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# BOWDON

BULLETIN

**CLOSING THE BIG  
RED DOOR ON A  
REMARKABLE  
AUTUMN TERM**

Achievement, community  
and shared values at  
Bowdon Preparatory School



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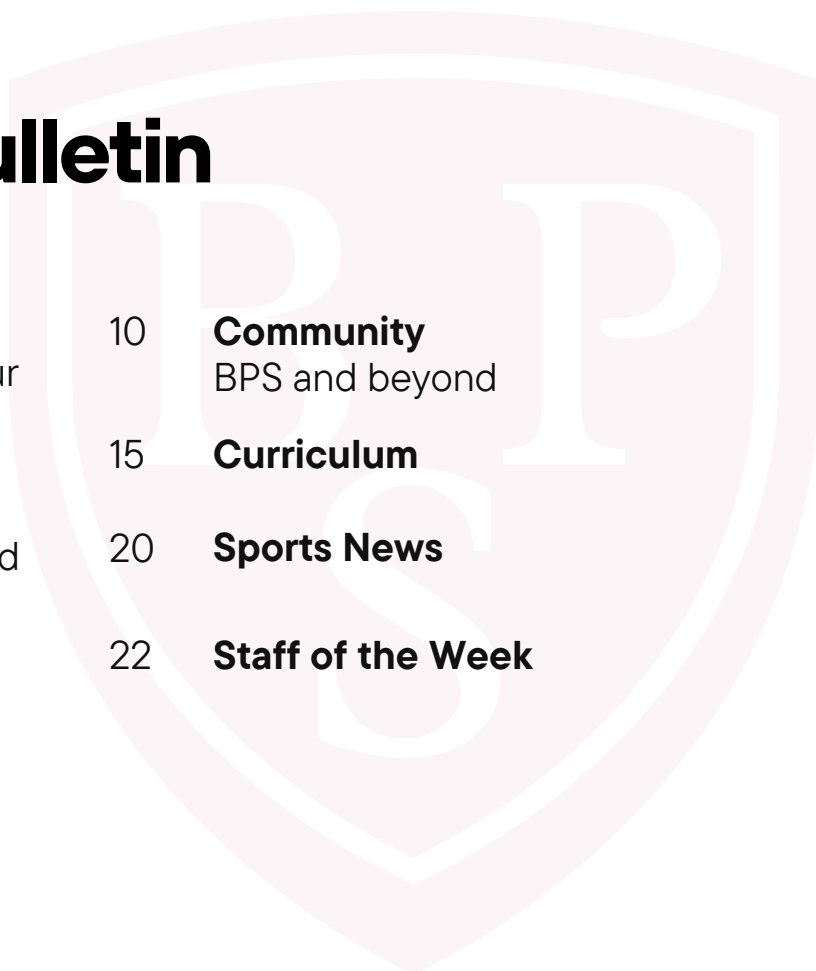




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# Closing the Big Red Door on a Remarkable Autumn Term

## *Achievement, community and shared values at Bowdon Preparatory School*

**As we close our big red door at the end of the school day, we reflect on another wonderful Autumn term - one filled with kindness, achievement and memorable moments. We have celebrated the outstanding academic progress reflected in the school reports; the children continue to work hard, demonstrate perseverance, and show commitment to their personal success. Outside the classroom, they have excelled in sport, shone during Christmas performances, and brought joy to all through the annual Carol Service at St Mary's Church, Bowdon.**

Our thought for the week has been: "Your greatness is not what you have, but what you give." This sentiment reflects the spirit of our school community perfectly. Every day, we see generosity in action, through the enthusiasm and kindness of our pupils, the care and commitment of our staff, and the unwavering support of our parents and governors.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the BPS Society and its parent volunteers; their tireless efforts delivered yet another memorable event yesterday, and the Christmas Fair was a joyous whole-community occasion, and a wonderful festive fundraiser for our school. We hope you enjoyed it! May we also thank the staff who supported this event.

As we approach the festive season, and embrace the Christmas spirit and Hanukkah light, we are reminded of the importance of community, the joy of giving, and of inclusion and shared experiences - values that lie at the heart of our school.

It is with this same spirit of giving that we shared our recent school inspection report with you. We were delighted that the findings



celebrate the dedication and collaboration that make our school such a special place, and we couldn't be prouder of what we have achieved together. Thank you.

May we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year – we'll look forward to seeing you all on Monday the 5th January 2026, when we will, once again, open up the big red door! We hope the holidays bring you whatever you need.



