

19 JUNE 2026

BOWDON

BULLETIN



RECEPTION'S WILD DAY OUT AT CHESTER ZOO!

Our young explorers take their
'Animals around the World'
learning on the road.



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COMMUNICATION. CURRICULUM. CARE.



AT A GLANCE: In this week's Bulletin

Happy, Healthy, School

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Celebrating Our Everyday Heroes and Male Role Models

Everyday heroes, emotional literacy, and holding space for love and memory.

This week, our school hall was buzzing with pride as class 5P led a deeply moving and uplifting assembly ahead of Father's Day. Looking beyond traditional titles, the girls reframed the conversation around a symbol close to every Mancunian's heart: the worker bee.

Crucially, this wasn't just a script written for the children to read; the entire performance was powered by their own words, their authentic voices, and real family memories. Through shared laughter and personal reflections, 5P reminded us that real heroes don't wear capes; they are the men who quietly show up, care for others, and build our community through their daily actions. The same message was also clear in Reception's wonderful Father's Day Assembly.

Pause for thought

The Year 5 assembly also provided a beautiful, quiet space to recognise that Father's Day is not an easy time for every family. Families come in all different shapes and sizes, and for many within our own school community, the reality of this season is met with a sense of loss, longing, or quiet reflection.

In the midst of the heavy high-street advertising and the busy build-up to this Sunday, it is so important that we stop, look around us, and remember those for whom this weekend will be difficult. As a school community, let's take a moment to look out for each other. Stopping to check in on a friend, a neighbour, or a fellow parent who might be carrying a heavy heart right now can make all



the difference. By celebrating those who guide us now, those who have guided us in the past, and the actions that will guide us forever, our children reminded us that love and memory are forces that stay with us always.

The Blueprint for Growth: Emotional Intelligence

Primary school is where children build their emotional foundations, and having male role models who demonstrate true emotional intelligence is an absolute game-changer. It is vital for our young people to see men who normalise "big feelings", men who talk openly about their emotions, readily admit when they make mistakes, and handle life's daily frustrations with patience.

When children see men who listen with empathy, read for pleasure, and handle challenges with calm determination, it gives them a blueprint for their own growth. By witnessing these traits in action, our pupils learn that real strength lies in kindness, resilience, and vulnerability.



Breaking Gender Stereotypes in Learning

Primary school is also the perfect age to dismantle the idea that certain subjects or activities are "just for boys" or "just for girls", and male role models play a massive part in this. Highlighting diverse passions is incredibly important; children thrive when they see men actively engaged in creative writing, art, cooking, drama, or music, alongside traditional STEM and sports.

Mr. Gee is a wonderful example of a male role model who embodies this exact kindness and spirit. The way he interacts with the children is consistently gentle, supportive, and encouraging.

Seeing him lead LAMDA this year has been a fantastic example of breaking down stereotypes in action, showing our pupils that confidence, performing arts, and creative expression belong to absolutely everyone.

Time Together

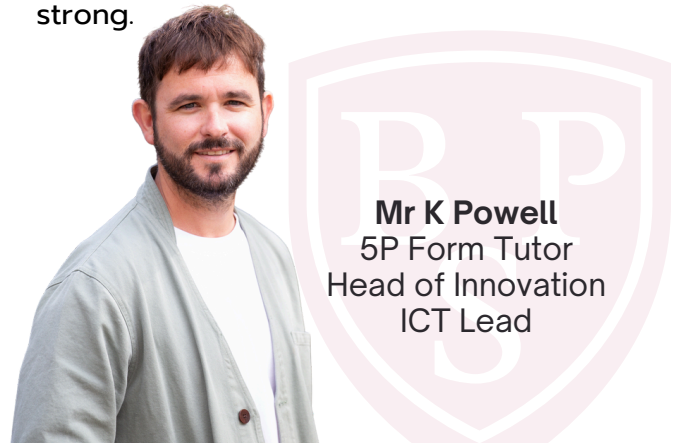
Ultimately, what brought this entire assembly together was the heartwarming way the children in 5P spoke about the male figures in their lives. When we sat down as a class to map out their reflections, the overarching theme was incredibly telling.

The children didn't speak about grand gestures, expensive gifts, or lavish holidays; instead, they focused entirely on the simple, day-to-day activities they share. From building a treehouse, to baking a birthday cake, to the quiet routine of a daily walk after school, it was all about time spent together. In the eyes of our pupils, the greatest gift a role model can give is simply their presence, proving that it is the ordinary moments that leave the most extraordinary marks.

