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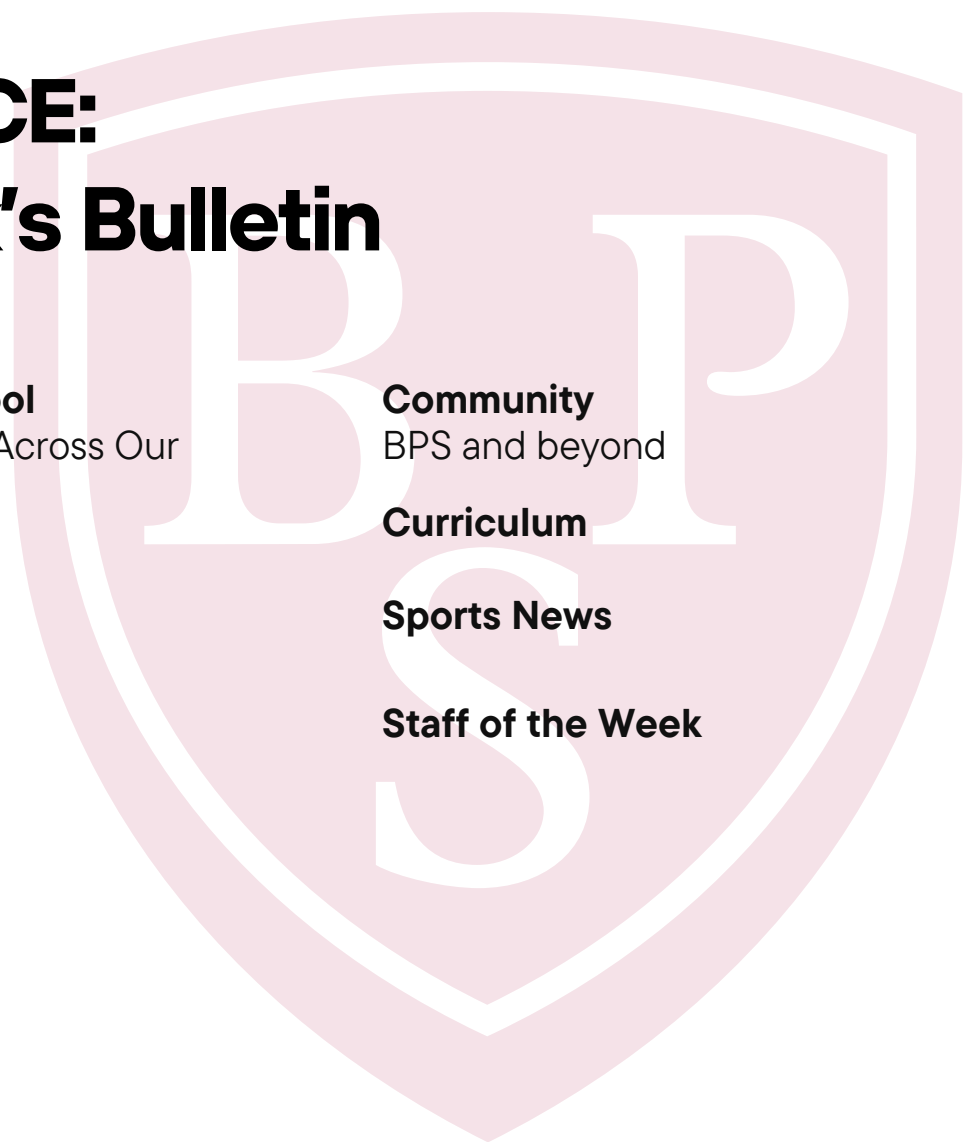
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A Bright Start to the Summer Term

Looking ahead to a term full of opportunity, achievement and exciting milestones for the Bowdon Prep community.



Welcome back to the summer term. We hope everyone enjoyed a restful and happy break and that you are all ready for an exciting term ahead.

Our Thought for the Week has been “The best way to predict the future is to invent it.” This feels particularly fitting as we look ahead to the many opportunities, experiences and celebrations that await our pupils and families over the coming weeks.

This week, we celebrated the teamwork on show during Prep Quidditch, congratulated our Netballers on retaining their ISA U9 North Champion’s title and eagerly awaited news of the Alderley Edge Music Festival results.

We are also very much looking forward to seeing our BPS photograph, taken yesterday. The whole school photograph takes place every few years and captures a special moment in time. Previous photographs are always a great source of interest and joy for pupils, and staff, as they pass the displays outside the Head’s Study; it is a reminder of how important it is for everyone to belong to an extended community - the wonderful Bowdon Prep family.