**Mrs S Makepeace-Taylor**  
Headteacher





## The Bowdon Bulletin: This Term in Covers



## Looking Ahead: Next Week

### Thought of the Week

You are an adventure story

**Happy school, Healthy school, Safe school**

Stranger Danger!



# Communication

## Key Dates





# FRIST WEEK BACK



At a glance... **WB 5TH JANUARY  
2026**

*After School Clubs  
cancellations.*

**MON  
5**

School opens  
Y5 early morning sessions

**MONDAY**

Y1 Baking Club

**TUES  
6**

**TUESDAY**

Y1 Baking Club

**WED  
7**

**WEDNESDAY**

**THUR  
8**

**THURSDAY**

**FRI  
9**

**FRIDAY**



# Spring Term 1 - 2026

## Key dates at a glance

### January



**Why not print to keep track of the months ahead...**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
5 School opens Y5 8am Sessions begin	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20 Y5 Transition Zoom Meeting 6pm	21	22	23
26	27	28	29 Y5 Transition evening with Y7 Pupils	30

#### MONDAY

Y1 & Y2 Dance  
Y5 Netball  
Y2 Art  
(Y1 Baking)  
Y3-Y6 Ukulele

#### TUESDAY

Y1 & Y2 Yoga  
Y5 & Y6 Chamber Choir  
(Y1 Baking )  
Y3 & Y4 Science Club- TBC  
Y3 & Y4 Recorder Club  
Y3- Y6 Fencing

#### WEDNESDAY

Y3 - Y6 Multi Sports  
Y5 & Y6 Recorder  
Y3 - Y6 Art  
Y4 - Y6 Rock Band

#### THURSDAY

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

#### FRIDAY

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

**FOLLOW US**



### February

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2	3 Open Day for prospective parents	4	5	6
9	10 Parents' Evening	11	12 Parents' Evening	13 <i>Lunar New Year</i> School closes for Half Term
16 <i>Half Term</i>	17 <i>Half Term</i>	18 <i>Half Term</i>	19 <i>Half Term</i>	20 <i>Half Term</i>
23 Staff INSET Day	24 School opens	25	26	27



# **A HUGE THANK YOU AFTER A MAGICAL CHRISTMAS FAIR**

## *Celebrating Community, Creativity and Christmas Spirit*

**Following the wonderful success of the BPS Society Christmas Fair, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make the event so special.**

In particular, we are incredibly grateful to the parent volunteers, whose hard work, dedication and organisation ensured the fair ran so smoothly and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Their time, creativity and generosity truly brought festive magic to Bowdon Prep.

We would also like to commend our House Captains, who showed outstanding leadership and teamwork throughout the event. From organising and making the sweet cones, to arranging and supporting the baking competition, and acting as Santa's elves on the day, their enthusiasm and commitment were a credit to the school. Our sincere thanks also go to the staff, who gave their time so generously to support the event and help it run seamlessly, both behind the scenes and on the day itself.

Finally, thank you to the parents and children who attended the fair and contributed to its wonderful atmosphere. Your support, smiles and festive spirit made the afternoon truly memorable.



Events like this perfectly capture the strength of our school community, and we are extremely thankful to everyone involved. We look forward to many more joyful occasions together.



# 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 next week on:

Tuesday 8.10 - 9am

Thursday 8.10 - 9am

## **PLEASE ENSURE children wear BPS hats/scarves**

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

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

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## **SUPPORTING SAVE THE CHILDREN THIS CHRISTMAS**

*Thank you for your generosity*

**A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Jumper and Accessories Day. Thanks to your generosity and festive spirit, we raised an incredible £380 for Save the Children.**

By simply wearing Christmas jumpers, festive accessories, and making a donation, you have helped make a real difference to children who need it most. The money raised will help provide warm clothing, food, healthcare, and education, as well as vital emergency aid for children and families affected by conflict, poverty, and natural disasters around the world.

Thank you once again to everyone who took part and donated — your kindness and support truly help change lives.

**Year Six  
Charity Captains**







# MRS. ABBEY'S LUNCH



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## MONDAY



*Pasta with various sauce  
Broccoli  
Cookie*

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## TUESDAY



*Roast Quorn or Chicken with Roast Potatoes  
Carrots and Cauliflower Cheese  
Fruit or Yoghurt*

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## WEDNESDAY



*Pizza with various toppings  
Sweetcorn  
Sorbet*

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## THURSDAY



*Quorn or Chicken Escalope, Crispy Potatoes  
Peas  
Gingerbread Man*

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## FRIDAY



*Veggie or Pork Sausages  
Baked Beans and Green Beans  
Cupcake*

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**Salad Bar available each day**

### Health and Safety Notice

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

**BPS is a Allergy Aware School - nut-free and sesame seed-free**

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'.



