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BOWDON

BULLETIN

**DO WHAT YOU LOVE,
LOVE WHAT YOU DO**

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Do What You Love, Love What You Do

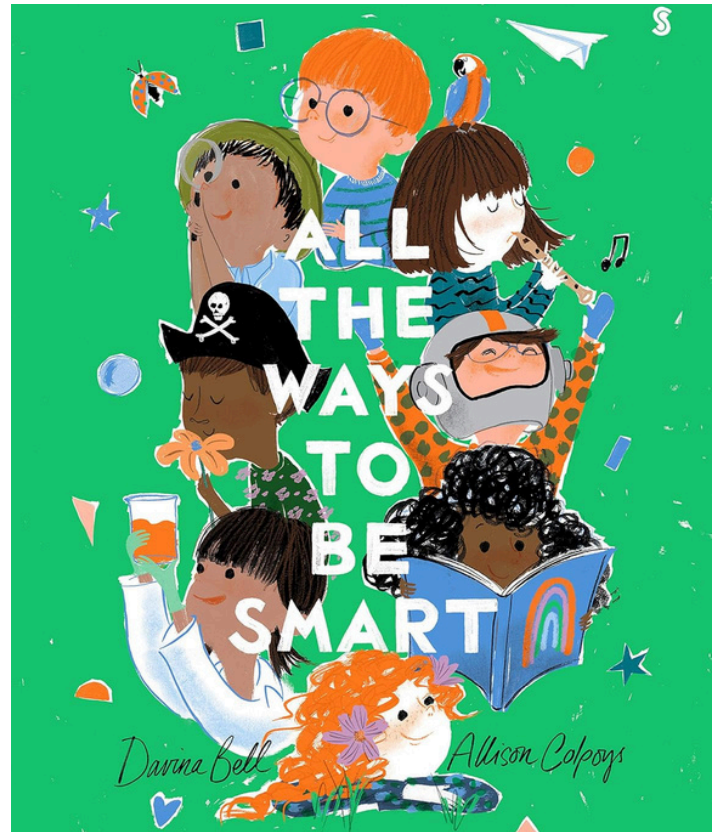
From the classroom to the outdoors, our pupils continue to grow in confidence by embracing what makes them unique.

This week's thought of the week 'Do what you love, love what you do' has resonated beautifully across the school, reminding us all of the importance of recognising our passions and celebrating the unique strengths each of us brings to our whole school community here at BPS.

Earlier in the week in our Lower School assembly, our youngest children explored this idea through the wonderful book 'All the Ways to Be Smart' by Davina Bell. Together, they reflected on the many different ways we can show intelligence beyond traditional measures. Being "smart" isn't just about reading, writing or maths - it can be seen in so many forms. From imaginative play and creative thinking, to helping a friend who is feeling shy, to building, designing, problem-solving or demonstrating care and kindness - our pupils showed a deep understanding that everyone has their own special talents.

It was a joy to see them recognising and celebrating not only their own strengths, but also those of their peers, as they proudly took to the stage to show what they love doing and what makes each pupil special and unique.

This message will be carried through into our 'Move Up Morning' on Thursday 2nd July, where all the pupils will embrace a new challenge: to show their new teacher all the ways they are "smart". Whether through creativity, curiosity, teamwork or



resilience, I'm sure they will certainly rise to the occasion brilliantly, demonstrating confidence in who they are and pride in what they can do.

This is always a really positive morning for all our children and a fantastic way to begin building new relationships, ensure a smooth transition to the year ahead and to celebrate every child for their individuality.

Our thought of the week also links perfectly with the experiences of our Year 6 pupils on their 'Outward Bound' residential in Ullswater. During their time away, they have had the opportunity to step outside their comfort zones, try new activities and discover what they truly enjoy. Experiences like these help children uncover hidden strengths and passions - whether that's a love for adventure, teamwork, leadership or perseverance.



We look forward to welcoming them back for their final weeks in school, enriched by their experiences and hopefully inspired to continue doing what they love.

Finally, we would like to celebrate the success of our lacrosse team, who performed incredibly well in their recent tournament, finishing as proud runners-up. Their dedication, teamwork and enthusiasm exemplify this week's message perfectly - when you love what you do, your commitment shines through. Well done to all involved!

As we move forward, let's continue to encourage our children to explore their passions, embrace their individuality and take pride in all the different ways they are "smart".



