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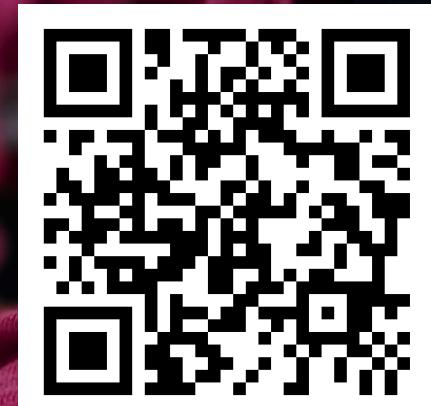
### **WELCOME BACK**

Every day is a new page in our learning journey

### **COMPETITION**

### **WINNERS**

A Special Lunch with  
Mrs. Makepeace-Taylor



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**COMMUNICATION. CURRICULUM. CARE.**



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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



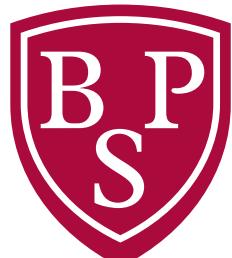
## Looking Ahead: Next Week

### 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



**MON  
12TH**

**TUES  
13TH**

**WED  
14TH**

**THUR  
15TH**

**FRI  
16TH**

Y3 Trip

*After School Clubs  
cancellations.*

**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 <i>Lunar New Year</i> 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

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# 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](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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## 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 13<sup>TH</sup> 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**

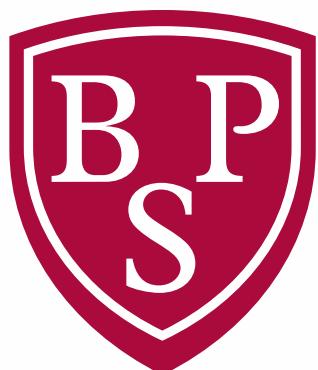
We love coming into school each morning and seeing your happy, smiling face. Thank you for caring for us.

## **Mrs Malone**

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



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