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BULLETIN

OPENING THE DOOR TO A LIFETIME OF READING

Encouraging strong reading
habits at home and school



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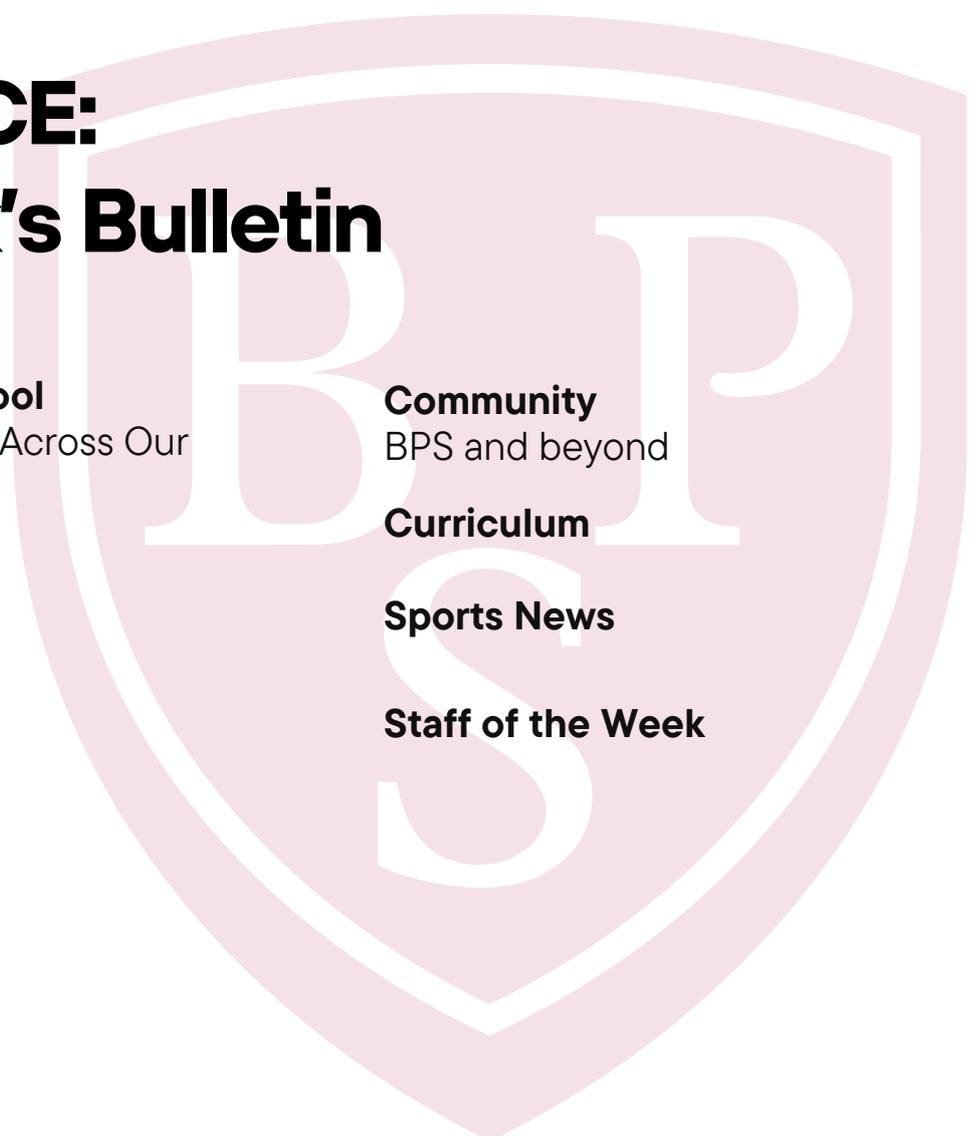
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Opening the Door to a Lifetime of Reading

How a love of books in primary school nurtures imagination, confidence, and lifelong learning.

We had a fantastic day in school yesterday celebrating “Heroes and Villains” for World Book Day. The children’s enthusiasm, creativity, and brilliant costumes brought stories to life in such a joyful way.

