

12 JUNE 2026

# BOWDON

## BULLETIN



### BPS ROCK BAND WIN ISA COMPETITION!

Talent, teamwork and dedication  
lead to national success for our  
young musicians.



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# AT A GLANCE: In this week's Bulletin

## Happy, Healthy, School

Supporting Wellbeing Across Our  
School Community

## Communication

Key dates  
School information  
Mrs Abbey's Menu

## Community

BPS and beyond

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# Patience, Perseverance and Progress

*Helping children understand success is built through patience, effort and determination.*

**In a world where children often want things right now, it's easy to forget the value of waiting. Instant games, instant videos and instant answers are very much a sign of the times.**

At BPS, we encourage our children to understand that not everything happens immediately and that this is okay. Learning to be patient helps children slow down, reflect and recognise that worthwhile achievements often take time, effort and commitment.

Developing patience supports the growth of many important skills that we value at BPS. Waiting helps children build self-control, resilience and perseverance, particularly when things feel challenging. It teaches them how to manage disappointment, remain positive and keep trying when progress isn't instant.

Through these experiences, children grow into confident learners who understand that success doesn't come simply from wanting something, but from working steadily towards it and embracing the learning along the way.

We also remind our pupils that it isn't always just about reaching the destination—the journey itself really matters. Along the way, children learn how to practise, improve, make mistakes and try again. They develop focus, teamwork, organisation and determination, discovering that growth happens step by step.

These moments of effort, reflection and learning are just as important as the final outcome and help shape resilient, capable individuals. The theme **'Good things come to those that wait, best things come to those that do'** reminds us that patience must be matched



with purposeful action. At BPS, we value children who show effort, determination and commitment through what they do each day. Actions speak louder than words; working hard, practising regularly and giving your best brings a deep sense of fulfilment, not just recognition.

This is especially evident as we celebrate children's practice for the upcoming Sports Day (8 July), where perseverance and a desire to improve are key. Progress doesn't happen overnight, but every time a child tries again, challenges themselves or keeps going when things feel difficult, we see genuine accomplishment. These moments of effort and growth deserve to be celebrated just as much as the final outcome.



**Mrs F McGrath**  
Phase Leader/Prep (Ed Ops)  
Head of Science  
Senior Transition  
Year 6 FT





# Next Week: Class Photograph

Thursday 18 June 2026

**We are very much looking forward to the Class Photos on Thursday 18 June 2026**



Please ensure that:

- Your child arrives at school wearing full summer uniform, including white socks, black/navy school shoes, and blazer.
- KG children need their red cardigan.
- Hair is neat, with simple, school coloured accessories (no large bows, please).
- PE kits are NOT needed but if your child is due to have PE, they should bring trainers in a bag; children must arrive wearing school shoes.
- A final uniform check will take place on Thursday morning before the photograph. If a child arrives without the correct uniform, parents will be contacted and asked to provide the required items if possible.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.



## Thought of the Week

Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try

**Happy school, Healthy school, Safe school**

Eating healthily – making good choices about the food we eat

# Communication Key Dates

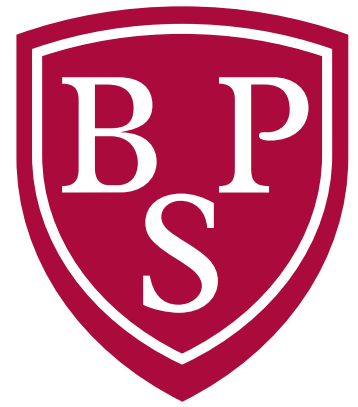




# NEXT WEEK

At a glance...

## WC 15 JUNE



Welcome to.. meetings commence this week and next week

After School Club  
**cancellations**

**MON**

MONDAY

**TUES**

Open Day for Prospective Parents

TUESDAY

**WED**

Reception Trip

WEDNESDAY

**THUR**

Whole Class Photos - Full Summer Uniform  
Welcome to KG - 5pm

THURSDAY

**FRI**

Y2 Trip

FRIDAY

# Key dates at a glance

# Summer Term

## June 2025



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8 <b>School Closed - Staff Inset Day</b>	9	10	11	12
15 ADD	16 Open Day for prospective parents	17 Reception Trip	18 Class Photos Welcome to KG- Online 5pm	19 Y2 Trip
22 Y6 Outward Bound Mon-Fri	23 Welcome to Y2- Online 5pm Welcome to Y4- Online 6.30pm	24 Welcome to Reception - Online 5pm	25 Welcome to Y1- Online 5pm	26
29 Welcome to Y6- Online 5pm Welcome to Y5- Online 5.30pm	30 Y5 & Y6 Show - The Waterside			

