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A Term to Celebrate, A Future to Embrace

Celebrating a spring of growth and new beginnings

It is a pleasure to welcome you to this final edition of the Spring Term—a chance to reflect on a term filled with achievement, growth and joyful moments across Bowdon Prep School.

Next week's thought, "Be yourself, be bold, be loving, be unique," speaks beautifully to the spirit we have seen throughout the term. Our pupils have embraced new experiences with confidence, shown kindness towards one another, and celebrated what makes each of them wonderfully individual. Whether performing on stage, tackling challenges on the sports field, exploring new learning, or simply supporting a friend, they have demonstrated the values that lie at the heart of our community.

This has certainly been a term of exciting developments for our school's next chapter. Following thoughtful consultation and the warm support of our BPS families, we will begin a phased move to co-education in September, welcoming boys into Kindergarten to Year 3. Alongside this, we are honoured to have been invited to join the Repton family of schools as their flagship school in the North West—an opportunity that aligns closely with our mission and opens new avenues for collaboration, enrichment and long-term strength. Our recent Open Day captured this momentum wonderfully, as we welcomed around 30 new families through our big red door.

While we look ahead with excitement, our core purpose remains at the heart of all we do. We continue to uphold small class sizes, exceptional specialist teaching and nurturing pastoral care. The values that define Bowdon Prep—care for all, commitment to excellence and working together—remain central to our daily practice, and our school motto, Believe, Persevere, Succeed, reminds us that happiness, confidence and a deep love of learning are vital to positive academic outcomes.



This term has been filled with special moments. We have celebrated our pupils' hard work and dedication in their LAMDA examinations, admired superb teamwork at the ISA Netball Finals, and enjoyed an imaginative World Book Day—complete with an abundance of dalmatians! Our whole-school Science Day was a great success, trips to Imagine That, Ordsall Hall and the Catalyst Museum have further enriched and broadened the children's learning experiences and yesterday our Year 5 girls' pop lacrosse team delivered a remarkable performance at the mixed team Greater Manchester Finals resulting in them becoming U11 Champions. We are also pleased to share the Spring reports (accessed via the Engage Parent Portal) and hope you enjoy celebrating your child's achievements together.

We were delighted to welcome parents into school yesterday for the Year 3 and Year 4 production. The children performed with such confidence, energy and joy, and it was a pleasure to see their hard work come to life on stage. Excitement is already building for the upcoming residentials, and we look forward to our Easter Assembly and the BPS Society Easter Egg Hunt next week—always highlights in our school calendar.



We are especially proud of our Year 6 pupils, who have secured an excellent range of secondary school offers across Trafford grammar schools, sought-after state schools and leading independent schools. Their hard work, resilience and character shine through, and our long-standing relationships with these schools ensure each child's next step is the right fit for them and their family. We look forward to sharing further details on this, as soon as our Y6 families are able to share their exciting news with us.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognise the exceptional commitment of our staff throughout the term. Their hard work and professionalism—whether planning and delivering enriching trips, leading walkathons, preparing thoughtful parents' reviews, or providing high-quality teaching and support every day—continue to make a profound difference to our pupils and families. The care, dedication and enthusiasm they bring to school life ensure our children experience a vibrant, nurturing and inspiring education in every corner of Bowdon Prep.

This week, we have certainly seen four seasons in one day! A quick reminder that pupils will move to summer uniform after the half term. However, if we find ourselves experiencing another "second winter," this will, of course, be reviewed and communicated to you promptly.



As we come to the end of a memorable and transformative term, we want to thank you for your continued trust and partnership. This is a proud and promising moment for Bowdon Prep, and we look forward to sharing the next stage of our journey with you and your children.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a wonderful and restful break together over the next two weeks; we look forward to seeing you on Monday 20 April.



