

5TH DECEMBER 2025

BOWDON

BULLETIN



**LOWER SCHOOL
DAZZLES IN
CHRISTMAS
PERFORMANCES!**

Festive fun from
Kindergarten to Year 2.

**ALTRINCHAM &
DISTRICT GIRLS'
CROSS COUNTRY
CHAMPIONS 2025**

Three Years Running!



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COMMUNICATION. CURRICULUM. CARE.



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We are a team because we respect, trust and care for one another

A Season of Teamwork, Talent and Togetherness

This week has been a wonderful celebration of what it truly means to be a school community - one that learns together, supports one another, and shares moments of joy, pride, and purpose. Our thought of the week this week felt incredibly fitting: "We are a team because we respect, trust and care for one another."

Across the school, this spirit has been lived out in everything from festive performances to environmental action. EYFS kicked off the festive celebrations at Bowdon with their heart-warming Nativity, delighting us all with their brilliant rendition of 'The Inn-keeper's Breakfast', reminding us of the importance of kindness and togetherness. Meanwhile, our Year 1 and Year 2 children took to the stage for their Christmas show, filling the hall with songs, smiles, and festive excitement. Each girl played a vital part, showing how every member of a team contributes something special. From remembering lines to singing bravely, their performance was a perfect example of how respect and support help everyone to shine.

What's more, our Year 6 Performing Arts Captains were brilliant role models, supporting the younger pupils with confidence, calmness and kindness, and working closely with the Performing Arts team who planned, prepared and guided the girls to produce such memorable performances.

The teamwork extended far beyond the stage: parents and carers practising lines and songs at home, gathering costumes and accessories, and cheering on every child, whilst staff



behind the scenes worked on music, staging, set pieces and props to bring each show to life. All of this demonstrates that it is really about the whole school community: pupils, staff, and families coming together to celebrate a season of performances, creativity, and shared purpose. A heartfelt thank you to all the staff involved in making the performances such a huge success.



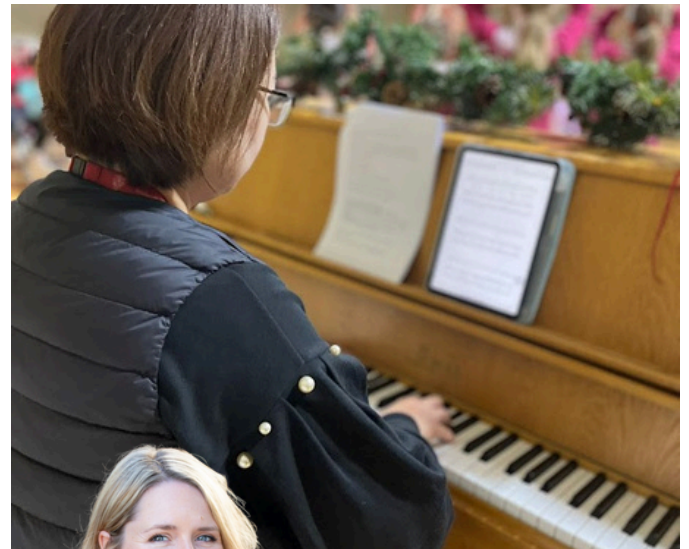


Alongside the joy of our Christmas celebrations, the school council led an inspiring Eco-Day focused on sustainability. They showed impressive leadership - encouraging others, sharing information, and promoting environmentally friendly choices.

Their dedication reflects the heart of our school value: 'Care for All'. In this instance, caring not only for one another, but for the world we share. The day was a great success; the clothes swap was a huge hit and all the girls enjoyed bringing in something to swap and be given a loving new home! Eco Day highlighted how powerful we can be when we work as a community toward a shared goal.

Thank you to Mrs Hill for helping organise and lead this wonderful event! Whether performing on stage, or learning how to care for the environment, this week has shown that teamwork is not just about being together, it's about working together.

Respect helps us listen to one another. Trust gives us the confidence to try new things. Care ensures that everyone feels valued and included. At BPS, together, we are a team - and together, we can achieve wonderful things.