**MONDAY**

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

**TUESDAY**

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

**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)

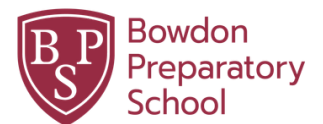


# July 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 Y5 & Y6 Show - The Waterside	2 Moving Up Day Optional Zoom Meeting for Parents	3 Y1 Trip Y3 Waxworks
6 Y6 Activity Day	7	8 Sports Day Open School for Parents	9	10 <b>School closes at Miday</b> Y6 Leavers Assembly

**FRIDAY**

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



**Notes..**





# Parent Forum: Feedback into Action

*A summary of the key themes discussed and the improvements planned for the months ahead.*

**Thank you to all parents who attended and contributed to our recent Class Reps meeting. Your feedback is hugely valued and plays an important role in shaping ongoing improvements across the school.**

A key priority following the meeting is to strengthen the clarity, consistency, and timeliness of our communications. We will be refining how we use Reach More Parents to ensure it is as effective as possible: Messages will be used for important and time-sensitive information, the Calendar will support forward planning with key dates shared in advance, and the Newsfeed will continue to celebrate pupil achievements and positive school experiences. We will also work to ensure that updates, event information, and photographs are shared more consistently across the platform.

We recognise the importance of giving families as much notice as possible and will aim to share event details as early as possible—to support organisation at home. Alongside this, we will continue to move away from paper-based communication and further embed digital solutions, such as Microsoft Forms, to streamline responses and improve accessibility.

It has been very encouraging to hear that recent developments to the Bowdon Bulletin and our social media on Instagram have been well received. These platforms play an important role in offering a window into our school life, and we will continue to enhance them to ensure communications remain engaging, informative, and easy to navigate.



Parents also provided thoughtful feedback on several wider aspects of school life. A review of the lunch provision is planned, supported by input from a parent nutritionist, to ensure menus remain balanced, varied, and appealing. We are also exploring ways to reduce single-use plastics on school trips and improve practical solutions for reusable water bottles.

Uniform continues to be a strength of the school, with positive feedback on recent developments such as the introduction of the summer uniform for the whole summer term. We will, however, review communication around any changes to ensure clarity and consistency, as well as carrying out comparisons to maintain the affordability and value of our pre-loved uniform provision.

Looking ahead, we are excited to progress plans for improvements to the school environment, including upgrades to playground spaces, which will further enhance the experience for all pupils.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and engagement.

# A Whole New World Awaits! Tickets for Disney's Aladdin Jr. Are **ON SALE NOW!**

*A Magical Production Performed by our Talented Year 5 & 6 Students*

**The wait is finally over! We are thrilled to announce that tickets for our highly anticipated school production of Disney's Aladdin Jr. are officially on sale starting today!**

Our talented Year 5 and Year 6 students have been working incredibly hard behind the scenes—rehearsing lines, perfecting choreography, and building spectacular sets—to bring the magical kingdom of Agrabah to life.

Featuring all your favorite characters like Aladdin, Jasmine, and the Genie, plus unforgettable songs like "A Whole New World" and "Friend Like Me," this is a show you absolutely do not want to miss.

Whether you prefer a daytime outing or a night at the theatre, we have you covered with both afternoon and evening performances available. Dates are as follows;

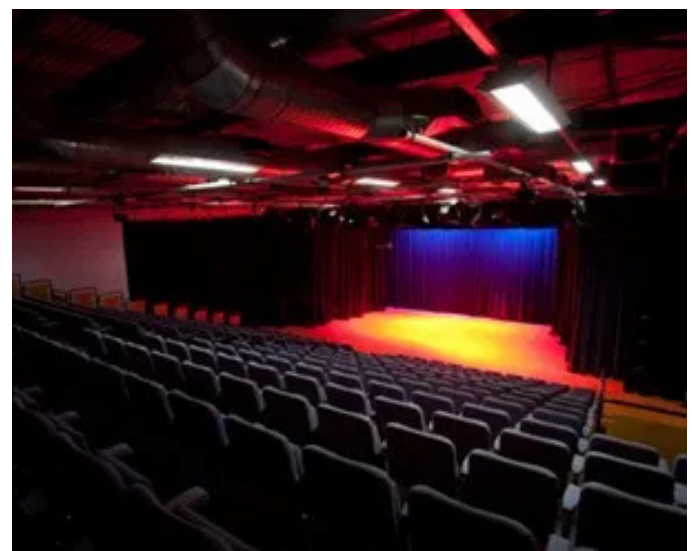
## **PERFORMANCE DATES & TIMES:**

- *TUESDAY 30TH JUNE AT 7PM*
- *WEDNESDAY 1ST JULY AT 1PM*
- *WEDNESDAY 1ST JULY AT 7PM*

Secure your seats early to support our amazing BPS performers, and enjoy a fantastic performance!

