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BULLETIN



A WHOLE NEW WORLD:

Looking Back on Aladdin at the
Waterside Theatre



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Leave a Little Kindness Wherever You Go

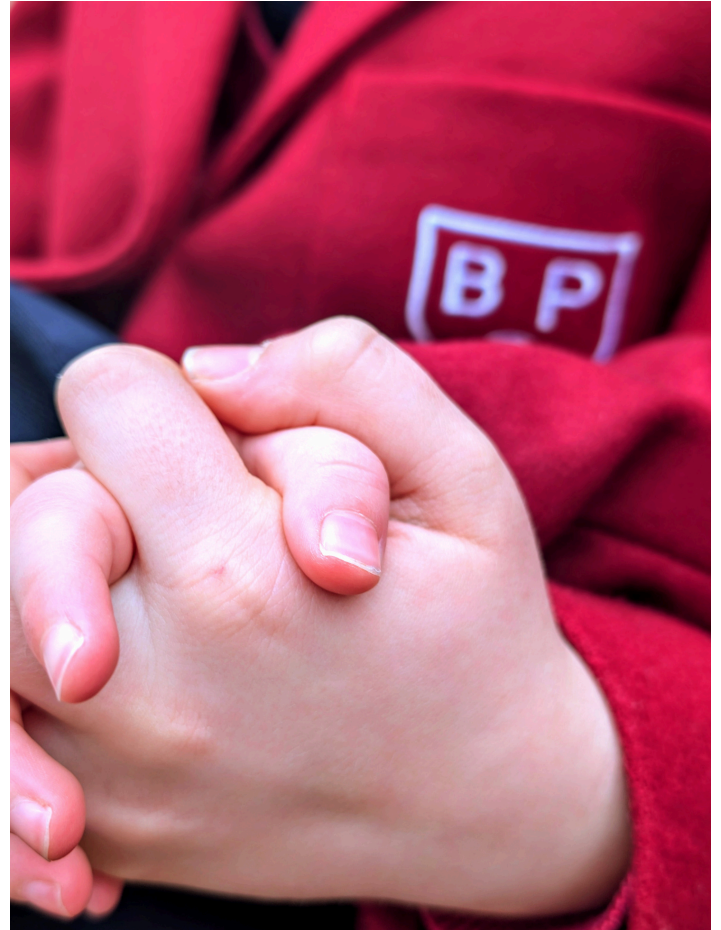
Celebrating the unique achievements of every BPS pupil this year, honoring our departing Year 6 role models, and carrying a message of compassion into the summer holidays.

As we arrive at the end of another memorable school year at BPS, it is the perfect opportunity to pause, reflect and celebrate the achievements, opportunities, and special moments that have shaped our school family over the past twelve months.

From the excited faces of our Kindergarten children beginning their BPS journey, to our Year 6 pupils preparing for the next stage of theirs, to grammar schools and top independent schools in the area, this year has been filled with hard work, active learning, and remarkable accomplishments. Every child has travelled their own unique path, taking steps forwards both academically, personally, and socially. For all of us working at BPS, it is a privilege to watch this journey unfold and to see our pupils develop confidence, independence, and a love of learning.

Throughout the year, our classrooms have been busy; full of curiosity and discovery. Children have challenged themselves to learn new skills, tackle unfamiliar concepts, and persevere when things have felt difficult. Whether mastering early reading skills, solving complex mathematical problems, performing on stage, representing the school in sporting events, at national or local level, or contributing to wider school life, our pupils have demonstrated resilience, determination, and enthusiasm. These qualities will continue to serve them well long after they leave our classrooms.

Of course, some important lessons learned at school are not always to be found in books. School is also about building friendships, developing character, and learning how to be part of a caring community. Over the course of this year, we have seen countless examples of .



children supporting one another, showing empathy, celebrating each other's successes, and helping others through challenges. These moments may seem small at the time, but they have a lasting impact on the people around us

As I reflect on the year, one word continually comes to mind: kindness. Kindness has been evident in so many ways across our school. We have seen children holding doors open, including others in games, helping friends who may be feeling worried, encouraging classmates to keep trying, and showing respect to everyone they meet. These everyday acts might seem simple, but together they create the warm, welcoming, and supportive environment that makes BPS such a special place to learn and grow.



Our school journey is much like a path filled with milestones. At the beginning, our youngest children arrive with excitement, curiosity and perhaps a butterfly or two in the tummy. Year by year, they gain knowledge, confidence, and independence. Along the way they make friendships, discover interests and confidence to overcome obstacles and create memories that will stay with them for years to come. Every stage of that journey is important, and every child contributes something unique to our school family.