Mrs G Oakley
Phase Leader (Lower School)
Early Reading & Phonics Lead
DDSL

Looking Ahead: Next Week

Thought of the Week

Family means no one gets forgotten or left behind.

Happy school, Healthy school, Safe school

Family time



Communication

Key Dates





NEXT WEEK

At a glance...

**WB 8TH
DECEMBER**

KG reviews will take place this week

*After School Clubs
cancellations.*

MON

MONDAY

TUES

2.00 Refreshments
2.30 Y3 & Y4 Christmas Show

TUESDAY

WED

Lower School Theatre Trip

WEDNESDAY

THUR

Y5 & Y6 Carol Concert at St Mary's, Bowdon

THURSDAY

No Year 6 netball club on
Thursday 11 December
due to The Year 5/6 Carol
Service

FRI

Christmas Jumper Day
and Christmas Lunch

FRIDAY

Autumn Term 2 2025

Key dates at a glance

December



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

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 BPS Society Christmas Fair	19 School Closes for Christmas (End of the day)

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

Spring Term 1 2026

Key dates at a glance

January

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

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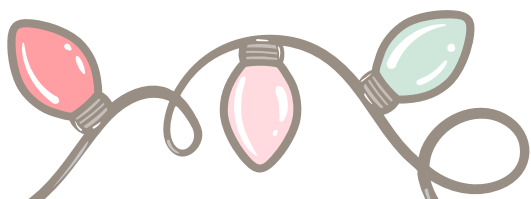


BPS SOCIETY CHRISTMAS FAIR BRINGS FESTIVE MAGIC TO BOWDON PREP!

The BPS Society Christmas Fair will take place on December 18th from 4–6pm, bringing families, pupils, and friends together for an afternoon of festive cheer.

Enjoy a REAL reindeer visit, along with games, a tombola, prizes, and warming hot chocolate.

The Chamber Choir will perform seasonal favourites, adding to the joyful atmosphere as we celebrate the magic of Christmas together at Bowdon Prep.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY - 12TH DECEMBER!

Our festive Christmas Jumper Day, in aid of Save the Children will take place next Friday 12 December.

Children are asked to bring a £1 donation if they wish to wear a Christmas jumper over their own clothes, and a further £1 donation if they wish to wear Christmas accessories such as Christmas glasses, headbands or hair accessories.
(Please note: no make-up or jewellery, thank you.)

Save the Children Charity: provides food and clean water; supports healthcare and education; offers emergency aid to families affected by war, poverty, and natural disasters; and helps children stay safe, warm, and able to learn.

We can make a real difference to children's lives. Thank you for your support!

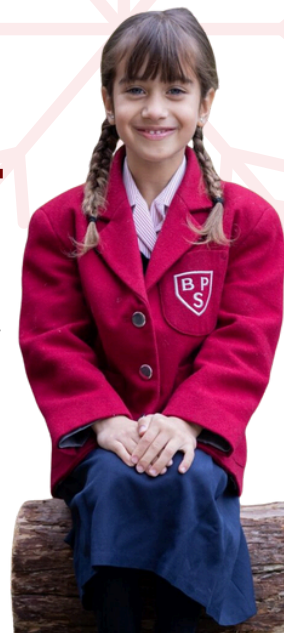


BOWDON PREP SHINES BRIGHT IN ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION



SAMAIYA WINNER OF THE LOWER SCHOOL

Samaiya's beautiful design captures the festive spirit perfectly. Her hand-painted baubles in pink and blue, outlined with gold, create a joyful and elegant image. The thoughtful patterns and the inclusion of "BPS" add a lovely personal touch. A warm, creative, and festive design – a very deserving winner!



BRIDGET WINNER OF PREP

Bridget's striking design radiates festive cheer and creativity. The bold red background, paired with white and silver detailing, instantly catches the eye. Her message – "Believe in the sparkle, Persevere with good cheer, succeed with joy all through the year" – beautifully reflects the school's values and the spirit of Christmas. With its elegant hand lettering and intricate doodles of stars, hearts, and trees, this card combines artistry and positivity in perfect balance.