Mrs Makepeace-Taylor
Headteacher



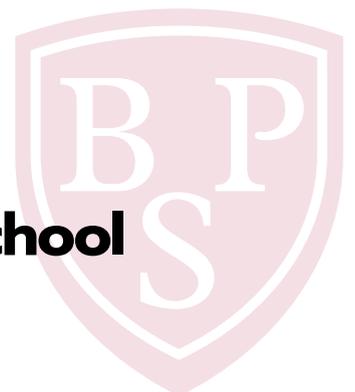
Next Week

Thought of the Week

Be yourself, be bold, be loving, be unique

Happy school, Healthy school, Safe school

Staying safe online



Communication Key Dates





NEXT WEEK

At a glance.. WC 30 MARCH



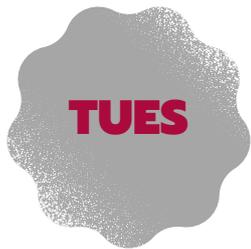
Parents are reminded that Summer Uniform will be worn after half term

After School Club cancellations



Children invited wear spring colours
BPS Society - Easter Egg Hunt

MONDAY
Y2 Art Club



Y5 Residential

TUESDAY



Y5 Residential

WEDNESDAY



Y5 Residential
School Closes for Half Term

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Key dates at a glance



Spring 2 - March and April

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
30 BPSS Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Bonnet Parade	31 Y5 Residential	1 April Y5 Residential	2 Y5 Residential School Closes

MONDAY
Y1 & Y2 Dance
Y5 Netball
Y2 Art
Y3 - Y6 Ukulele
Y3 Baking Club

Summer 1 - April

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
20 April School Opens Summer Uniform	21 Alderley Edge Musical Festival	22 Alderley Edge Musical Festival	23 Whole School Photo FSchool uniform to be worn	24 Prep Quidditch Day
27	28	29 Y6 Maths Challenge	30 Y6 Transition Evening with Ex Pupils	1 May Break the Rules Day

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

WEDNESDAY
Y3 - Y6 Multi Sports
Y3 - Y6 Art
Prep Rock Band
Y5 & Y6 Recorder Club
Y4 Netball

May

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
4 School closed for Bank Holiday	5 Y3 Residential	6 Y3 Residential Y4 Residential	7 Y4 Residential Y6 Stem Day	8 Y6 Stem Day
11	12 Lower School Mini B-Fest	13	14	15
18	19	20	21 Y1 & Y2 Show	22 School Closes for Half Term
25 <i>Half Term</i>	26 <i>Half Term</i>	27 <i>Half Term</i>	28 <i>Half Term</i>	29 <i>Half Term</i>

THURSDAY
Y6 Netball
Y1 - Y6 Drama
Pre Prep Recorder Club (Y3 - Y5 Street Dance)
Y1/Y2 & Y5/Y6 Football

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



Bowdon Preparatory School

BELIEVE PERSEVERE SUCCEED





A Walk to Remember: Laughter, Friendship & a Splash of Fun



Report by Y6 Charity Captains

We had an absolutely fantastic time chatting, laughing, and bonding during our sponsored walk, all while raising money for Comic Relief and the BPS Society Playground Fund—two incredibly important and worthwhile causes. From start to finish, the day was filled with fun.

There was such a positive atmosphere, and we loved spending time together outdoors, supporting one another and creating so many happy memories. We were laughing the whole way, and it truly brought us closer together as friends. It felt especially meaningful knowing that our efforts were helping others. Comic Relief supports vulnerable people both in the UK and around the world, and being part of something that makes a real difference made us feel incredibly proud. It gave us a strong sense of purpose and reminded us how important it is to give back and help those in need.

We were also excited to raise money (current on the next page!) for our own school through the BPS Society Playground Fund. Improving our playground will make such a difference for



everyone—creating a space that is more fun, active, and inclusive. It's wonderful to know that what we've contributed will benefit both current pupils and future generations.

Throughout the walk, we learned valuable lessons too. We became more aware of road safety and our surroundings, helping us to build confidence and independence in a safe and supportive environment. It was also a lovely opportunity to enjoy the outdoors and appreciate nature.

One of the highlights of the day had to be the staff "soak"—it was absolutely hilarious! We loved aiming wet sponges at the teachers, and Mr Gee Mrs Wilshaw, and Mrs Jaber for being such great sports and joining in to help raise money.

Finally, a big thank you to everyone who donated and supported us. We had the best time, and it's an experience we will always remember!



The Y6 Charity Captains

THANK YOU

**TO OUR BPS COMMUNITY
TOGETHER WE RAISED**

£7431

***so far..**



**FOR COMIC RELIEF &
THE BPS SOCIETY
PLAYGROUND FUND**

**Please could any outstanding money be
brought into school by Monday 30 March**



BPS SOCIETY

EASTER EGG SCAVENGER HUNT!

