

9 JANUARY 2026

BOWDON

BULLETIN

WELCOME BACK

Every day is a new
page in our learning
journey

COMPETITION WINNERS

A Special Lunch with
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Welcome Back

A season of learning, creativity, and shared experiences

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed a restful and joyful festive break. As we begin this new Spring Term, we reflect on the vibrancy and colour that filled our school last term; it was a season of learning, creativity, and community spirit, and we are proud of all that was achieved together. What has been most heartening is seeing the children return with the same energy and enthusiasm with which they ended the year. Their eagerness to learn and engage reminds us of the positivity and resilience within our school community.

Our Thought for the Week is: "You are an adventure story." Indeed, each day offers an opportunity to begin a new page in our own story book. Adventures are full of challenges, discoveries, and opportunities to grow—and so is education.

This term, we will continue to encourage the children to embrace each day curiously and with courage, knowing that the best stories are those where the hero dares to explore, learns from setbacks, and celebrates successes.



Looking ahead, we are excited for a term filled with enriching opportunities, including educational trips, pupil review meeting, parents' evenings, and residential experiences. These events are an important part of our commitment to providing a broad and balanced education, and we look forward to sharing these adventures with you, and to another term of learning, growth, and excitement.

Mrs. Makepeace-Taylor
Headteacher



Looking Ahead: Next Week

Thought of the Week

Greet the day with gratitude, humour and creativity

Happy school, Healthy school, Safe school

What should I do if I am worried about something?



Communication

Key Dates





NEXT WEEK

At a glance... **WB 12 JANUARY 2026**

*After School Clubs
cancellations.*

**MON
12TH**

**TUES
13TH**

Y3 Trip

**WED
14TH**

**THUR
15TH**

**FRI
16TH**

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

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 Y3 Trip	14	15	16
19	20 Y5 Transition Zoom Meeting 6pm	21	22 Y6 Crucial Crew	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 Recorder Club
Y3 - Y6 Fencing

WEDNESDAY

Y3 - Y6 Multi Sports
Y3 - Y6 Art
Prep Rock Band
Y5 & Y6 Recorder Club

THURSDAY

Y6 Netball
Y1 - Y6 Drama
Pre Prep Recorder Club

FRIDAY

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

February

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2	3 Prospective Parents Open Day	4	5	6
9	10 Parents' Evening	11	12 Parents' Evening	13 Lunar New Year School Closes
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 Inset Day	24 School Opens	25	26 Y5 Trip	27

FOLLOW US





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

PLEASE ENSURE children wear BPS hats/scarves only and arrive each day with their BPS blue waterproof coat

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



Netball Club Finish Time Update

From Monday 12 January, the Year 5 and Year 6 netball clubs will return to a 4.45pm finish.

With the lighter evenings and the sports hall now fully available, and no clash with the stage being up, we are pleased to revert to the usual end time. Thank you for your continued support.





MRS ABBEY'S LUNCH MENU



WC 12.01.26

MONDAY



*Paneer or Chicken Curry, Naan Bread
Broccoli
Sorbet*

TUESDAY



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

WEDNESDAY



*Jacket Potatoes with Various Fillings
Salad Bar
Carrot Cake*

THURSDAY



*Veggie or Pork Meatball Pasta
Peas
Sponge Cake*

FRIDAY



*Quorn or Chicken Strips
Sweetcorn
Flapjack*



Salad Bar and Fruit and yogurt are available daily as an alternative to desserts.

Health and Safety Notice

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

(Please be mindful when sending in any items into school, including birthday treats)

Please note, due to manufacturing processes, some products used in the school kitchen state 'may contain nuts/sesame'. All our food is made using the finest quality produce, suppliers include Taylor's of Sale (Butchers) and 'Bettaveg'. **Please cut grapes in half - length-ways or in quarters.**



An Afternoon to Remember

A Special Lunch with Mrs. Makepeace-Taylor

The Headteacher's office this week hosted a very special Very Important Pupil event, as Diane (Year 1), Lucy (Year 1) and Nova (Year 4) enjoyed a memorable Lunch Date with the Head.

The invitation came as a result of Diane winning the popular "Lunch with Mrs Makepeace-Taylor" prize at the BPS Society Christmas Fair. Diane chose her friend Lucy to join her as the lucky guest, while Nova attended in her role as a Prep Assistant.

The girls were warmly welcomed into Mrs Makepeace-Taylor's office, where they enjoyed lunch together, chatted about school life, and asked thoughtful questions. It was a lovely opportunity for conversation, laughter, and the creation of special memories.

Reflecting on the occasion, Mrs Makepeace-Taylor said, "It was an absolute pleasure to spend time with Diane, Lucy and Nova. Opportunities like this allow us to slow down, listen, share stories, and celebrate our pupils as individuals. These moments are incredibly special and perfectly reflect the warmth and spirit of our Bowdon Prep community."

A big well done to Diane, and thank you to Lucy and Nova for helping make the occasion such a success. A truly delightful VIP experience.





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UPCOMING FIXTURES

TUESDAY 13TH JANUARY
YEAR 5 AND 6
SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS WITH APS



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

Staff of the Week

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



Mrs Sharkey

We love coming into school each morning and seeing your happy, smiling face. Thank you for caring for us.

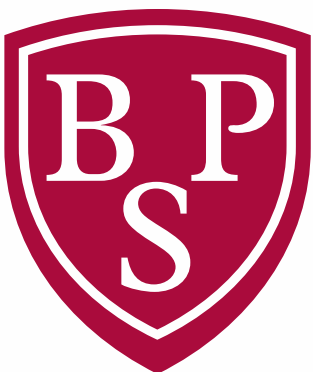


Mrs Malone

Thank you for all your fun PE lessons and making our dancing superb in the Christmas shows.



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