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BOWDON

BULLETIN

ADVENTURE, FRIENDSHIP AND FIRST NIGHTS AWAY AT TATTENHALL

Year 3 and 4 Residential



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ENGINEERING THE FUTURE

Year 6 Pupils Explore
Renewable Energy with 3DW



COMMUNICATION. CURRICULUM. CARE.



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Turning Dreams into Reality

Embracing Challenges, Taking Opportunities, and Growing Through Every Experience

This week's theme 'some people dream of success while others wake up and work hard at it' reminds us that some people dream of success, whilst others wake up and make it happen—and that is exactly what we have seen across the school.

Our Year 3 and 4 pupils truly embraced this mindset during their residential visit to Tattenhall. They made the most of every opportunity, pushed themselves beyond their comfort zones, and showed fantastic initiative when tackling new challenges. Each morning, they woke up ready to take on a new adventure, demonstrating resilience, enthusiasm, and a willingness to try something different. These are the moments where confidence grows and success begins.

Meanwhile, our Year 6 pupils have been busy stepping into the future through their Virtual STEM days. Taking on real-life roles, they have been working collaboratively to design wind farms and create cleaner energy solutions. With access to virtual headsets and innovative tools, they have explored what is possible when creativity meets determination.

Their work highlights that success is not instant—it takes planning, effort, and perseverance to bring ideas to life. Across all year groups, the message is clear: in life, things do not just happen. We must be proactive, seize opportunities, and have the courage to take chances.



Not everything will work the first time, but every mistake is a step forward—an opportunity to learn, improve, and try again. Setting goals, no matter how small, helps us move closer to success.

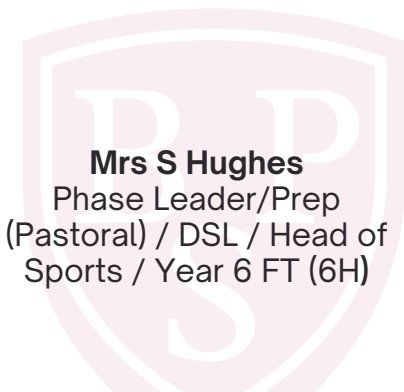




Each small step builds confidence and progress over time. Whether it is improving schoolwork, strengthening friendships, practising a new skill, perfecting a netball shot, or reaching the right note in music, effort is the key ingredient.

The more we put in, the more we get out. Take pride in your journey and the effort you put in along the way.

Success is not just about the end result, but about the determination, resilience, and growth you show each day. By giving your best, you not only achieve your own goals but also inspire those around you to do the same. Don't just be a dreamer—turn those dreams into reality.



Mrs S Hughes
Phase Leader/Prep
(Pastoral) / DSL / Head of
Sports / Year 6 FT (6H)



Next Week

Thought of the Week

Take Action: for yourself, for someone else, for everyone.

Happy school, Healthy school, Safe school

Looking after our physical and emotional health – self care...and also allowing others to help us



Mrs S Makepeace-Taylor
Headteacher

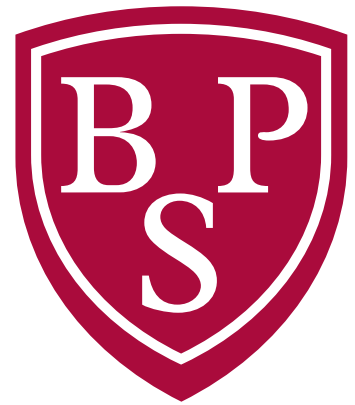
Communication Key Dates





NEXT WEEK

At a glance...



WC 11 MAY

Y6 & Y3 reviews commence

After School Club
cancellations

MON

MONDAY

TUES

2.15pm: Early Year Mini B-Fest
Y3-Y6 ISA Regional Athletics
Competition

TUESDAY

WED

WEDNESDAY

THUR

THURSDAY

FRI

FRIDAY

Key dates at a glance

Summer Term



April

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
27	28	29 Repton visit 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 Early Years Mini B-Fest	13	14	15
18	19 Soloist performance 4pm	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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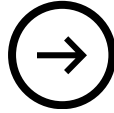


Notes...

Why not print this page for the fridge...



