to give back to our community by providing the very best wraparound care for local families. Our qualified childcare team is supported by skilled sports coaches, ensuring children enjoy a dynamic mix of creative, imaginative, and active sessions every day. And of course, you'll see us in the club too—wraparound care is truly where we shine!

Based at Altrincham Preparatory School, we make full use of the facilities to offer a huge variety of engaging sessions. From Mission Impossible and Lego Challenges to Crafty Creations and Beauty School, our activities are designed to spark creativity, build confidence, and fill each holiday with fun and laughter. With over 40 activities delivered throughout the year, children have an unbeatable choice—after all, it's their holiday!

Fun Fest Altrincham is Ofsted registered and welcomes children aged 3 to 12 years. As proudly neurodivergent practitioners ourselves, we are passionate about creating a warm, inclusive environment where every child feels welcome, celebrated, and free to be themselves.

2026 dates at APS;

- 16 – 20 Feb
- 7 – 17 April
- 26 May – 5 Jun
- 13 Jule – 21 August

We won't be open at Altrincham Prep over the Christmas holidays, but you can still join the fun at our nearby site in Bramhall at Queensgate Primary School, Albany Road, SK7 1NE.

We'd love to welcome you there.

altrinchamoffice@funfestholidayclub.co.uk

Reserve



Christmas Holiday Club
 @ Queensgate Primary School
 Bramhall, SK7 1NE

**BOOKINGS
OPEN NOW**

WWW.FUN-FEST.CO.UK/CHEVIEW



Christmas Week 1

22nd December – 24th December

	AM	PM
Mon 22 nd	Crafty Creations Lego Creations	Creation Zone Sports Action
Tues 23 rd	Picturesque Painting I'm a Kid Get Me Out of Here!	Crafty Creations Sports Action
Wed 24 th *	Creative Cooks	Christmas Party

*Reduced operating hours 7:30am – 3pm on 24th December

Christmas Week 2

29th December – 2nd January

	AM	PM
Mon 29 th	Crafty Creations Sports Action	Jewellery Making Lego Creations
Tues 30 th	Great Outdoors Nailed it!	Dance & Movement Axe Throwing
Weds 31 st *	Brainiacs Crafty Creations	New Years Eve Party
Thurs 1 st	CLOSED	
Fri 2 nd	Crafty Creations Football Camp	Movie Magic Sports Action

*Reduced operating hours 7:30am – 3pm on 31st December



Remarkable Generosity for Remembrance Day Appeal

A touching demonstration of compassion and support from the BPS community.

We are truly amazed by the generosity of our school community – together, we raised an incredible £417.75 for the Royal British Legion in support of Remembrance Day.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed. Your kindness helps fund vital services for veterans, serving personnel, and their families, including welfare support, recovery programmes, and remembrance initiatives.

Thank you for making such a meaningful difference; the British Legion were so grateful.

Compassion in Action: BPS Supports Children in Need

Following the tremendous generosity shown in our recent Royal British Legion appeal, our BPS community has once again demonstrated the true spirit of kindness and compassion that defines our school.

We are thrilled to share that together we raised **an outstanding £817.40** for Children in Need – a total made even more special by an exceptionally generous £300 donation from one of our lovely families - you know who you are!

Your support goes far beyond the numbers. Every pound raised helps fund life-changing projects for children and young people facing



hardship – providing safety, emotional support, opportunities to thrive, and the hope of a brighter future. These are the moments when the impact of our community truly shines.

We remain incredibly proud of the way our families rally behind important causes, modelling empathy and generosity for our pupils. Looking after one another is woven into the fabric of life at BPS, and your thoughtful contributions make that belief a reality.

Thank you for helping us make such a meaningful and positive difference.

Curriculum

Reflecting on our week at BPS



A Strong Start to Bowdon Prep's Gardening Club



STEM captains help Year 1 pupils kick off winter gardening.

Bowdon Preparatory School celebrated a flourishing start to its new winter gardening club this week, as the school's enthusiastic STEM captains Talia, Emily, Zara and Elizabeth joined Mrs. Jaberri in guiding Year 1 pupils through their first green-fingered challenge.

The young gardeners showed impressive dedication, successfully clearing two garden beds in preparation for planting a variety of vegetables over the coming weeks. Their teamwork, energy and curiosity set a joyful tone for the club's first session.

Mrs. Jaberri expressed her gratitude for the captains' support and leadership, saying, "I am incredibly proud of Talia, Emily, Zara and Elizabeth for the enthusiasm and encouragement they brought to our first gardening club session. Their passion made the experience truly special for our Year 1 girls, and I'm so thankful for their hard work."

With such a promising beginning, the winter gardening club looks set to grow into a thriving part of school life.



ISA STEM COMPETITION

YEAR 5 & 6

Your task: Design and build a self-sustaining terrarium

A terrarium is a sealed transparent container that contains plants (like a mini- garden) Self-sustaining means the garden can continue in a healthy state without outside assistance (including watering it) You will need to think about how the plant will 'water' itself and get nutrients from the material it is 'sown' in.