MONDAY 30TH MARCH.



Kindergarten to Y2
will hunt in the
playground from 3:15-4:00pm.

Y3 to Y6 will head to the
school fields with their
grown-ups at 3:45pm.



**Complete the challenges,
uncover hidden letters,
and earn a delicious
chocolate egg!**



Stock up with Summer Uniform at the Preloved Sale too!

BPS UNIFORM

*** Reminder - The Summer Uniform will be worn after the half term break ***

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.

Next sale take place on Monday

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

Tues 31 March: 8.10 – 9am

Thurs 2 April: 8.10–9am

Mon 20 Apr: 8.10-9am

Tues 21 April: 8.10 – 9am

Please email victoria@pwschoolwear.com purchase online (local delivery is free) <https://www.pascoeandwillis.com/bowdon-preparatory-school>. Password: BPS24



BOWDON HOCKEY CLUB

COME AND TRY HOCKEY!

We'd like to welcome boys and girls from Reception to Year 6 to come along to try hockey at Bowdon for taster sessions after Easter.

These will run on **Sundays 19th, 26th April and 3rd, 10th and 17th May 2026** and cost £5 per session. Timings are as follows:

Reception - Year 3: 9.00 -10.00am

Years 4 & 5: 10-00- 11.15am

Years 6 - 8: 11.15am - 12.30pm

Players should **register and pay on arrival by scanning the QR code** on the noticeboard to the right of the pitch gate. We can lend sticks but need players to have their own shipads and gumshield (available from all sports shops).

If interested in attending, please email sundayjuniors@bowdonhockey.co.uk with your child's name and year as well as the date they will attend, so we can monitor numbers.

Read more: www.bowdonhockey.co.uk

Find us: Bowdon Hockey Club, South Downs Road, Bowdon, WA14 3DT

Follow us: @Bowdonhc on Instagram





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Sunflower Competition

The STEM captains would like to invite Lower School to enter a sunflower growing competition.

Mrs Jaberis says - please could any entries bring in their £3 in a named envelope and the girls entering the competition will be called to plant their seeds during a lunchtime.

We will be planting the seeds the week commencing 27th April at lunch times. Proceeds will go to creating a wellbeing garden.

**Who will have the biggest sunflower?
Lets watch our sunflowers bloom and
grow in school!**

Thank you to the STEM Captains for designing such a wonderful poster using Canva!

BPS

EGM

Extraordinary General Meeting

★ Everyone is welcome! ★

Tuesday 21 April at 7.30pm, via Zoom.

Email bpsociety@bowdonprep.org.uk
to receive a calendar invite.

The EGM is all about approving the Society's
transition to registered charity status.





MRS ABBEY'S LUNCH



WC 30 MARCH

MONDAY



*Veggie or Beef Bolognese with Pasta
Broccoli
Sorbet*

TUESDAY



*Veggie or Pork Sausages, Mashed Potato
Carrots and Baked Beans
Selection of desserts*

WEDNESDAY



*Baguettes with various fillings toppings
Olives and Salad Bar
Oat Cookies*

THURSDAY



*Veggie or Fish Fingers, Potato Wedges
Peas
Easter Cupcakes*

FRIDAY



SCHOOL CLOSED FOR HALF TERM



The salad bar with fruit and yogurt (as an alternative to desserts) is available each day

Health and Safety Notice

As an 'Allergy Aware School' - we are a nut and sesame seed free school
Please be mindful when sending items into school, including birthday treats.

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

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 and Bettaveg



MRS ABBEY'S LUNCH



WC 20 APRIL

MONDAY



*Pasta with various sauces
Broccoli
Orange cookies*

TUESDAY



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

WEDNESDAY



*Hmemade Pizza with various toppings
Baked Beans and Sweetcorn
Sorbet*

THURSDAY



*Quorn or Chicken Escalope, Crispy Potatoes
Peas
Cornflake Cakes*

FRIDAY



*Veggie or Pork Sausages,
Green Beans and Baked Beans
Chocolate Cupcakes*



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Our Year 5 Girls Crowned Greater Manchester Pop Lacrosse Champions!

A thrilling and hard-fought victory against older mixed teams

Yesterday, our Y5 girls' pop lacrosse team produced a remarkable performance at the Greater Manchester Finals, held at the Armitage Centre.