MRS ABBEY'S LUNCH



WC 11 MAY

MONDAY



*Pasta with various sauces
Broccoli
Orange Cookies*

TUESDAY



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

WEDNESDAY



*Pizza with various toppings
Sweetcorn
Cornflake Cake*

THURSDAY



*Quorn or Chicken Escalope, Crispy Potatoes
Peas
Sorbet*

FRIDAY



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



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 8.10 - 9am

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

Click here: [Link](#)

Password: BPS24



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8:30am-5:30pm
9am-3pm

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A Sweet Surprise

Year 6 School Council Organises Special Treat

The Year 6 School Council has organised a wonderful surprise for all pupils next Thursday 14 May.

An ice cream van will be visiting school, giving every pupil the chance to enjoy a delicious treat after lunch in the playground.

Each pupil will receive an ice cream with a flake and sauce, with vegan and allergy-friendly options also available to ensure everyone can join in the fun.

A huge thank you to the School Council for arranging what promises to be a lovely afternoon treat for the whole school!



Breaking the Rules in Style!

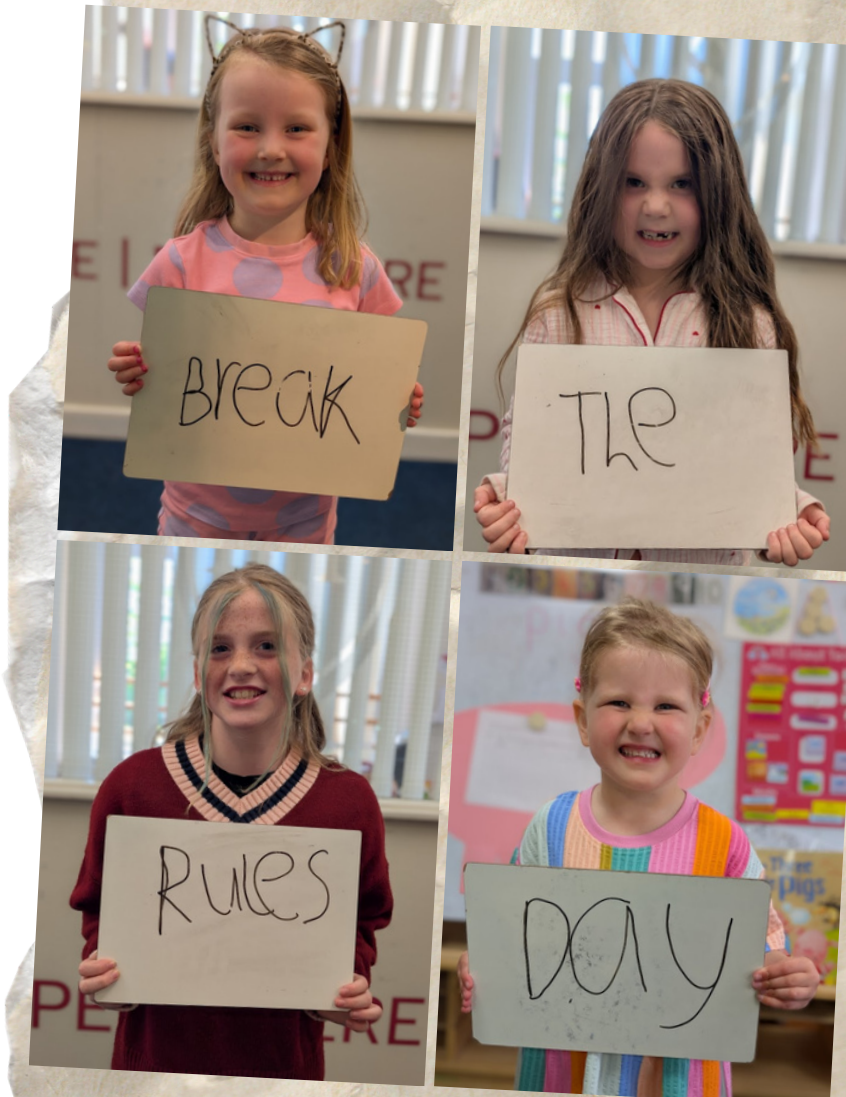
Crazy Hair, Pyjamas, Dessert First, and Plenty of Fun for a Great Cause

Last Friday, our school was filled with laughter and excitement as everyone enjoyed the fabulous Break the Rules Day!