Days like these remind us just how powerful books can be in sparking imagination and helping children connect with characters, big ideas, and one another. At primary age, reading is one of the most important skills your child can develop. It opens the door to every other subject, introduces places and experiences beyond their immediate life, builds confidence, and supports children’s wellbeing.

Most importantly, reading helps children discover joy, curiosity, and the pleasure of getting lost in a story. Research shows that children who read regularly, both in school and at home, develop stronger vocabulary, better comprehension, and wider general knowledge.



Even 10 minutes of reading a day can make a significant difference. Beyond the academic benefits, reading together creates shared moments your child will remember.

How You Can Support Reading at Home

You don’t need specialist knowledge, just your interest makes a huge difference. Here are some simple ways to nurture a love of reading:

- Make reading part of your daily routine. A regular time each day helps reading become part of their routine, feel natural and enjoyable.
- Read together, even with older children. Listening to stories, or sharing them, helps children develop fluency, expression, and a love of language and how narratives are developed.
- Talk about what you read. Ask simple questions like: “What was your favourite part?” “What might happen next?” “How do you think the character felt?” Such questions help build understanding and confidence. Let children choose what they enjoy; comics, fact books, adventure stories, magazines, it all counts.





- Keep books easy to access. A few books on a shelf, in a basket, or regular library visits encourage independent reading from a very early age.
- Celebrate small wins. Finishing a chapter, trying a new author, or sharing a story together are all moments worth celebrating.

Working Together

Thank you for everything you do to support reading at home. Your encouragement strengthens the work we do in school and helps your child grow as a confident, joyful reader. If you would like any book suggestions or tips tailored to your child's age, please get in touch, we're always happy to help. Developing strong reading habits in primary school lays the foundation for a lifetime of learning and curiosity.

When children regularly enjoy books, they begin to see reading not just as a school task, but as a pleasurable activity they choose for themselves. This early enjoyment often leads to better concentration, wider vocabulary, stronger problem solving skills, and a greater willingness to explore new ideas as they grow older.

Children who read for pleasure are more likely to become adults who seek out information, think critically, and enjoy learning in all areas of life. These habits stay with them long after they leave school.



Mrs. Delf
Deputy Head / SENDCo
DDSL / Head of English



Next Week

Thought of the Week

Be the game-changer!

Happy school, Healthy school, Safe school

Being an inclusive school and caring for everyone



Communication

Key Dates





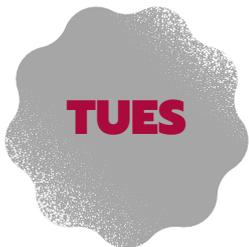
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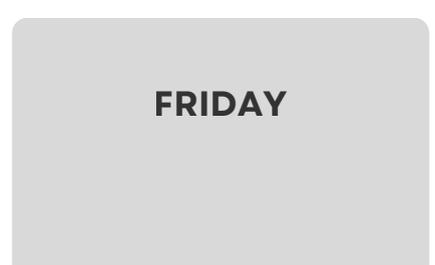
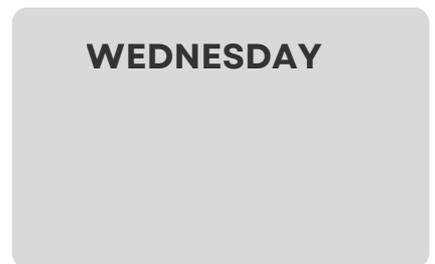
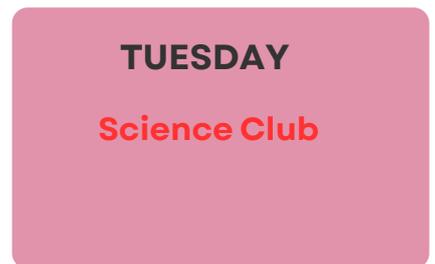
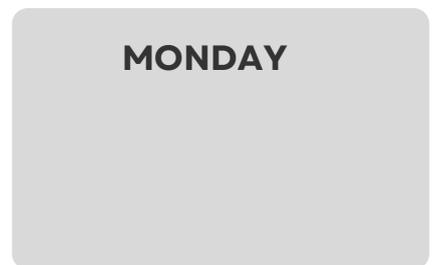