Mrs Oakley
Phase Leader (Lower School) Early Reading & Phonics Lead
Deputy DSL

After School Clubs Update

Many clubs have now finished, with all remaining clubs ending on Friday 3rd July.

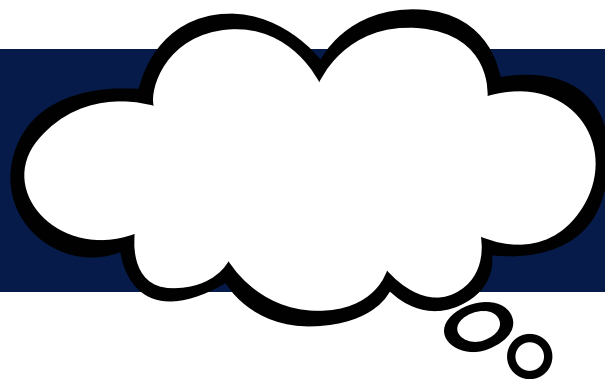
As we approach the end of another fantastic school year, many of our After School Clubs have now come to a close.

We would like to thank all of the pupils who have participated with such enthusiasm, as well as the staff and visiting specialists who have given their time to provide such a varied and enriching programme.

Many of our After School Clubs have now finished for the year, including **Year 2 Art Club, Year 3-6 Ukulele, Year 5 & 6 Chamber Choir, Year 3 & 4 Recorder Club, Year 3-6 Art Club, Year 4 Rounders, Year 5 & 6 Recorder Club and Rock Band.**

The remaining clubs will continue during the final week of term, with all After School Clubs finishing on Friday 3rd July. Please refer to the timetable below for details.

Next Week



Thought of the Week

Leave a little kindness wherever you go.

Happy school, Healthy school, Safe school

A break from screen time – back to nature!

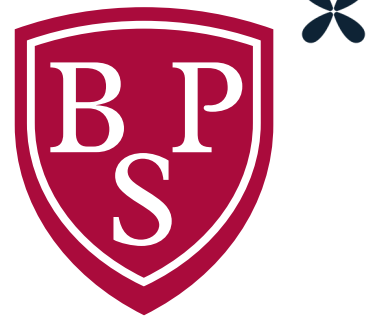


Mrs Makepeace-Taylor,
Headteacher

Communication Key Dates



NEXT WEEK



At a glance...

WC 29 JUNE

*The following After School Clubs have now finished.
All Clubs finish Friday 3 July*

Welcome to.. meetings continue this week

MON

Welcome to Y5 - 5.00pm online
Welcome to Y6 - 5.30pm online

MONDAY

Y2 Art Club
Y3 - Y6 Ukulele

TUES

Y5 & Y6 Show - 7pm
Waterside Theatre

TUESDAY

Y5 & Y6 Chamber Choir
Y3 & Y4 Recorder Club

WED

Y5 & Y6 Show - 1pm and 7pm
Waterside Theatre

WEDNESDAY

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

THUR

Moving Up Day
Optional Zoom Meeting for Parents

THURSDAY

FRI

Y1 Trip
Y3 Waxworks - 2pm

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 Y5 - Online 5pm Welcome to Y6- 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)

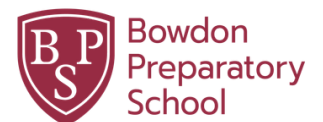


July 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 Y5 & Y6 Show - The Waterside	2 Moving Up Day Optional online Meeting for Parents	3 Y1 Trip Y3 Waxworks 2pm
6 Y6 Activity Day 4pm: Y6 v Staff Rounders	7	8 Sports Day Open School for Parents (4-5pm)	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 29 JUNE

MONDAY



*Pasta with various sauces
Broccoli
Sorbet*

TUESDAY



*Quorn or Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes
Carrots and Cauliflower Cheese
Cornflake Cake*

WEDNESDAY



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

THURSDAY



*Quorn or Chicken Escalope, Potatoes
Peas
Orange Cookies*

FRIDAY



*Veggie or Pork Sausages
Green Beans and Bakes Beans
Chocolate 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'.



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

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:



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!



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:

Tues 30th June: 8.10am – 9am,

Wed 1st July: 3pm – 4pm,

Thurs 2nd July: 8.10-9am

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 on Friday 3 July at 2pm.

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.

Please enter via the playground gate.



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





Viking Adventures at Tatton Park

Year 2 brought their history learning to life with a fun-filled day of hands-on Viking experiences.

Last Friday, Year 2 enjoyed a fantastic trip to Tatton Park, where they stepped back in time to experience life as Vikings.