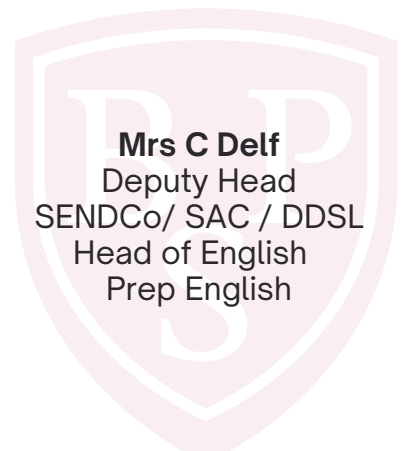
For our Year 6 pupils, this year marks the end of one chapter and the beginning of another. As they prepare to move on to new schools, they leave behind not only memories but also a legacy. They have served as role models for younger pupils, demonstrated tremendous leadership, and shown what it means to be responsible members of our community. We are immensely proud of all they have achieved during their time here.

We know they will embrace the opportunities that lie ahead, continue to work hard, believe in themselves, and never underestimate the positive difference they can make to others. They must remember that although they are moving on to new adventures, each one of them will always remain a valued part of the BPS family.

As we near the summer holidays, I encourage everyone to take time to rest, recharge and enjoy making memories with family and friends.

Most importantly, I hope we all carry forward the message that has been so evident throughout this year: leave a little kindness wherever you go.

A kind word, a helping hand, or a simple smile can brighten someone's day and make a world of difference. Kindness costs nothing, yet its effects can be felt far beyond the moment in which it is given, making our communities stronger, happier, and more compassionate places.



Next Week



Mrs Makepeace-Taylor
Headteacher

Thought of the Week

Put down the map and get wonderfully lost

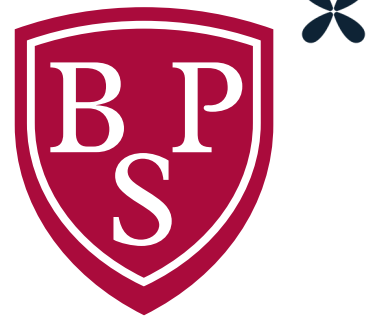
Happy school, Healthy school, Safe school

Road safety – scooters, bikes and crossing the road

Communication Key Dates



NEXT WEEK



At a glance...

WC 6 JULY

All Clubs have now finished.
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Y6 Activity Day

MONDAY
No Clubs



TUESDAY
No Clubs



Sports Day
Open School for Parents (4-5pm)

WEDNESDAY
No Clubs



THURSDAY
No Clubs



Y6 Leavers Assembly (9.00am)
School closes at Midday

FRIDAY
No Clubs

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)

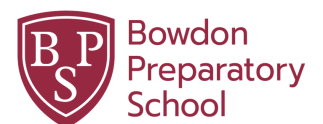


July 2025

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

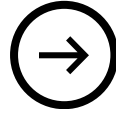
Y3 - Y6 Yoga
Y3 - Y6 Full Orchestra
Y1 -Y6 Mandarin



Notes..



MRS ABBEY'S LUNCH



WC 6 JULY

MONDAY



Veggie or Chicken Paninis
Sweetcorn
Chocolate Sponge Cake

TUESDAY



Veggie or Pork Meatballs with Pasta
Vegetables
Sponge Cake

WEDNESDAY



Sandwiches with various fillings
Sweetcorn and Olives
Choc Ices

THURSDAY



Veggie or Fish Fingers, Potatoes
Peas
Doughnuts

FRIDAY



School Closes at Midday

**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'.

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**, please email victoria@pwschoolwear.com purchase online (local delivery is free) Click here: [Link](#)
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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!

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





A Whole New World: Looking Back on Aladdin at the Waterside Theatre

What absolutely spectacular performances! Reflecting on our recent production at the Waterside Theatre on Tuesday and Wednesday, everyone in attendance will agree that we witnessed something truly magical. The production offered a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to experience the thrill of performing in a professional venue, and they rose to the occasion with immense talent, confidence, and maturity.

Over the past six months, the girls have shown remarkable dedication, enthusiasm, and teamwork as they learned songs, practised lines, rehearsed dances, and helped bring costumes and props together. Their hard work, resilience, and positive attitude shone through every step of the journey, and the final performances were a wonderful reflection of their commitment and talent. Watching their confidence grow and seeing them take to the stage with such energy and joy was a real pleasure.

