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Dreaming Big at Bowdon Prep

Celebrating new friendships, outdoor transformations, and our first full week as a co-educational school.

What a fantastic start to the new academic year we have had at Bowdon Prep! It has been a pleasure to welcome both our returning families and those joining us for the very first time.

There has been a wonderful buzz around school as new friendships have formed, familiar faces have reunited and classrooms have once again been filled with enthusiasm, curiosity and excitement for the year ahead. This week, our 'Thought for the Week' has been "Dream Big!", encouraging all of our children to believe in themselves, embrace new opportunities and approach challenges with courage and resilience.

These values are at the heart of our school community and closely reflect our vision of inspiring pupils to persevere and succeed in all that they do. As a new school year begins, it is the perfect reminder that every achievement starts with a dream and the confidence to take that first brave step.

This week has also marked an important milestone in the history of our school as we celebrated our first full week as a fully co-educational school. It has been truly wonderful to see both boys and girls learning, playing and thriving together across our provision.

The sense of community, kindness and belonging has been evident throughout the school, and we are incredibly excited about the opportunities this next chapter will bring for all of our children. We are also delighted to share the exciting developments that



have taken place around our outdoor learning and play spaces over the summer. Our EYFS outdoor area is looking absolutely fantastic and is already proving to be a much-loved space for exploration, creativity and play. The first phase of improvements to our main playground has also been completed and has transformed the area significantly.





We are particularly excited about the new stage, which is due to be completed soon...watch this space! A huge thank you must go to the many staff members who generously gave their time over the summer to help clear, organise and prepare the areas ready for development.

We are incredibly grateful to the BPS Society for their generous support in helping to fund these improvements. We would also like to recognise our outstanding Operations and Maintenance Teams for their excellent organisation, hard work and the many additional touches they have added to make these spaces so special for our children.

This project is very much an ongoing journey, and we have ambitious plans to continue enhancing our main playground over the course of the next few years.

We will be raising funds at a variety of school events across the coming months to help bring these exciting plans to life.

If, in the meantime, any families would like to contribute towards this project, donations would be very gratefully received and would directly support the continued development of our outdoor environment for all children. Finally, to all of our families and children who will be celebrating, we would like to wish you a very happy Rosh Hashanah! We look forward to sharing another exciting week of learning, growth and success together. Believe. Persevere. Succeed.



Mrs G Oakley
Head of Lower School

*Our wonderful **BPS Society** hold **pre-loved uniform** sales throughout the academic year. If you need any uniform throughout the year please contact the school office .*

UNIFORM SHOP

OPENING HOURS



TUESDAY	8.10 – 9AM
WEDNESDAY	8.10 – 9AM
FRIDAY	8.10 – 9AM

Uniform can also be ordered online via
www.pascoeandwillis.com/bowdon-preparatory-school Password: BPS24



Shanah Tovah: Celebrating Rosh Hashanah at BPS

Festive traditions, sweet treats, and Year 6 artwork mark the Jewish New Year.

We wish all our families celebrating Rosh Hashanah this weekend a very happy and sweet New Year!

Festivities began on Friday in our decorated dining room, where Mrs Abbey and her catering team treated everyone to traditional apples and honey. A special thank you also goes to our talented Year 6 pupils for designing beautiful greetings cards for the occasion.

Over the next fortnight, pupils will continue learning about both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur during class assemblies. Don't forget to visit our Instagram page this Monday to watch our celebration reel.

Shanah Tovah to all celebrating, wishing you a joyful, sweet year ahead!



Thought for the Week Ahead
All Are Welcome Here

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Mrs Makepeace-Taylor
Headteacher





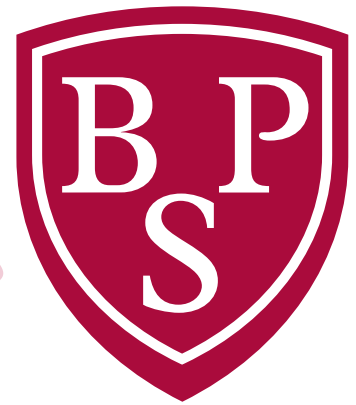
Communication Key Dates



NEXT WEEK

At a glance...

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Key dates at a glance

Autumn Term

September 2026



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
14 Y1 Review meetings all week	15	16	17	18
21 Y5 Review meetings all week	22	23 Nasal Flu Vaccines	30 Reception - Hearing Vision Screening	
28	29	24	25	

MONDAY

Y1 - Y3 Dance Club
Y5 Netball
Y3 - Y6 Ukulele
Y3 - Y6 Science Club
Y2 Art Club

TUESDAY

Y1 & Y2 Yoga & Mindfulness
Y5 7 Y6 Chamber Choir
Y1 & Y2 Recorder Club
Y3 - Y6 Street Dance
Y3 - Y6 Fencing

WEDNESDAY

Y3 - Y6 Multi Sports
Y4 - Y6 Rock Band
Y3 - Y6 A Cappella Group
Y4 Netball

October 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
5	6	7	8 Individual Photos	9
12	13 Book Fair Parents' Evening	14	15 Book Fair Parents' Evening	16 School closes for half term

THURSDAY

Y6 Netball
Y1 - Y6 Drama Club
Y3 - Y6 Recorder Club

FRIDAY

(Y3 - Y6 Yoga & Mindfulness)
Y3 - Y6 Full Orchestra

Notes...