Thank you to all the everyday heroes in our school family who do so much to guide, protect, and inspire our children. Your actions echo far beyond this Sunday.

A Final Thought:

As we head into the weekend, carrying that worker bee spirit of looking out for one another in those quiet, ordinary ways - perhaps just with a thoughtful message or a gentle check-in is how we truly keep our community strong.



Mr K Powell
5P Form Tutor
Head of Innovation
ICT Lead

Thought of the Week

Do what you love. Love what you do.

Happy school, Healthy school, Safe school

Feel respected. Be respectful.

Communication Key Dates

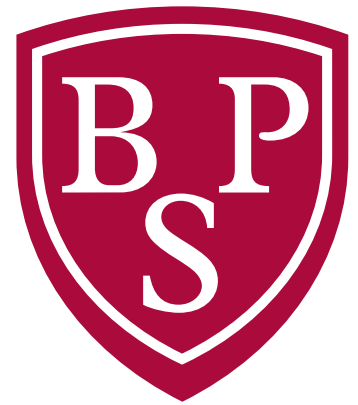




NEXT WEEK

At a glance...

WC 22 JUNE



Welcome to.. meetings commence this week and next week online

After School Club
cancellations

MON

MONDAY

TUES

Welcome to Y2 - 5pm online
Welcome to Y3 - 5.30pm online
Welcome to Y4 - 6pm online

TUESDAY

WED

Welcome to Reception - 5pm online

WEDNESDAY

THUR

Welcome to Y1 - 5pm online

THURSDAY

FRI

FRIDAY

Key dates at a glance

Summer Term June 2025



| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|---|--|--|---------------|
| 8 School Closed - Staff Inset Day | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 15 | 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, Y3 & Y4 5pm, 5.30pm & 6pm | 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 online Meeting for Parents 4.30pm | 3 Y1 Trip Y3 Waxworks 2pm |
| 6 Y6 Activity Day | 7 | 8 Sports Day Open School for Parents | 9 | 10 School closes at Midday Y6 Leavers Assembly |

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



Notes..



BPS PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS

Disney Aladdin JR.

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

TUESDAY 30TH JUNE AT 7PM
WEDNESDAY 1ST JULY AT 1PM
WEDNESDAY 1ST JULY AT 7PM
WATERSIDE THEATRE, SALE



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BOOK TICKETS AT
WATERSIDEARTS.ORG



MRS ABBEY'S LUNCH



WC 22 JUNE

MONDAY



*Veggie or Pork Sausages, Mashed Potatoes
Broccoli and Baked Beans
Muffins*

TUESDAY



*Jacket Potato with various fillings
Salad Bar
Carrot Cake*

WEDNESDAY



*Baguettes with various fillings
Sweetcorn and Olives
Fruit or Yoghurt*

THURSDAY



*Veggie or Beef Bolognese and Pasta
Green Beans
Sorbet*

FRIDAY



*Veggie or Fish Fingers, Pototo Wedges
Peas
Oat Cookies*

**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'.



The Outdoors Project Holiday Clubs at BPS

We're delighted to be bringing The Outdoors Project Holiday Club to Bowdon Prep School this summer, running during the independent school holidays from Monday 13th July to Friday 24th July.

Our award-winning holiday clubs are all about fresh air, adventure and unforgettable fun. Every day is packed with exciting activities designed to get children active, creative and making new friends. From bushcraft and den building to team games, nature crafts and imaginative challenges, each day has its own unique theme, meaning no two days are ever the same.

The club is open to children from schools across the local area, making it a fantastic opportunity for your child to enjoy the holidays with existing



friends while also meeting new people and building confidence in a fun, welcoming environment.

Whether your child loves to run wild outdoors or simply enjoys trying something new, there's something for everyone – and they often leave tired, muddy and full of stories from the day's adventures!

BPS Has Talent! A Spectacular Showcase of Student Stars

This year, the curtains rose on an incredibly successful BPS Talent Show, showcasing the skills of our wonderfully talented students. The audience was treated to a fantastic line-up of acts.

With so much star power on display, our Performing Arts Captains faced an incredibly tough challenge trying to pick the winners! After much deliberation, the final decisions were made:



1st Place: The Fantastic Hula Hoop Queens – Celine & Isla

2nd Place: Amelia C., for her beautiful singing performance

3rd Place: Sophia W., for her amazing dance routine

A massive well done to every single pupil who took the courage to audition and perform.