# Curriculum

## Reflecting on our week at BPS







# **Celebrating Innovation and Creativity in the ISA STEM Competition**

We are delighted to share the exciting outcome of this year's ISA STEM Competition, which saw a fantastic number of pupils enthusiastically embrace the challenge of exploring engineering, design and problem-solving.

Pupils competed across two categories, each designed to stretch their creativity and technical thinking:

- Year 3 & 4 pupils were tasked with designing and building a paper rollercoaster strong enough to hold and carry a marble successfully.
- Year 5 & 6 pupils took on the challenge of designing and constructing a self-sustaining terrarium, requiring careful consideration of ecosystems, balance and long-term sustainability.

This competition was about far more than producing eye-catching designs. Pupils worked diligently to meet the specific criteria set by the ISA, developing essential STEM skills such as planning, testing, refining and evaluating their ideas. Throughout the process, they demonstrated impressive creativity, perseverance and thoughtful engineering, with every entry reflecting a genuine commitment to learning.

Judging the projects proved to be no easy task. Mrs McGrath, alongside our Year 6 STEM Captains, had the extremely difficult responsibility of selecting the entries that best fulfilled the competition criteria. With such a high standard of work across all submissions, the final decisions were particularly challenging.



We are proud to announce the pupils who will represent Bowdon Preparatory School in the competition:



**Year 3**



**Year 4**



**Year 5**



**Year 6**

We are incredibly proud of all pupils who took part. Their enthusiasm and willingness to challenge themselves highlight the importance of nurturing a love of STEM from an early age.





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# **Year 5 Gymnast Represents Great Britain with Outstanding Success**

## *Imogen Madden Brings Home Gold from Germany*

**Bowdon Preparatory School for Girls is bursting with pride as we celebrate the remarkable international success of Imogen Madden (Year 5), who recently competed in a prestigious international gymnastics competition in Germany, hosted by Gymfinity.**

Gymfinity hosts an international friendly competition every December, welcoming gymnasts of all ages and abilities, from beginner through to elite level. This year's event brought together clubs from across the world, including the UK, USA, Germany, Switzerland, the Czech Republic, France, Spain, Italy, Portugal, Kosovo, Albania, Dubai and beyond, creating a truly global and highly competitive arena.

Imogen was selected to represent Great Britain for Gymfinity in the 9–10 age category – an exceptional honour and a testament to her dedication, talent and hard work. Competing against some of the very best young gymnasts internationally, Imogen delivered an outstanding performance, showcasing composure, strength and precision throughout her routines.

Her results were nothing short of extraordinary:

- 1st place on Beam
- 2nd place on Floor
- 1st place Overall, finishing as the top scorer in her age group

Reflecting on her experience, Imogen said: "I was nervous at first, but when I got there and saw my friends competing, I started to relax. When the judges announced the winner, I was surprised but obviously delighted. I hope to go back next year and compete again!"



Mrs Hughes, Head of Sport at BPS, praised Imogen's achievement, saying: "Imogen's success is a phenomenal achievement and a real credit to her commitment, resilience and love for gymnastics - we could not be prouder of her."

Imogen's achievement is a shining example of the talent, determination and ambition encouraged at Bowdon Prep. We congratulate her wholeheartedly and look forward to supporting her as she continues her exciting gymnastics journey.



# Staff of the Week

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



## **Mrs Delf**

A huge congratulations to the wonderful Mrs Delf. She supports and cares for us every single day, we love her lessons and chatting with her. Thank you for being a positive role model to our BPS pupils.



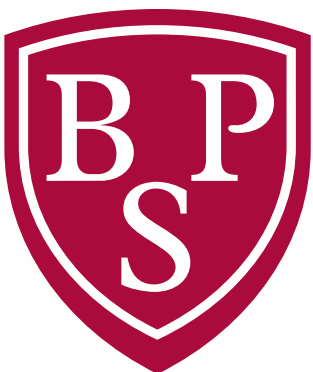
## **Mrs Hagan**

Well done to Mrs Hagan, her warmth and kindness shines through every day with the girls. The Kindergarten class love all of her songs and crafts. Thank you, Mrs Hagan.





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