There is much to look forward to this half-term too, including the Year 3 & 4 residential, the much-anticipated Year 1 & 2 show, and the Early Years Mini B-Fest. We also have a “Break the Rules Day” on Friday 1 May, which is always met with great excitement and enthusiasm, whilst also raising valuable funds for our fantastic BPS Society and the new playground fund.

We also look forward to welcoming you, as parents, into school for our termly pupil review



meetings with Phase Leaders; these sessions are always such a positive way to ensure our pupils are supported well, both academically and pastorally, through a strong home-school partnership. Thank you in advance for your on-going support.





Thinking about the next steps in our BPS future, we are delighted to welcome Mr Mark Semmence, Headmaster of Repton School, and Sarah Greig (COO), when they visit us on Wednesday 29 April to meet with pupils, parents and staff. The Repton team are looking forward to visiting Bowdon Prep, meeting the whole school community, and experiencing first-hand what makes BPS such a special place to be.

Finally, on another exciting note for the future, we are thrilled to be preparing to welcome boys through our Big Red Door in September, as we continue to sign up our future BPS boys, marking a truly special and historic moment for our school community.

Here's to a positive, energetic and inspiring summer term for all.



Mrs S Makepeace-Taylor
Headteacher

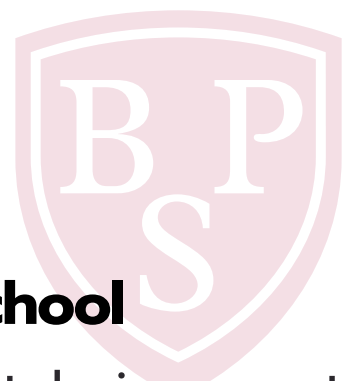
Next Week

Thought of the Week

Everything begins with an idea.

Happy school, Healthy school, Safe school

School Uniform - looking smart, acting smart, being smart



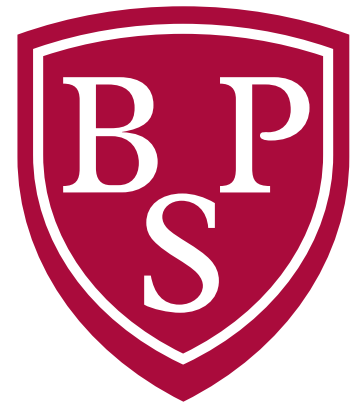
Communication Key Dates



NEXT WEEK

At a glance...

WC 27 APRIL



Year 4 reviews will take place next week.

After School Club
cancellations

MON

MONDAY

TUES

TUESDAY

WED

Reception Trip

6pm: Y5 Summer School zoom meeting

WEDNESDAY

**CLUB CANCELLED
DUE TO MATCH**

CANCELLED

THUR

5pm: Y6 Transition Evening with past pupils - Sports Hall in School

THURSDAY

STREET DANCE

CANCELLED

FRI

Break the Rules Day

FRIDAY

Key dates at a glance

Summer Term



April

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
27	28	29 Repton visiting Y6 Maths Challenge 6pm: Yr 5 Zoom	30 5pm Y6 Transition Evening with Ex Pupils in school	1 May Break the Rules Day

MONDAY

Y1, Y2, Y3 Dance
Y5 Rounders
Y2 Art
Y3 - Y6 Ukulele
Y1 Baking Club

TUESDAY

Y1 & Y2 Yoga
Y5 & Y6 Chamber Choir
Y3 & Y4 Recorder Club
Y1, Y2 Baking Club

May

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
4 <i>School closed for Bank Holiday</i>	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 <i>School Closes for Half Term</i>

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Y6 Rounders
Y1 - Y6 Drama
Y1, Y2 Recorder Club
(Y3 - Y5 Street Dance)

FRIDAY

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



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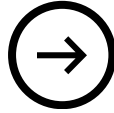


Notes...

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MRS ABBEY'S LUNCH



WC 27 APRIL

MONDAY



*Paneer or Chicken Curry, Naan Bread and Rice
Broccoli
Sorbet*

TUESDAY



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

WEDNESDAY



*Jacket Potato with various fillings toppings
Olives and Salad Bar
Carrot Cake*

THURSDAY



*Veggie or Pork Meatballs with Pasta
Peas
Iced Sponge Cake*

FRIDAY



*Quorn or Chicken Paninis
Sweetcorn
Flapjack*



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 including coconut and hummus

Please be mindful when sending items into school, including birthday treats.

Please cut grapes into QUARTERS (updated advice)*

Please note, due to manufacturing processes, some products used in the school kitchen state may contain nuts/sesame'.

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 - 8.10 - 9am

Please email victoria@pwschoolwear.com purchase online (local delivery is free)

Click here: [Link](#)

Password: BPS24



Sweet Success for the BPSS Bake Sale

BPS Society raises over £300 in a fantastic pre-half term event

The BPS Society enjoyed a highly successful bake sale just before half term, raising an impressive £300 in support of school initiatives.