From drinking juice from bottles and wearing pyjamas to showing off crazy hairstyles, even eating pudding before mains, the children embraced the fun and creativity of the day.

It was wonderful to see so much enthusiasm across the school, and most importantly, we raised a fantastic amount of money for BPS Society Fundraising projects.

Thank you to everyone for your support and making the day such a success. Head over to our Instagram page to see some of the broken rules!



Curriculum

Reflecting on our
week at BPS





Engineering the Future

Year 6 Pupils Explore Renewable Energy with 3DW

On Thursday and Friday, Year 6 pupils took part in an exciting and immersive STEM project in partnership with 3DW, stepping into the world of renewable energy, engineering and sustainable design.

Working collaboratively in small teams, the pupils were challenged to design a wind turbine farm off the coast of the East of England – an ambitious task that demanded creativity, resilience and problem-solving skills.

Each pupil took on a specific professional role within their team, including Project Manager, Technical Advisor, Communications Manager and Financial Manager. With clearly defined responsibilities, the teams worked together to create cost-effective wind farms while carefully considering environmental impacts and the constraints outlined in the design brief.

One of the most exciting elements of the project was the opportunity to bring their designs to life using virtual reality headsets. This immersive experience allowed pupils to visualise their offshore wind farms in incredible detail, providing valuable opportunities to refine and improve their ideas before presenting their final proposals.

The teams then delivered professional group presentations, where they were assessed on several key areas, including:

- Teamwork and collaboration
- Quality and accuracy of content
- Financial understanding and calculations
- The all-important “sparkle factor”



Working with real-life costings – often in the millions of pounds – proved both challenging and rewarding. However, the pupils rose to the occasion with enthusiasm and determination, carefully adapting and refining their designs to create profitable and sustainable solutions.





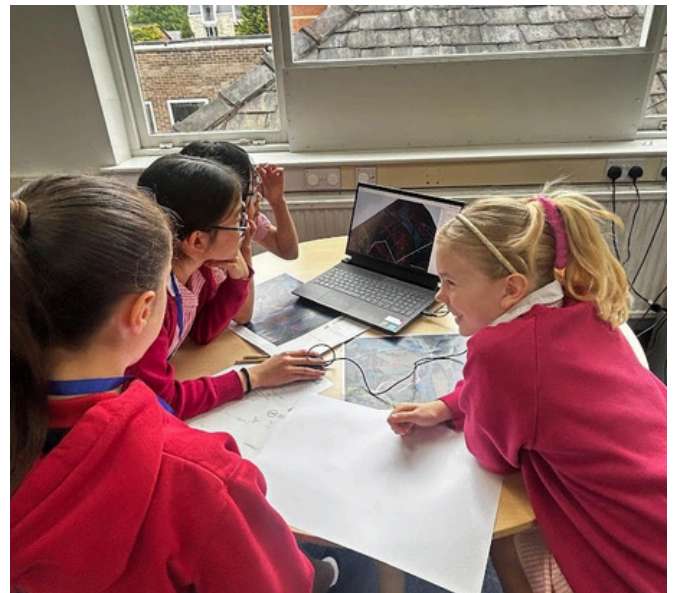
Throughout the project, they demonstrated impressive higher-order thinking skills by analysing data, evaluating outcomes and making informed decisions.

This experience enabled the pupils to:

- Develop an understanding of a range of professional roles within engineering and business
- Discover and utilise their individual strengths and talents
- Work effectively and collaboratively as part of a team
- Apply their science and mathematics knowledge in a meaningful, real-world context

We are incredibly grateful to the team at 3DW for their generosity, expertise and support in making this opportunity possible. Their invaluable contribution inspired our pupils, opened their eyes to the exciting possibilities within STEM, and highlighted the wide range of future career pathways available to them.

This inspiring and memorable project showcased not only the pupils' academic abilities, but also their creativity, resilience and teamwork – an outstanding achievement of which we are immensely proud.