MRS ABBEY'S ✕ LUNCH MENU



WC 14.09.26

MONDAY



Veggie or Beef Bolognese with Pasta
Green Beans
Muffins

TUESDAY



Veggie or Pork Sausages, Mashed Potato
Baked Beans and Mixed Vegetables
Sorbet

WEDNESDAY



Baguettes with various fillings
Olives
Lemon Drizzle Cake

THURSDAY



Veggie or Chicken Fajitas
Sweetcorn
Fruit or Yogurt

FRIDAY



Veggie for Fish Fingers, Potato Wedges
Peas
Strawberry Shortbread

**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
(NO coconut or hummus either please)**

SNACKTIME - FRUIT & VEG ONLY PLEASE

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'.



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A GAME

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WEDNESDAY
16TH SEPTEMBER



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GIRLS
AGED 7-16

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Road Safety Notice: Considerate Parking Around School

A gentle reminder from the Operations Manager to respect neighbours, driveways, and road restrictions

For the safety of our pupils, families, and the wider community, we kindly ask all parents and carers to park with extra care during drop-off and collection times.

Please ensure you:

- Adhere to local traffic regulations and marked parking restrictions.
- Show consideration for nearby residents by ensuring driveways remain completely unobstructed.
- Prioritise child and pedestrian safety around school gates at all times.



Thank you for your continued support in keeping our community safe and respectful for everyone.

Mrs. Creely
Operations Manager

Altrincham & District Cross Country Dates Announced!

Calling all runners in Years 3–6 as BPS looks to defend its championship title.

Lace up your running shoes—the dates for the upcoming Altrincham & District Cross Country fixtures are officially here!

Following our fantastic performance last season, we enter this year's league with our sights set high: defending our title as the reigning Altrincham & District Girls' Champions!

Whether your child is a seasoned competitor or eager to experience her very first race, we would love to see as many runners as possible from Years 3–6 taking part, earning points, and representing BPS.



All fixtures will take place at John Leigh Park:

- **Race 1:** Saturday 3rd October
- **Race 2:** Saturday 7th November
- **Race 3:** Saturday 5th December

Meet at 9.45 am

Races commence promptly at 10.00 am

Curriculum

**Reflecting on our
week at BPS**





Call for Entries: ISA Art Competition 2026

Celebrating our winning tradition - open to Kindergarten through to Year 6, with home and school entries welcome!

We are excited to announce this year's ISA Art Competition – open to all children from Kindergarten to Year 6! Each year Bowdon Prep has had fantastic success in the ISA art competition, receiving either a first, second or third place prize every year since 2017 regionally and nationally!

This year for the first time, entries don't need to be created only in the classroom – children are warmly encouraged to submit artwork created at home as well as at school.

Each entry will be judged by Mrs Chapman and chosen winners will be put forward for the ISA regional art competition.

Categories:

- 2D (painting, oil pastel, drawing)
- 3D Drawing
- Photography
- Textiles Fashion

Please take a look at some of last year's winning pieces from across the country How to Enter: Children can enter more than one category. See Nikki's winning piece from last year (right).

All entries must be handed to Mrs Chapman in the Art Room by THURS 17th September.



Please ensure your child's name and form are clearly labelled on the back of the work.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our young artists to showcase their creativity, imagination, and skills in a wide range of mediums.





Young Musician of the Year Competition

Showcase Your Talent and Represent Bowdon Prep at the ISA National Stage

Do you love playing an instrument? Are you ready to share your musical talent and represent Bowdon Prep on a bigger stage? This is your chance! We are delighted to invite all pupils in Years 3-6 to enter our Young Musician of the Year Competition.

Whether you learn an instrument in school or outside of school, we would love to hear you perform. To enter, simply record a video of yourself playing your chosen instrument. At the start of your recording, please clearly state your name and the name of your school before beginning your performance.

All video entries should be emailed to rclarke@bowdonprep.org.uk by Friday 16th October. The Performing Arts Department will review all submissions and select the four strongest performances to go forward and represent the school in the ISA Young Musician of the Year Competition.



- Competition Rules Entries must be no longer than 5 minutes. Solo performances only; group performances are not permitted.
- Vocal entries are not included in this competition. Performances may be played from memory or with sheet music.
- A piano may be used as accompaniment if required; no other accompaniment is permitted.
- Students must provide their own accompanist and page turners if needed.
- No backing tracks are allowed. Instruments must be acoustic.
- Guitarists must perform on a classical guitar.
- Competitors may not perform their own compositions.

This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase your hard work, musicality and performance skills. Whether you've been playing for many years or have recently discovered a passion for music, we encourage you to take part. We can't wait to hear the talented musicians of Bowdon Prep in action! Good luck, and start practising!

Staff of the Week

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



Mrs. Herbert

Mrs Herbert is one of our wonderful Lower School teachers (2H), who brings enthusiasm, kindness and dedication to everything she does. She creates a warm and engaging classroom where every child feels valued and supported to achieve their very best. Her creativity, patience and commitment make a real difference to the children each day, and she is a hugely appreciated member of the Bowdon Prep team.



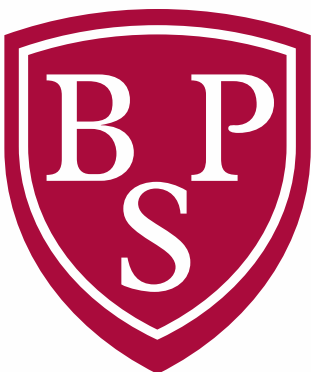
Mrs. Chapman

Mrs Chapman is a Year 3 Form Tutor and Art Teacher who inspires creativity, confidence and a love of learning in all her pupils. Her dedication, enthusiasm and caring nature help every child feel supported and encouraged to achieve their best.

Whether in the classroom or the art studio, Mrs Chapman brings energy, imagination and positivity to everything she does. We are incredibly lucky to have her as part of the Bowdon Prep team.



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