Which plants are fairly easy to look after. You will also need to include a PDF presentation to Introduce your design and explain how you created the terrarium. You will also need to identify what factors you needed to consider and include photographs of the terrarium at different stages of production, showing you involved in its production.

Finally, you will need to show photographs of the finished terrarium. Any video clips should be no longer than 2 minutes and should be embedded in the presentation.

YEAR 3 & 4

Your task: Could you build and design a rollercoaster for a marble?

Put your creativity and engineering skills to the test! Use ramps, loops, and twists to construct an exciting track that safely carries a marble from start to finish. Experiment, problem-solve, and see how thrilling you can make the ride!

CLOSING DATE

The closing date for entries is 12th December 2025. We will submit 4 entries online in January. The Final will be on 19th March 2026 and successful candidates will be asked to present their project to the judges. Good Luck!

Mrs. McGrath





Sport
@BPS

Year 4A Netball Team Triumphs Against Stamford Park

Impressive Shooting Leads BPS to Victory

On Monday 17 November, the Year 4A netball team travelled to Stamford Park for an exciting away fixture. The girls put on a fantastic display of teamwork, determination and skill, securing an impressive 13–3 victory.

Mrs Baxter praised the whole team for their outstanding performance, highlighting in particular the excellent accuracy in shooting, which proved to be a key factor in their success.

A huge well done to all the players involved—you represented BPS brilliantly!

Year 5 Lacrosse Teams Show Determination Against Gawsworth

On Monday 17 November, the Year 5 pop lacrosse teams faced a challenging series of matches against Gawsworth—and their boys' teams! Both the A and B teams showed tremendous effort, resilience, and teamwork throughout the afternoon.

The A team secured two wins out of their four matches, demonstrating strong attacking play and excellent teamwork. The B team battled bravely, showing great spirit despite narrowly losing their matches.

Mrs Baxter congratulated all the players for their perseverance against tough opposition, praising their positive attitude and determination on the field.



Mrs Hughes added, “I was incredibly proud of the girls’ teamwork, courage and sportsmanship. They represented BPS with real spirit.”

Well done to everyone who represented BPS so proudly!



Year 6 Shine in Competitive Netball Fixtures at Manchester High School for Girls

BPS showcase skill and teamwork in two exciting matches

Our Year 6 netball teams enjoyed a fantastic afternoon of sport during their recent visit to Manchester High School for Girls, taking part in two highly competitive and spirited matches. The girls represented Bowdon Prep with maturity, resilience, and outstanding teamwork, making it an afternoon to remember.

The A Team played an exhilarating end-to-end game that kept spectators gripped from start to finish. Their movement on court was sharp and purposeful, and they demonstrated excellent communication and tactical awareness as they worked the ball confidently through the thirds.

Despite their relentless determination and several moments of brilliant play, they were narrowly defeated in a very close 6–8 contest. The team should feel immensely proud of the skill and composure they displayed throughout.

The B Team delivered a superb performance, showcasing both attacking flair and disciplined defending. Their cohesive play and quick transitions allowed them to dominate the game, while their defensive line worked tirelessly to secure a well-earned clean sheet. Their 6–0 victory was a testament to their focus, teamwork, and growing confidence on the court.

Reflecting on the afternoon, Mrs Hughes shared her pride in the girls' achievements: "The determination and enthusiasm shown by every player was fantastic to see. Both teams demonstrated resilience, excellent sportsmanship, and real progress in their netball skills. They represented Bowdon Prep beautifully, and I couldn't be prouder of their efforts."

A huge well done to all our Year 6 players. Their commitment, positivity, and competitive spirit continue to shine through, making them wonderful ambassadors for Bowdon Prep.



Mrs. Hughes
Head of Sport



NOTICE...

Check out next week's fixtures on the next page!

Mrs. Hughes



UPCOMING FIXTURES

MONDAY 24 NOVEMBER:
YEAR 5 NETBALL V MAN HIGH
(HOME)

WEDNESDAY 26 NOVEMBER
YEAR 5 NETBALL V THE GRANGE
(AWAY) - DURING SCHOOL TIME

SATURDAY 29 NOVEMBER
FINAL PREP CROSS COUNTRY RACE AT
JOHN LEIGH PARK



***BELIEVE. PERSEVERE.
SUCCEED.***

Staff of the Week

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



Mrs Latter

A huge thank you to the wonderful Mrs Latter for being so unbelievably supportive, kind and helpful to the pupils, staff and parents.

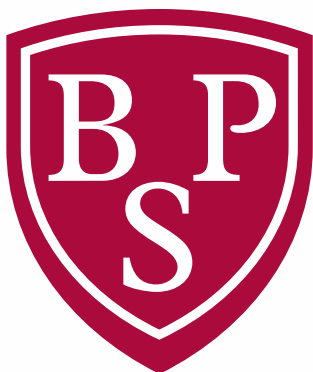


Miss Cross

A massive well done to the amazing Miss Cross; the girls love all of your lessons - with your fun and vibrant atmosphere - thank you for being so kind and supportive to us all.



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