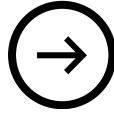
**Get your tickets online today via the Waterside Arts box office here: [Waterside Arts - Disney's Aladdin Jr.](#)**

Thank you for supporting the arts in our school. We can't wait to see you in the audience for a truly magical experience!





# MRS ABBEY'S LUNCH



WC 15 JUNE

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## MONDAY



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

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## TUESDAY



*Jacket Potato with various fillings  
Salad Bar  
Carrot Cake*

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## WEDNESDAY



*Veggie or Beef Lasagne, Garlic Bread  
Green Beans  
Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt*

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## THURSDAY



*Veggie or Pork Meatballs and Pasta  
Peas  
Iced Sponge*

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## FRIDAY



*Veggie or Chicken Paninis  
Sweetcorn  
Flapjack*

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**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:

**Mon 15 June: 3-4pm**

**Tues 16 June: 8.10am – 9am**

Please email [victoria@pwschoolwear.com](mailto:victoria@pwschoolwear.com) purchase online (local delivery is free)

Click here: [Link](#)

Password: BPS24



## Year 3 Waxworks: History Comes Alive!

Year 3 families are warmly invited to our

**Museum of Waxworks**

**Friday 3 July at 2.00pm.**

**Please enter via the playground gate.**

This exciting event marks the culmination of the Year 3 children's hard work and creativity. Over the past few weeks, the pupils have researched inspirational figures from history, written informative speeches, and carefully learned their presentations.

On the day, they will transform into their chosen historical characters, bringing them to life through costume, performance, and storytelling.

As you wander through our open-air "museum", you will have the opportunity to meet a fascinating range of influential people from the past and hear their stories firsthand. It promises to be a memorable celebration of learning, confidence, and imagination, and is an event not to be missed.

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing this special afternoon with you.



COMING SOON

# SPORTS DAY

**NEWS  
UPDATE**

*8 JULY 2026*

**LOWER SCHOOL  
9.30 - 11AM**

**YEAR 3&4  
12.15 - 2PM**

**YEAR 5&6  
2.15 - 3.45PM**



*ARE YOU  
READY TO SEE  
RECORDS BROKEN?*

# Curriculum

Reflecting on our  
week at BPS





# **Bowdon Rock Band win ISA Competition!**

Talent, teamwork and dedication lead to national success for our young musicians.

**We are delighted to share some fantastic news from our music department. A huge congratulations to one of our school rock bands, who have achieved outstanding success in this year's ISA Band Competition!**

Competing in an online format against a wide range of talented performers from ISA schools across the country, the band secured an incredible 1st place with their powerful performance of "Ordinary."

This is a truly remarkable achievement and a testament to their dedication, creativity, and musical skill. The competition showcased a diverse array of performances, making this victory all the more impressive.

Our winning band demonstrated not only technical excellence but also a strong sense of teamwork and passion, which clearly resonated with the judges. We would also like to recognise the efforts of the school's second rock band and our school orchestra, both of whom entered the competition. All of our musicians have worked exceptionally hard in preparation, showing commitment, resilience, and a consistently high standard of performance throughout.

They should be immensely proud of their achievements. Well done to everyone involved, and thank you to Mr Bowie, Mrs Stiles and Mrs Fan for their ongoing support and encouragement with these ensembles. This is a wonderful accomplishment for our school community, and we look forward to many more musical successes in the future!



# Staff of the Week

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



## **Mrs Cayzer**

Consistently brings enthusiasm, creativity, and care into the classroom, inspiring her pupils to love learning every single day. Her nurturing approach, dedication, and positive attitude make a real difference to the children and the whole school community.

Thank you, Mrs Cayzer, for all your hard work and for being such a fantastic role model!

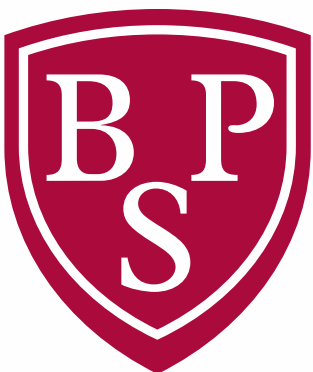
## **Mrs Hughes**

Shows incredible dedication and leadership, motivating pupils to stay active, confident, and resilient. Her passion for sport and well-being, along with her strong support for both staff and students, makes a huge impact across the school.

Thank you, Mrs Hughes, for your enthusiasm, commitment, and for being such an inspiring member of BPS!



# **BOWDON PREP SCHOOL**



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