After School Club
cancellations

Y2 reviews commence



Y1 Mothers Assembly- 9am



Key dates at a glance

March and April - Spring 2

FOLLOW US



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 March	3 Science Day	4	5 World Book Day	6
9	10	11	12	13 Y1 Mothers Day Assembly - 9am
16	17 Y4 Trip LAMDA Exams	18 LAMDA Exams	19	20 <i>Eid ul Fitr</i>
23 Walkathon	24	25	26 Y3 & Y4 Show 2pm	27 Y1 Trip
30 <i>Easter</i> BPSS Easter Egg Hunt	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

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

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

April and May - Summer Term 1

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 School Uniform to be worn	24 Prep Quidditch Day
27	28	29	30	1 May Break the Rules Day
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





WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE A...

CHARITY WALKATHON!

— AT BPS —

23rd MARCH 2026

Supporting:

COMIC RELIEF &

The BPS SOCIETY'S
Playground Fund.

Prep: Walkathon laps
around the school & local area

(Number of laps equals the year group - e.g. Year 3 = 3 laps)

Pre-Prep Obstacle course
on the Sports Pitches!

Wear: PE kit and Red Nose Day accessories

THROW WET SPONGES
at the **TEACHERS!**

3 Sponges
for **£5!**

SPONSOR FORMS WILL BE SENT HOME SOON.

PLEASE BRING A **WATERPROOF JACKET** IN CASE OF RAIN.

- Charity & Sports Captains - ❤️



Dates for your diary!

Eid ul Fitr – Friday 20 March

Children celebrating Eid are warmly invited to come to school wearing traditional dress.



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 and Thursday 8.10am - 9am

Please 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

**** Children should arrive each day with their BPS blue waterproof coat****

Summer Uniform will be worn after the Easter break

SAVE THE DATE

Easter celebration - Monday 30 March.

Our Easter celebrations take place on Monday 30 March and the whole school is invited to wear spring colours and, if they wish, an Easter bonnet. This will be a joyful way to welcome the new season and share in the festive spirit together.

We look forward to celebrating these important cultural and seasonal events as a school community and thank you for your continued support in helping us foster an inclusive and respectful environment for all.





MRS ABBEY'S LUNCH



WC 9 MARCH 2026

MONDAY



*Pasta with Bolognaise Sauce
Broccoli
Sorbet*

TUESDAY



*Veggie or Pork Sausages, Mashed Potato
Baked Beans and Carrots
Fruit or Yogurt*

WEDNESDAY



*Baguette's with various fillings,
Olives and Salad Bar
Oat Cookies*

THURSDAY



*Veggie or Chicken Fajitas
Sweetcorn
Muffins*

FRIDAY



*Veggie or Fish Fingers, Potato Wedges
Peas
Shortbread*



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

Bringing science & engineering to life

HubLab

FunLab



Play, explore, and get hands-on with the wonders of science!

7 & 8

March

FunLab Trafford Centre Takeover for British Science Week!

Join us to explore, play and discover in a free weekend of science and engineering fun.

Meet robots, handle dinosaur bones and get hands-on with experiments and activities to take home.



Explore more >>>



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13 FEB 2026
- 3 JAN 2027
BOOK NOW

HORRIBLE SCIENCE

COSMIC CHAOS

AN OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD
PREMIERE EXHIBITION



MAJOR SPONSOR



The Outdoors Project

Inspiring Adventure Clubs For Kids



BOWDON PREP SCHOOL

FRIDAY

BOOK NOW - 4 WEEK BLOCK

LUNCH CLUB



BOWDON PREP SCHOOL

Dates: 6th March - 27th March

Years 3-6 - 12:00 - 12:30 - £24 for 4 weeks

Curriculum

Reflecting on our week at BPS





A Library That Inspires a Lifelong Love of Reading

Our School library is a cherished and distinctive feature of our learning community, reflecting our deep commitment to nurturing a lifelong love of reading.