The girls were dominant in the group stages, recording impressive victories over Cannon Burrows (7–0), Bolton School (16–2), Radcliffe Primary (9–0) and Holy Trinity (6–2). Finishing top of their group, they progressed confidently into the knockout rounds.

From there, the competition intensified. A hard-fought 6–5 win in the quarter-final was followed by an incredibly tense semi-final, which ended 6–6 at full time and 2–2 after extra time. Showing great composure, the team secured a 2–1 victory in second extra time to reach the final.

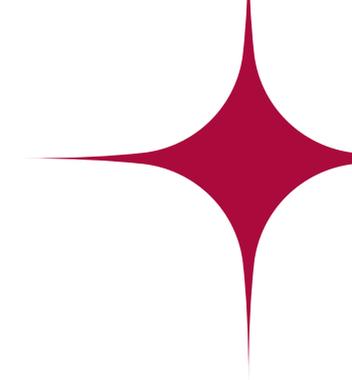
The final against Mellor was a thrilling encounter. The match ended 6–6 at full time and 3–3 after extra time, before Bowdon Prep held their nerve once again to win 3–1 in second extra time, sealing a 12–10 overall victory and the championship title.

Competing against the top 20 schools in Greater Manchester—and against older mixed teams—was an exceptional achievement. Mrs Baxter and Mrs Hughes are incredibly proud of the team's resilience, teamwork and determination throughout a truly memorable afternoon.

Lola (Y5) reflected: "It was very tense in the semi-final and final, but we all played well and stuck together as a team – I feel so proud of my teammates.

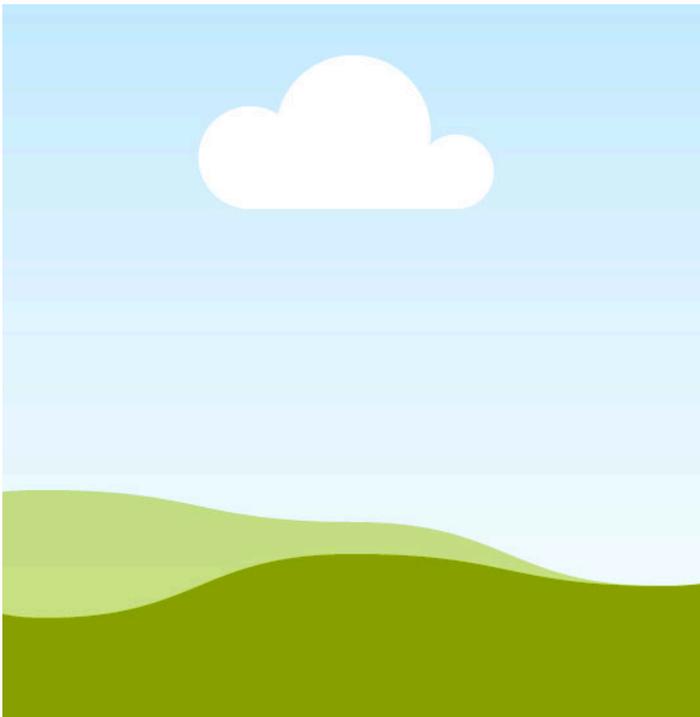


Scan here to watch our Instagram video of the day!



Staff of the Week

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



Mr Kelly

Mr Kelly is our brilliant ICT guru, always on hand with a solution. Whether he's rescuing us from mysterious computer glitches, helping the children explore new digital skills, or keeping our tech running smoothly behind the scenes.

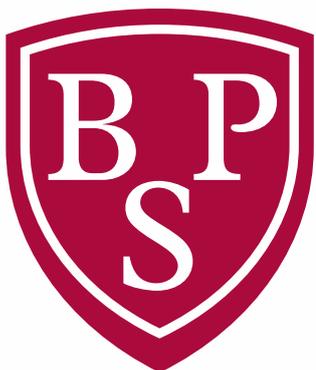
Thank you Mr Kelly.

Mrs Chapman

Congratulations Mrs Chapman, we are delighted to have you back! Your creativity, enthusiasm, and passion for helping children express themselves through art have been greatly missed. You bring a wonderful blend of warmth, imagination, and expertise to the classroom, inspiring pupils to explore new techniques and grow in confidence—our art room already feels brighter with you in it!



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