Adventure, Friendship and First Nights Away at Tattenhall

Unforgettable days of adventure, teamwork and campfire memories in Cheshire.

With brightly coloured residential T-shirts and even brighter smiles, our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils set off for their 2026 residential to Tattenhall in Cheshire, each enjoying a one-night stay that overlapped just long enough to share the excitement in the air.

For Year 3, this was their very first residential, and the anticipation was clear from the moment they arrived. Their adventure began with jungle shelter building, where teamwork was essential as they constructed shelters and hammocks in the woodland. The big question of the day was whether their creations would keep them dry when the "torrential rain" arrived – a dramatic downpour delivered courtesy of staff armed with buckets of water! Every hammock survived the test, much to the pupils' delight, and the laughter and teamwork made the moment even more memorable.

Pond dipping brought even more excitement. Armed with nets and buckets, pupils eagerly explored the water and were thrilled to discover a male newt, tadpoles and a whole host of fascinating pond life.

Their enthusiasm continued as they worked in pairs to develop their orienteering skills, racing around the centre, reading maps, solving clues and celebrating each discovery with huge smiles. Their evening ended with a warm campfire, where pupils sang songs,



shared stories and toasted marshmallows to gooey perfection before settling into their dormitories for their very first night away with school.





Year 4 arrived the following day, buzzing with anticipation for their turn to be adventurous and brave. They tackled the zip wire, tree climb and low ropes with determination, many pushing themselves beyond their comfort zones and discovering just how much they could achieve. Their one-night stay in the dormitories was filled with excitement – especially the joy of sleeping alongside friends, complete with their chosen cuddly toy. That evening, they gathered around the campfire for songs, stories and marshmallows before taking part in bushcraft activities the next day, where they learnt how to safely build and light a fire and cooked their own dough twists over the flames.



With lovely weather throughout, both year groups had the perfect backdrop to explore, learn and grow. The residential offered a wonderful opportunity to build character, strengthen friendships and create stories they will be sharing for weeks to come. We are certain they slept very well upon their return – and that families heard all about their adventures the moment they walked through the door. A heartfelt thank you goes to our dedicated staff team, whose support, encouragement and care ensured that every child had the best possible experience.

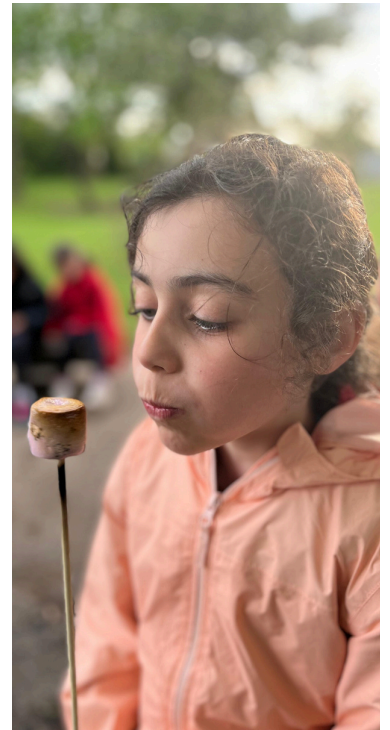




TATTENHALL 2026
HIGHLIGHTS







Staff of the Week

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



Mrs Wood

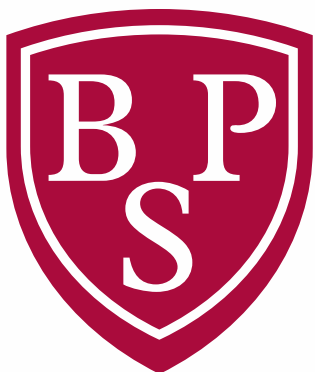
Mrs Wood, one of our fantastic Year 2 teachers, inspires our pupils every single day. Her enthusiasm, creativity, and dedication make learning exciting and memorable for all her children. She always goes the extra mile to support her class and creates a warm, positive classroom where everyone can thrive. and is a truly valued member of the team.

Ms Cross

Miss Cross is a wonderful and dedicated teacher who brings enthusiasm and kindness into the classroom every day. Her passion for teaching helps pupils feel confident, valued, and excited to learn. She consistently goes above and beyond to support her children and colleagues, making a real difference to the school community.



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