Soaring to New Heights

Our Year 6 pupils took on the leading roles with incredible creativity, teamwork, and poise. They supported one another every step of the way, embodying the true spirit of an ensemble cast. Last year's Year 6 were told that they flew, and this year group were asked as Year 5s to get their wings ready. On stage, they didn't just fly—they truly soared!

Not to be outdone, our Year 5 pupils delivered a remarkably professional performance across both nights. They watched, they learned, and they gave it their absolute all. If their energy and dedication this year are anything to go by, we are already incredibly excited to see them step up into the leading roles next year.

Throughout the entire experience, the girls demonstrated real maturity, representing the school exceptionally well during our time at the



theatre. Their ability to work together as a team, both on and off the stage, helped create a production that looked and felt truly professional.





"Your Light"

A particularly touching moment of the production came when Mrs. Makepeace-Taylor shared a beautiful, inspiring poem titled "Your Light" by D. Ashworth.

Addressing the cast, she reminded the girls that their true light doesn't come from success, perfection, or how they perform on stage. Rather, it is fueled by their own unique "youness"—the music that sparks their joy, their cherished memories, and the love they share with family and friends. It was a wonderful, grounding reassurance that their brilliance is always there, inherently theirs, lighting up every room they walk into.

Behind the Magic: Our Sincere Thanks

A production of this scale requires a monumental team effort, and we extend our heartfelt gratitude to the entire Bowdon Prep community who made it all possible:

The Waterside Theatre Staff: A huge thank you to the theatre team, especially the sound and lighting crews, for helping our young performers shine so brightly on stage.

Our Wonderful Families: To the parents, grandparents, siblings, and carers—thank you for your tireless work behind the scenes, particularly with the fantastic costumes. Your unwavering support does not go unnoticed. It was also wonderful to see so many past pupils in the audience cheering the girls on!

The Creative & Production Teams: Thank you to Mrs. Chapman and Miss Nassari for bringing the vibrant world of Aladdin to life with their brilliant set design, props, and make-up. Kudos to Mrs. Malone, Mrs. Herbert, and Mrs. Hughes for the unforgettable, high-energy choreography that filled the stage. A special mention to Mrs. Stiles for her wonderful musical contributions and dedication throughout the rehearsal process.

The School Staff: Thank you to the whole host of staff from Prep and Lower School who worked



tirelessly behind the scenes on logistics, rehearsals, and supervision.

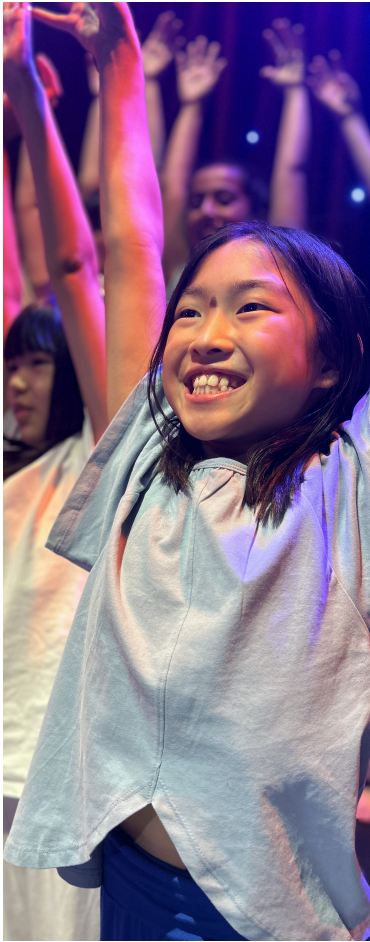
Our Performing Arts Dream Team: A massive thank you to Mrs. Clarke and Mrs. Lloyd-Wilson. Your creative vision, dedication, and professionalism turned this production into an unforgettable success.

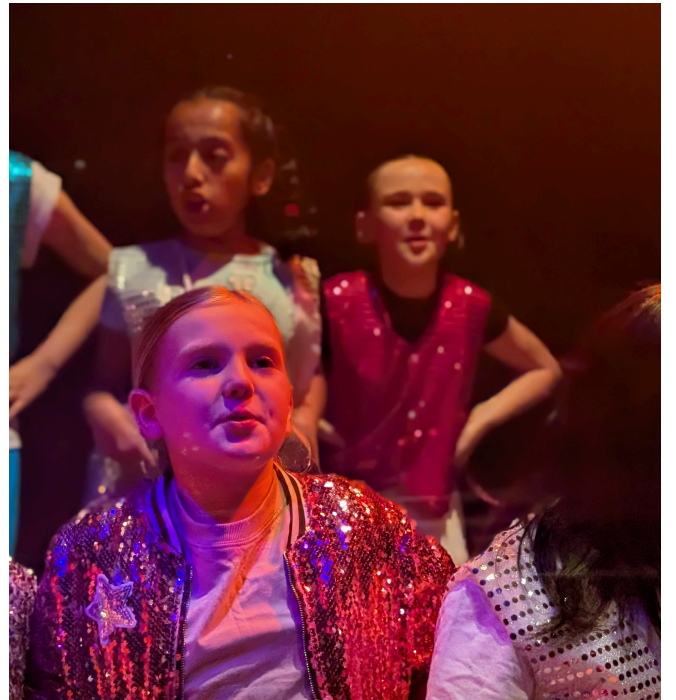
Finally, our biggest, most exceptional congratulations go to the girls themselves. You worked incredibly hard, looked out for one another, and delivered a performance that the Bowdon Prep community will cherish for a very long time. You truly should be proud of everything you have achieved—you were simply brilliant, and you made the magic happen! It is a privilege to be part of this wonderful community.