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 8.10 - 9am

Thursday 8.10 - 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



Happy, Healthy. Safe Schools

A Festive Reminder – Allergy Awareness

As we celebrate this joyful time of year together, we'd like to gently remind our school community that Bowdon Prep is an '**Allergy-Aware School**'. **To help keep everyone safe, our school remains nut-free and sesame seed-free.**

If you're planning to send in a thoughtful gift for staff, please take a moment to ensure it does not contain nuts or sesame seeds. Your care and consideration make a real difference in keeping our community safe.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping us make this festive season happy, healthy, and inclusive for all.





MRS. ABBEY'S LUNCH



WC 08.12.25

MONDAY



*Pasta with various sauce options
Broccoli
Orange Cookies*

TUESDAY



*Veggie or Chicken Pie, Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Fruit or Yoghurt*

WEDNESDAY



*Pizza with various toppings
Baked Beans and Sweetcorn
Sorbet*

THURSDAY



*Veggie or Chicken Escalope, Potatoes
Peas
Gingerbread Men*

FRIDAY



Christmas Lunch

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'.



A MAGICAL RETURN FOR THE BOWDON PREP ELF!

Mischief and magic fill the halls once more!

There was sparkle and excitement in the air on Monday morning as a very special visitor made her grand return to Bowdon Prep! Dressed head to toe in festive cheer, our mischievous Christmas Elf was spotted spreading joy and laughter as she greeted pupils at the school gates.

Many of the children recognised her from last year — she first appeared at the beginning of December 2024, marking the start of the festive season in true Bowdon Prep style. This year, she was back again to sprinkle a little Christmas magic around the school and remind everyone that December is here!

With jingling bells, twinkling smiles, and a dash of holiday mischief, the Elf brought plenty of festive fun to everyone's Monday morning. The pupils were thrilled to see her return — some even wondering if she'd brought a message directly from the North Pole!

Mrs D-Elf said, "I was so excited to see our naughty elf reappear! The children's faces were an absolute joy to see — full of wonder, surprise, and Christmas spirit."

Where will she appear next? Only time will tell... but one thing's for sure — the Bowdon Prep Elf has well and truly brought the Christmas spirit back to school!





EXCITING NEWS FOR ARIELLA IN YEAR 6!

We are thrilled to share that Ariella (Year 6) has received confirmation for a television commercial role with a national charity campaign — an incredible achievement!

Her agency, The Drama MOB Management, proudly celebrated the news on their Instagram page, congratulating Ariella on this exciting opportunity.

Ariella is absolutely delighted with the news, and we are all so proud of her hard work, talent, and confidence. What a wonderful accomplishment — well done, Ariella!

PENELOPE'S IMAGINATION WINS THE CHILDREN'S CHOICE AWARD

We were delighted to welcome back Penelope (who was a Year 6 leaver in July this year), as she returned to Bowdon Prep to collect her certificate for the Creative Writing Challenge run by The Lowry. The competition, described by The Lowry as “a great opportunity for children to express themselves and let their imaginations run wild,” celebrates creativity and originality in young writers. Penelope won the Children’s Choice Award while she was at Bowdon Prep — a truly fantastic achievement that showcases her imagination and talent. We are all so proud of Penelope for this wonderful recognition and wish her continued success in all her future creative endeavours.



Bowdon Prep's Festive Forest Adventure

with The Outdoors Project

Tuesday 23 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!



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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
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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

Curriculum

Reflecting on our week at BPS





Lower School Dazzles in Christmas Performances!

Festive fun from Kindergarten to Year 2.

The festive season has officially begun at BPS, and what a magical start it has been! Our Kindergarten and Reception children launched this year's Christmas celebrations with their fantastic production of 'The Innkeeper's Breakfast'.

From the very start, it was clear that the children had poured their enthusiasm into every moment of the performance. Their brilliant singing, complete with confident actions and beautifully clear voices, captured the audience from start to finish.

Parents and carers were treated to a heart-warming retelling of the Nativity story delivered with the charm and excitement that only our youngest pupils can bring. The festive fun continued with our Year 1 and 2 children, who impressed us all with the wonderful variety of acts they performed. Donned in their festive jumpers, the Year 1 and 2 girls truly sparkled!