The event was a wonderful showcase of the creativity and generosity within our school community, with a delicious array of homemade treats on offer.

A highlight of the sale was the BPSS Bake Off competition, which saw some fantastic entries and made choosing the winners no easy task.

Congratulations to our Bake Off winners (names to be confirmed), and a heartfelt thank you to everyone who baked, bought, and supported the event.



Break the rules day!

↪ Friday 1st of May



Pay £1 per rule. All payment on parent pay

Rules you can break:

1. Bring any snack to school-**no nuts**
2. Wear your own clothes including your team kit.
3. Eat your pudding before your main meal.
4. Bring juice in your water bottle
5. Any style, colour hair /hair down.
6. Bring your own bag to school.
7. Wear nail polish (must be off by Tuesday)
8. Wear light makeup - think glitter .
9. Wear pyjamas (sensible shoes please)
10. Bring in a teddy.
11. Wear jewellery -nothing valuable no necklaces or dangly earrings.



PS. You might get Monday off!

Curriculum

Reflecting on our week at BPS





Bridget Takes First Place at Prestigious Music Festival

Exceptional Grade 8 piano performance sets Bridget apart

We are delighted to celebrate a truly remarkable achievement by one of our talented pupils, Bridget, who recently took part in the prestigious Alderley Edge Festival of Music, Speech & Drama.

The festival, which has been running for well over a century, provides a highly respected platform for performers of all ages to showcase their talents in music, speech, and drama. Each year, thousands of participants from across the region perform in front of professional adjudicators, making it a vibrant and competitive event that champions dedication, creativity, and confidence.

Bridget delivered an exceptional performance in her Grade 8 piano class, securing an outstanding first place - a phenomenal accomplishment in such a competitive field. What makes this achievement even more impressive is that Bridget was the only primary school pupil competing in her category, performing alongside much older and highly accomplished musicians.

Her success is a testament not only to her musical ability, but also to her dedication, resilience, and commitment to excellence. To perform at such a high level, in front of an audience and expert adjudicators, requires both courage and composure - qualities Bridget demonstrated in abundance.



We are incredibly proud of Bridget and this inspiring achievement. She is a wonderful ambassador for Bowdon Prep, and we look forward to seeing her continued success in the future.

We have also recorded Bridget's performance - head over to our Instagram page to watch. It truly is incredible.

View Bridget's performance here!



**SCAN
ME!**





Elizabeth Takes Centre Stage

Year 6 pupil delivers a standout weekend of dance performances across multiple roles

Elizabeth in Year 6 brought the Easter holidays to a spectacular close, taking to the stage for an action-packed weekend of three impressive dance performances.

Across the weekend, Elizabeth demonstrated remarkable versatility, embracing a range of roles and dance styles with confidence and flair. Audiences were delighted by her lively portrayal of an orphan in a scene from *Oliver!*, before she transported them to the 1920s with a spirited tap performance as a flapper.

Showcasing yet another dimension of her talent, Elizabeth also appeared as one of the seven dwarves in a graceful ballet performance of *Snow White*, bravely helping to defeat the Evil Queen.

Each performance was a testament to Elizabeth's commitment, confidence, and clear love of dance. Mrs Howard, who was fortunate enough to attend two of the shows, was full of praise, commenting on how beautifully Elizabeth danced and sang in every role.

"Elizabeth was a joy to watch – she performed with such confidence and versatility across all her roles, and it was clear how much she loves being on stage." said Mrs. Howard.

Elizabeth's enthusiasm for performing, combined with the dedication she brings to her craft, was evident every time she stepped onto the stage. We are incredibly proud of her achievements and the passion she continues to show.

Well done, Elizabeth—what a fantastic way to round off the holidays.





Year 1 Dive into Discovery at the Blue Planet Aquarium

Year 1 embarked on a truly exceptional educational visit to the Blue Planet Aquarium, enjoying a day rich in discovery, wonder, and hands-on learning.

From the moment they arrived, the girls were immersed in the fascinating world beneath the waves. The standout experience of the day was undoubtedly the remarkable underwater tunnel. Walking through this mesmerising walkway, the girls watched in awe as sharks and rays swept gracefully overhead—an unforgettable moment that sparked excitement and curiosity in equal measure.

A highlight of the visit was the interactive workshop, where the girls expanded their knowledge of marine life and habitats. They listened attentively, contributed thoughtfully, and asked insightful questions, demonstrating both enthusiasm and a genuine love of learning.