ALADDIN 2026
HIGHLIGHTS







Year 6 Adventures in Ullswater

Our highly anticipated four-night residential to Ullswater in the beautiful Lake District proved once again why it is such a highlight of Year 6. As the perfect way to celebrate the end of their Bowdon Prep journey together, our pupils embraced an unforgettable week of adventure, challenge and personal growth.

Throughout the week, our pupils demonstrated just how capable they are, pushing themselves further than they ever thought possible. Whether climbing mountains, canoeing across Lake Ullswater, leaping into the lake from the infamous Kail Pot, or scrambling through gorges, they approached every challenge with determination, resilience and a willingness to step outside their comfort zones.

The glorious summer weather certainly added an extra challenge, with soaring temperatures testing everyone's stamina. However, the heat did nothing to dampen spirits. Our pupils embraced every adventure with enthusiasm, energy and plenty of smiles, making the very most of every opportunity.

It was inspiring to watch them encourage one another, celebrate each other's achievements and work together as a team. Throughout the week, they developed invaluable communication skills, independence, resilience and confidence-transferable qualities that will serve them well as they prepare for the exciting transition to secondary school in September.

Founded in 1941, Outward Bound has helped more than 1.6 million young people realise their potential through learning and adventure in the outdoors. Its co-founder, Kurt Hahn, famously said, "There is more in us than we know. If we can be made to see it, perhaps for the rest of our lives we will be unwilling to settle for less."



Our Year 6 pupils truly embodied those words throughout the week, discovering new reserves of courage, resilience and self-belief as they embraced every challenge with enthusiasm and determination.

The week created countless memories that will be treasured for years to come and reminded us all of what can be achieved with courage, perseverance and teamwork.

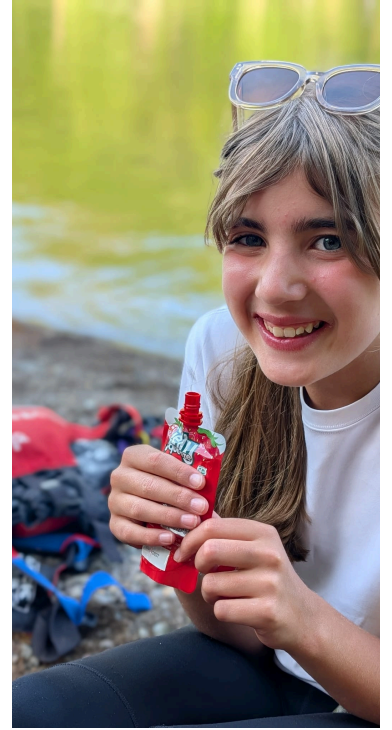
A huge thank you goes to the fantastic Outward Bound instructors for their encouragement, expertise and for delivering such an incredible programme of adventures. We would also like to thank the dedicated Bowdon Prep staff who accompanied the trip. Their commitment, care and enthusiasm made this experience possible, and we are immensely grateful for everything they did to support our pupils throughout the week.

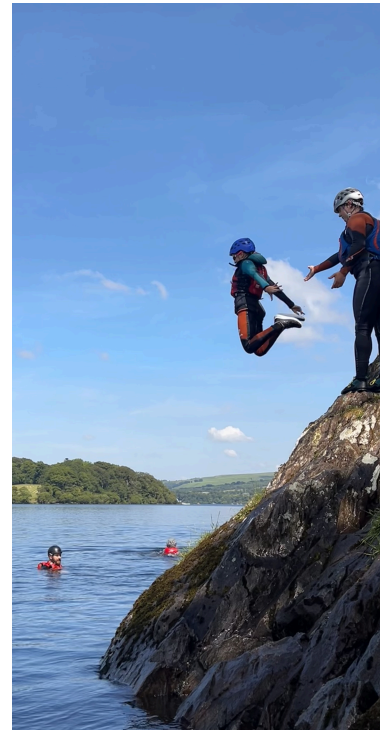
We look forward to sharing the full collection of photographs with our Year 6 families and the whole school during next week's special Year 6 Leavers' Assembly - a wonderful opportunity to relive an epic week of adventure, achievement and memories that will last a lifetime.