Purposefully designed as a warm, inviting, and stimulating space, the library welcomes pupils from Kindergarten through to Year 6, offering an environment where curiosity thrives, imaginations are sparked, and a passion for stories and knowledge is cultivated from the earliest years.

The library houses a thoughtfully curated collection of fiction and non fiction, carefully selected to support pupils at every stage of their reading journey. From beautifully illustrated picture books for our youngest readers, and books written in various languages reflecting our diverse community, to engaging chapter books, classic novels, high interest non fiction, children's newspapers, and contemporary titles, the breadth of the collection ensures that every child can find something to delight, challenge, or inspire them.

Pupils also have access to a wide range of books that explore themes and experiences relevant to young people growing up in today's world. This balanced and diverse selection allows pupils to see themselves reflected in what they read while also opening windows into different lives, ideas, and perspectives.

Prep pupils visit weekly for timetabled library lessons, taught by Mrs Walsh, one of our specialist teachers, who nurtures comprehension, fluency, and vocabulary development through high quality texts and purposeful reading activities, giving pupils the skills and confidence to read with understanding and independence, encouraging thoughtful discussion and a deeper engagement with literature.



The library multi-use space and serves as a hub for small-group research, storytelling sessions, and collaborative tasks. Its flexible layout supports a variety of learning experiences: cosy corners for independent reading, open areas for book club activities, and dedicated shelves for themed collections that change throughout the year.

These are all supported by our fantastic team of Year 6 'Reading Champions'. Whether discovering a new favourite author, researching a topic of interest, or enjoying a class story, pupils are immersed in a setting that celebrates reading as both a joyful pastime and an essential foundation for learning.

Our library stands as a testament to the school's unwavering belief in the power of books to enrich minds, broaden horizons, and foster a lifelong appreciation for the written word.



Sport
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Year 5B Netball Triumph in the Rain

Determined Performance in Difficult Conditions

On Monday 2 March, the Year 5B netball team travelled to Stamford Park to face their Year 6/5 A team in very wet conditions. Despite the rain, the team showed great determination and teamwork throughout the match.

BPS played exceptionally well against a talented and well-organised defence. Their perseverance and excellent passing allowed them to create scoring opportunities and maintain control of the game.

After a competitive match, BPS emerged victorious with a final score of 6–3. A special congratulations goes to Imogen, who was deservedly named Player of the Match for her outstanding defensive work, making a number of fantastic interceptions that helped turn defence into attack.



Bowdon Prep Pupils Shine in Swimming and Netball Fixtures

Well done to our Year 4 and Year 5 swimmers who competed against 12 schools from across Trafford at Sale Leisure Centre this week. The atmosphere poolside was fantastic, with plenty of encouragement and cheers throughout the event.

Our swimmers demonstrated superb effort, determination and team spirit, finishing in an impressive 3rd and 7th place out of 12 schools. A brilliant achievement – well done to everyone involved!



On Tuesday, our Year 6 netballers travelled to Manchester High School for Girls for two fixtures. Playing in beautiful sunshine, both teams showed excellent teamwork and skill, improving throughout the matches.

Our defence was particularly outstanding, preventing a single goal from being conceded across both games. The A team secured a fantastic 14–0 victory, while the B team triumphed 6–0.

A superb performance from all players – very well played!



UPCOMING FIXTURES

WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH

**ISA U11 NATIONAL
NETBALL FINALS AT
KING'S HIGH SCHOOL,
WARWICK**

**YEAR 4 NETBALL V ST
VINCENTS (HOME)**

BELIEVE. PERSEVERE. SUCCEED.



Staff of the Week

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



Mrs Walsh

We are delighted to celebrate Mrs Walsh who brings warmth, creativity, and a true love of reading into our school every single day. Our library has become a welcoming, inspiring space because of her hard work and passion. Whether she's helping pupils find the perfect book, organising exciting reading events, or supporting staff with resources, she does it all with kindness and a smile.



Mrs Rylance

We are thrilled to recognise Mrs Rylance who is a key part of our school community, always ready to help wherever she's needed. Her calm, caring approach supports both staff and pupils every day, and her positive attitude makes such a difference around school.



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