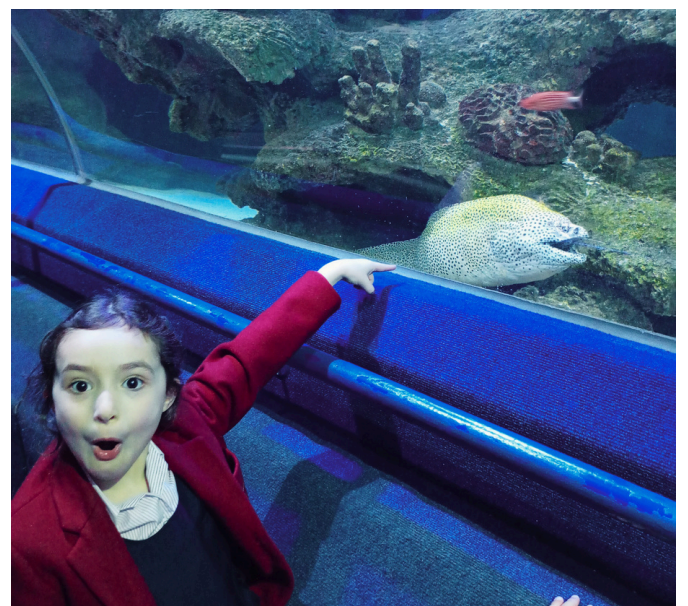
As they explored further, the girls delighted in identifying a wide range of sea creatures, including starfish, piranhas, and jellyfish. The underwater divers' show proved especially captivating, offering a fascinating insight into how scuba divers communicate beneath the surface, as well as introducing the girls to the much-loved "Betty" the shark.

Throughout the day, the girls were exemplary ambassadors for Bowdon Prep—engaged, curious, and full of joy. Their impeccable behaviour and enthusiasm made the experience all the more rewarding.

Reflecting on the visit, Mrs Cayzer commented, "It was a truly magical day. The girls were completely captivated by the marine life and showed such curiosity and enthusiasm throughout. It was wonderful to see their learning come to life beyond the classroom."



This inspiring trip not only enriched their understanding of the natural world but also created lasting memories that will stay with them for years to come.





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Year 4 Netball Champions

Celebrating a fantastic victory at the BEE Netball Tournament

On Tuesday 21st April, the Year 4 (A Team) delivered a truly exceptional performance at the BEE Netball Tournament, hosted here at Bowdon Prep.

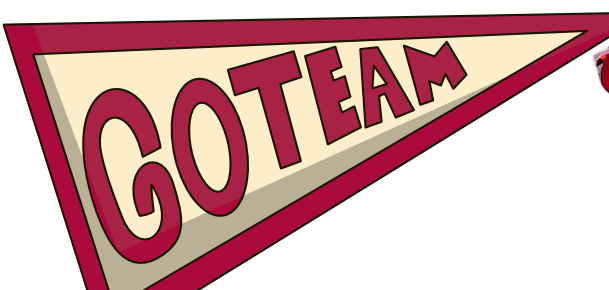
From the very first match, the girls played with energy, confidence, and superb teamwork, winning all five of their group games in style: Huddersfield (11–0), Brentwood (4–0), Scarisbrick Hall (2–1), Greenbank (8–0) and The Queen’s School (5–0). Finishing top of their section, they progressed straight through to the final.

Despite challenging windy conditions, the team rose to the occasion, producing some fantastic netball to secure a well-deserved victory against Ladybarn House School. Across the tournament, they scored an incredible 33 goals, conceding just two—a remarkable testament to both their attacking flair and defensive strength.

Mrs Baxter was full of praise for the team, commenting, “The girls were outstanding from start to finish. They played with confidence, supported each other brilliantly, and fully deserved their success.”



We are immensely proud of all eight girls for their enthusiasm, resilience, and exceptional team spirit. A tremendous achievement and a brilliant victory—well done, girls!



Staff of the Week

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



Mr Nelson

Mr Nelson is always incredibly helpful and approachable in the school finance office. He goes out of his way to support staff, answer questions, and sort out problems calmly and efficiently. We're very grateful for all that he does.

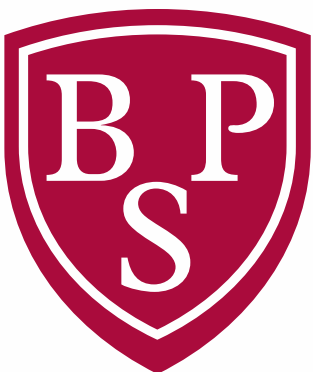


Mrs Nassari

Miss Maria is a wonderful support assistant who goes above and beyond to support both pupils and staff. She is kind, patient, and always willing to help, making a real difference in the dining hall and in Activate too, every day. Her dedication and positive attitude are greatly appreciated by everyone she works with.



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