Throughout the day, the children took part in a range of interactive activities. They learned how to fight with Viking shields, ground flour to make bread, and even discovered how to defend themselves against fierce Viking warriors with the help of Harold the Viking! There was also time to enjoy the beautiful surroundings and playground, making it a day full of learning, laughter and adventure.

The visit was a wonderful opportunity for the children to deepen their understanding of their history topic through hands-on experiences that brought the past to life.

Mrs Hill said, "This was such a fantastic day for Year 2. The children embraced every activity with enthusiasm, curiosity and smiles from start to finish. Seeing their learning come to life through such hands-on experiences was wonderful, and they represented Bowdon Prep brilliantly throughout the day."





**Sport
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Nerves of Steel, Hearts of Champions

Bowdon Prep's Year 5 lacrosse team produce an outstanding performance against the UK's best.

What an extraordinary day it was for our Year 5 lacrosse team at the Year 6 National Finals in Stoke. Accompanied by Mrs Baxter, the team competed against mixed boys' and girls' teams from across the UK, producing a performance that everyone at Bowdon Prep can be immensely proud of.

After a superb morning of competition, the team finished third in their group, securing a place in the Championship competition - an afternoon of knockout matches against the country's strongest teams.

The quarter-final saw an exciting local derby against Bowdon Church. After a thrilling 2-2 draw in normal time, our team held their nerve in extra time to claim a hard-fought 2-1 victory.

Next came a dramatic semi-final against Strathblane from Scotland, who had narrowly beaten us 4-3 in the morning rounds. Determined to rewrite the story, the team produced outstanding defending, exceptional teamwork and clinical finishing. The match ended 3-3, followed by a goalless period of extra time, then another extra period finishing 1-1.

With nothing to separate the teams, the game was decided by golden goal. Showing incredible composure under pressure, Erin calmly converted a penalty to send Bowdon Prep into the National Final. It was a moment of nerves, determination and unforgettable excitement.

In the final, the team faced familiar friends and rivals Gawsorth, who proved deserving champions with a 5-2 victory.



Finishing as National Championship runners-up is an outstanding achievement and a testament to the team's resilience, skill, determination and positive attitude throughout the tournament.

Mrs Baxter said she was incredibly proud of every player for the grit, teamwork and resilience they demonstrated all day. A huge thank you also goes to all of the parents who travelled to support the team, and especially to Mr Stockdale, who accompanied Mrs Baxter on the minibus and provided invaluable support throughout the tournament.

Congratulations to the entire team on an incredible achievement and for representing Bowdon Prep with such pride.





Strong Performance Against Gawsworth

Our Year 5A and 5B lacrosse teams enjoyed an excellent afternoon of competitive match play on Monday 22nd June as they took on our long-standing rivals, Gawsworth, in a series of mixed boys' and girls' fixtures.

The four fast-paced eight-minute matches provided valuable competitive experience, with both teams showing great determination, resilience and teamwork throughout. Facing a strong Year 6 opposition, our pupils rose to the challenge and represented Bowdon Prep with pride.

Little did they know that this wouldn't be the last meeting between the two teams, as they would go on to face Gawsworth once again in the National Finals.



The A team narrowly lost three closely contested matches before finishing in style with an impressive 6–2 victory in their final game. The B team also produced an excellent performance, securing two wins and two losses against tough opponents.

Congratulations to Lola and Sophia, who were deservedly named Players of the Match for their outstanding performances.

Staff of the Week

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



Mrs Latter

A huge well done to Mrs Latter, one of our brilliant teaching assistants! Your kindness, dedication and calm support make such a difference every day. You go above and beyond for both the children and staff, always with a smile. We are so lucky to have you as part of our team. Thank you!

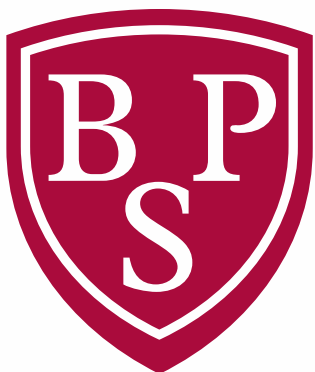


Mrs McCallum

A big congratulations to Mrs McCallum, a brilliant teacher who truly shines—especially in maths! Your passion, enthusiasm, and ability to make learning engaging, help every child to succeed and grow in confidence. Thank you for all your hard work and inspiring teaching!



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