Year 1 charmed the audience with their poem 'Santa's Feeling Sick' followed by their beautiful 'Snow dance'. Year 2 also shone with their wonderful stage presence in 'Race to Get to Sleep', and we were all on tenterhooks as to whether Matthew or Penny would win! They then performed the lively 'Jingle Bell Rock' dance as well as a selection of beautiful festive songs and musical pieces that showcased their vast talents.



Both shows radiated joy, with each child shining in their role. Their teamwork, confidence, and enthusiasm created a warm and festive atmosphere that truly set the tone for the weeks ahead.

We are incredibly proud of every child for their hard work and dedication. A huge thank you also goes to the EYFS, the Year 1 and 2 team and the Performing Arts team for their guidance and commitment in bringing this delightful show to life. What a fantastic way to begin our season of performances—a festive celebration to remember!





Exploring the Solar System – *The Healthy Way!*

Science meets healthy eating in a fruity adventure.

Wow – this week, learning in Year 1 was truly out of this world! Year 1 have been bursting with excitement as they created their very own “healthy solar systems.”

Combining creativity with learning about the planets, the girls used a wonderful array of colourful fruits and vegetables to represent each planet in our solar system. From juicy grapes for Mercury to bright orange slices for Jupiter, their imagination knew no bounds!

Once their masterpieces were complete, the girls couldn't wait to enjoy the fruity feast they had designed themselves – a delicious and healthy way to finish a fantastic afternoon of hands-on learning.

Mrs Cayzer said, “It was wonderful to see the girls so enthusiastic and imaginative. They worked beautifully together, showing curiosity, teamwork, and creativity – and their healthy solar systems looked absolutely amazing!”

Well done, Year 1 – your enthusiasm and creativity have taken learning to a whole new galaxy!



Mrs. Cayzer
Year 1 Teacher



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
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Altrincham & District Girls' Cross Country Champions 2025

Three Years Running!

Congratulations to our talented girls for being crowned Altrincham & District Cross Country Champions 2025 – for the third consecutive year!

Cross country is no easy feat, yet our pupils demonstrated exceptional determination, resilience, and team spirit throughout the autumn term. Competing in three races at John Leigh Park, they braved early Saturday mornings and unpredictable weather with admirable commitment.

Every runner played a vital role in securing our overall first-place finish across all three events. Many pupils showed fantastic progress, including Issy (Year 4), who improved her position with each race – finishing 23rd, 13th, and finally 11th – a true testament to her perseverance.

A special mention goes to Athena (Year 5), who achieved 1st place in both races she entered. Had she competed in all three, she would almost certainly have been crowned the overall girls' champion – an outstanding achievement!

Our heartfelt thanks go to our supportive parents, whose warm drinks and louder cheers lifted spirits at the finish line – your encouragement made a real difference.

The runners tackled a challenging 1250m hilly course, and a special well done also to our KS1 pupils, who enthusiastically took part in the shorter dash – fantastic effort all round!



We are immensely proud of every girl who represented Bowdon Prep with such pride, perseverance, and positivity. What a remarkable team achievement – and a wonderful way to celebrate another championship year!



UPCOMING FIXTURES

WEDNESDAY 10 DECEMBER
INTER YEAR NETBALL
YEAR 3 V YEAR 4
FINISH AT 4.30PM

NO YEAR 6 NETBALL CLUB ON
THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER DUE TO THE
YEAR 5/6 CAROL SERVICE



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

Staff of the Week

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



Mrs Ttikkirou

Huge congratulations to Mrs Ttikkirou - thank you for always being so kind and supportive to all of the girls. They love seeing you.

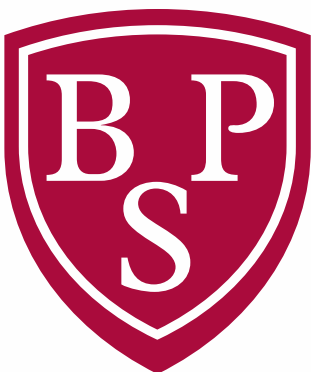


Mrs Lloyd-Wilson

Congratulations to Mrs Lloyd-Wilson! The shows you produce are amazing and the girls love working on them with you. We are so lucky to have you at BPS.



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