Performing Arts Captains

COMING UP THIS SUMMER

FUN FEST ALTRINCHAM PREP

ALTRINCHAM PREPARATORY SCHOOL | MARLBOROUGH ROAD | WA14 2RR

OPEN 13TH JULY - 25TH AUGUST
7:30AM - 6PM

**TAX FREE CHILDCARE AND
 CHILDCARE VOUCHERS
 ACCEPTED**

30th July AM

MARTIAL ARTS
 KARATE WITH OUR VERY OWN BLACK BELT INSTRUCTOR - ELLIE!
 PLEASE NOTE: THIS CLASS IS FOR 6+



Various Dates

BOUNCY CASTLES & SPLASH ATTACK
 BRING YOUR WATER GUNS BECAUSE THE ANNUAL WATER FIGHTS ARE BACK!
 BOUNCY CASTLES BOOKED FOR SELECTED DATES - PLEASE SEE TIMETABLE



4th August AM

MINI FIRST AID
 AS SEEN ON DRAGONS DEN - A HANDS ON SESSION FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES TO LEARN VITAL LIFE SAVING SKILLS



ALL INCLUDED AT NO EXTRA COST

ANIMALTASTIC
 A hands on experience with Snakes, Tarantula, Bearded Dragons, Geckos, Giant Millipedes and much more.



18th August PM

GO KARTING
 GO KARTING WITH KING OF KARTS!
 Race against your friends and experience a Go Kart experience like no other!



10th August AM

PLEASE NOTE: NO MATTER WHAT ACTIVITY YOUR CHILD IS BOOKED ON, THEY'LL BE ABLE TO JOIN IN WITH ALL OF THE ABOVE ACTIVITIES SHOULD THEY WISH TO - UNLESS AGE RESTRICTED.

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 23 June: 8.10am – 9am and 3-4pm
Please email 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

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





Reception's Wild Day Out at Chester Zoo!

Our young explorers take their 'Animals around the World' learning on the road.

Our Reception girls went on a wild adventure this week as they swapped the classroom for the paths of Chester Zoo! The trip was the perfect highlight for our ongoing Animals around the World topic, where the girls have been focusing all on the magnificent wildlife of Africa.

We kicked off our action-packed day with an immersive Chester Zoo workshop called 'The Hungry Five'. Set in the zoo's spectacular, brand-new Heart of Africa zone, this interactive storytelling session brought our classroom learning to life. The girls became wildlife detectives, looking for clues to see how different animals find their dinner.

The session was a fantastic way to stretch our vocabulary, embedding three very important scientific words:

- Carnivores (meat-eaters, like the majestic African lions!)
- Herbivores (plant-munchers, like the towering giraffes)
- Omnivores (animals that love a bit of everything!)

After fueling up with our own lunch (definitely full of hungry omnivores!), it was time for our self-guided zoo adventures. The girls had an absolute blast exploring the grounds and spotting some of their absolute favorites.

We giggled at the playful monkeys swinging through the trees, watched the penguins waddle and splash, and stepped into a tropical paradise inside the butterfly house, where colorful butterflies fluttered right past our noses.





Speaking after the event, Mrs. Jaber shared how incredibly impressed she was with how the children represented the school:

"I am so immensely proud of all the girls. Not only did they demonstrate wonderful manners throughout the entire day, but their enthusiasm for learning was an absolute joy to see. They wowed the zoo staff with how much they already knew about African wildlife and used their new scientific vocabulary so beautifully!"

It was a fantastic day filled with wide eyes, big smiles, and a wonderful showcase of our young learners' curiosity. A huge thank you to Chester Zoo and to all of our brilliant parent helpers who helped make the day so safe and successful!

Did You Know? Ask your daughter if she can tell you what a meerkat's favorite food is, or how a bird's beak can tell us what it likes to eat!





**Sport
@BPS**

A Medal-Winning Day at Alexander Stadium!

Exceptional determination, grit, and a haul of national medals at the home of the Commonwealth Games.

On Monday, four of our pupils travelled to the prestigious Alexander Stadium in Birmingham to compete in the ISA National Athletics Finals, joining some of the very best young athletes from across the country.

As the home of the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games and host of this summer's European Athletics Championships, the stadium provided a truly inspiring backdrop and a fantastic atmosphere for the day.

Our athletes rose to the occasion brilliantly. Hettie and Immy both delivered outstanding performances, each earning a bronze medal in the 60m and 75m respectively, in what were exceptionally competitive fields. Hettie also demonstrated her versatility in the long jump, finishing a commendable 6th.