ULLSWATER 2026
HIGHLIGHTS









Year 3 Waxworks Museum Brings History to Life

Dedication, preparation, resilience, and grit: the formula for epic performances.

This afternoon, Year 3 once again delighted parents, families and staff with our much-loved annual Waxworks event, a longstanding tradition that continues to inspire, entertain and impress year after year.

After weeks of dedicated research and preparation, the children transformed themselves into famous figures from history. From influential leaders and pioneering scientists to courageous explorers and creative innovators, each child carefully selected a historical character, researched their life and achievements, and crafted a speech written in the first person.

As families arrived at the museum, they were greeted by (rather convincing) "waxworks". Standing perfectly still, the children looked every bit the part in their thoughtfully prepared costumes. Then, at the press of a button, the exhibits sprang into life! With confidence and enthusiasm, each child delivered their speech, sharing fascinating facts and stories about the person they were portraying.

The event was a wonderful celebration of learning and showcased not only the children's historical knowledge but also their speaking and listening skills, creativity and confidence. Visitors were captivated by the high level of engagement on display and

impressed by the depth of understanding the children demonstrated through their performances.

We are incredibly proud of all the Year 3 children. Their hard work, commitment and determination were evident throughout the afternoon. Preparing for the event required extensive research, careful writing, rehearsing and perseverance, and every child rose to the challenge.



A huge thank you goes to all the parents and family members who attended and helped make the afternoon so special. The excitement, pride and enthusiasm in the room were clear to see, and it was wonderful to celebrate the children's achievements together. Congratulations, Year 3, on another outstanding Waxworks Museum. You truly brought history to life!



Authors of the Future: Y6 Gift Personalised Books to EYFS and Pre-Prep

There was magic in the air yesterday as our Year 6 girls stepped into the shoes of professional authors and illustrators, delivering a beautiful books for youngest learners in EYFS and Pre-Prep.

The heartwarming project began when the Year 6 girls partnered up with the little ones. Acting as top-tier journalists, the older girls interviewed their younger buddies to discover their favorite things, from soaring superheroes and magical unicorns to their favorite colors and best friends.

With those brilliant ideas in hand, the Year 6 girls went to work crafting completely original, personalized storylines starring their EYFS and Pre-Prep partners. They brought the books to life using a wonderful mix of modern technology and traditional art, with some girls using Canva to create their vibrant pages, while others crafted beautiful, hand-drawn pictures. Once the stunning visuals were ready, they bound the pages together to create real, one-of-a-kind storybooks.

Yesterday was the grand unveiling. The Year 6 girls were absolutely delighted to proudly present the finished books to their ecstatic buddies, sitting down together to read the stories aloud.

"Seeing and hearing how happy the younger children were as they saw themselves as the main characters of their very own books was fantastic," said Mrs. Dyson.

Mrs Fish added, "We are immensely proud of the creativity, empathy and dedication the Year 6 girls showed throughout this project. They are talented young authors and inspiring role models."



The classrooms were filled with proud smiles, cozy reading corners, and a shared love for storytelling. A huge well done to our Year 6 girls for bringing so much joy to our school community.



Staff of the Week

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



Mrs Clarke

A huge well done to Mrs Clarke for her absolutely fantastic work on the Aladdin show! Her creativity, energy and passion shone through every part of the production, making it a truly magical experience for everyone involved. From the music to the performances, her dedication helped bring the whole show to life and gave the children such a special opportunity to shine on stage.

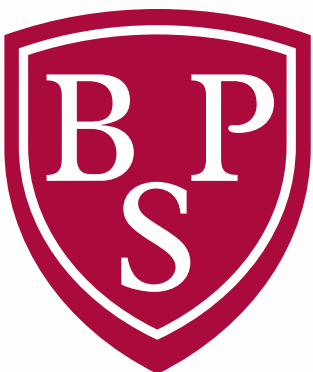


Mrs Hagan

Mrs Hagan is always so positive, caring and dedicated, going the extra mile to support both pupils and colleagues. Her kindness and hard work make a real difference every day, and she is such a valued member of our school community. Thank you for everything you do, Mrs Hagan – we really appreciate you!



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