Giuliana competed in the high jump against an extremely strong field, showing great determination and composure to finish an impressive 6th overall. Athena showed tremendous grit



and resilience across her events. In the 600m, with two competitors right on her shoulder, she dug deep in the final stages and found an extra gear over the last 100m to secure a superb silver medal.





She also competed strongly in the 150m, finishing an excellent 4th. The excitement continued in the final event of the day – the 4 x 100m relay. Our sprinters teamed up with some of the fastest runners from across the region, and it proved to be a thrilling race. In a remarkable final leg,

Hettie powered from 4th place into 2nd, clinching a silver medal for her team. In another highly competitive relay, Immy and Athena worked together brilliantly to finish a fantastic 5th. It was a brilliant day all around – an incredible opportunity and a truly memorable experience for our pupils. We are immensely proud of their achievements and the way they represented the school.



Keep your children active, smiling, and learning new skills this summer at the More Than Sports Coaching Summer Camp!

Hosted in the safe and familiar grounds of Bowdon Prep School, our Ofsted-registered camp offers professional sports coaching and games. **Book here:** [click](#).

Who: Boys and girls aged 4 to 11 years old

When: Selected weeks from 20th July – 21st August 2026 (Standard Hours: 9:00am – 3:00pm)

Flexible Care: Extended wrap-around options available from 8:30am to 5:30pm

SPORTS CLUB
AT BOWDON PREP



Rounders Triumph for Year 3!

A Fantastic Away-Day Victory Against Ladybarn House School

On Wednesday 17th June, excitement was at an all-time high for our Year 3 rounders team. For many, the adventure started before the first ball was even bowled, as travelling away on the school minibus was a massive highlight in itself!

Upon arriving at Ladybarn House School (LBHS), the BPS pupils split into two separate teams, ready and eager to showcase their skills. What followed was a masterclass in teamwork, featuring some truly excellent fielding and even more amazing batting.

The Match Results

The hard work at practice paid off brilliantly, resulting in a clean sweep for BPS across both games:

- Match 1: A resounding victory, with BPS winning 8–2!
- Match 2: A nail-biting, thrilling contest that saw BPS edge out the hosts 5½–5.

Standout Superstars

While everyone played brilliantly, a few special mentions must go to our top scorers of the day:

- Isabella, who was unstoppable at the crease, scoring an incredible 4½ rounders all on her own!
- Audrina, who showed fantastic power and technique to round the bases for a superb 3 rounders!

Mrs Baxter was absolutely thrilled with the performance, praising the entire squad for their impeccable manners, determination, and excellent team spirit throughout the afternoon.

"Every single player did BPS proud today, not just with their skills, but with the fantastic sportsmanship they showed to our hosts." – Mrs Baxter



A huge thank you must also go to Mrs Brickwood for accompanying the team and supporting Mrs Baxter for the entire match. Congratulations, Year 3! We can't wait to see what you achieve in your next fixture.

Monday 6th July: Staff vs. Year 6 Rounders!

The countdown is on for the ultimate summer clash. While Year 6 brings youth and agility, the Staff Team relies on sheer desperation and caffeine.

We caught up with a determined Mrs. Hughes for an insider update: "The staff have been working incredibly hard behind the scenes, putting in the hours and really honing our fielding skills. We have been working hard since the turn of the year and are almost ready."

Will youth triumph over mild joint pain? Come find out!

Staff of the Week

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



Mrs Jaberri

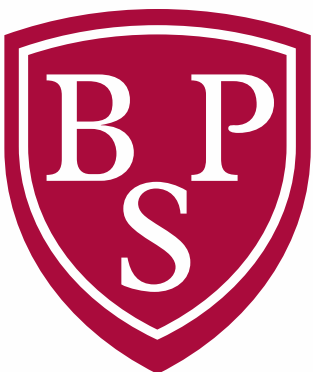
Mrs Jaberri, our wonderful Reception teacher is always so kind and caring, creating a happy and nurturing environment where every child feels safe and valued. Her warm approach and gentle encouragement make such a difference to the children's start at school, and she goes above and beyond to support them every day. Thank you, Mrs Jaberri, for your kindness and dedication – we are so lucky to have you!

Mrs Dyson

Mrs Dyson's passion for teaching shines through in everything she does. She creates an engaging, supportive classroom where children feel inspired to learn and do their very best. Her dedication, positivity, and care for every pupil make her a real asset to the school. Thank you, Mrs Dyson, for being such an amazing teacher – we appreciate you so much!



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