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A WELCOME FROM THE HEADTEACHER

OUR ETHOS IN ACTION

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When pupils join our school, they enter a warm, stimulating community where being known, valued, and understood truly matters. Our vision, to *Believe, Persevere, Succeed*, is not merely a school motto, it is lived out every day in our classrooms, sports fields, and performance studios.

In July, we bid farewell to the Year 6 Class of 2026, as they embarked on their next adventures at secondary school. Their families kindly shared their memories and reflections about their journey through BPS, and we wanted to pass on these messages to our teachers and support staff during our INSET day this week as an inspiring start to the academic year. The gratitude and affection expressed meant so much to the whole team.

We are now delighted to share this collection with our wider parent body. Within these pages, you will see the transformative journey our children take, from their first tentative steps through the door to leaving us as confident, resilient, and articulate young people ready to fly.

Thank you to all our families for your partnership and trust. We look forward to another wonderful year ahead together.

MRS. MAKEPEACE-TAYLOR

HEADTEACHER

Bowdon Preparatory School



"It is more than just a place of learning; it is a family. The girls were always proud to be part of it... It gives them a safe place to grow, to make mistakes, to learn accountability, resilience, kindness and confidence. These are lessons that will stay with them forever."

— PARENTS OF ANNABEL NG

A TRIBUTE TO WHOLE SCHOOL EXCELLENCE

Across the **46 leavers' reflections** collated at the close of the academic year, our parent body expressed overwhelming gratitude for the dedication, care, and professionalism shown to the Class of 2026:

- **The "Red Door" Welcome:** An immediate sense of belonging and warmth from day one, whether stepping into Kindergarten or joining mid-way in Key Stage 2.
- **Transformational Growth:** Quiet and tentative children blossoming into articulate, resilient, and confident leaders who leave "ready to fly."
- **Dedicated Teamwork:** Deep appreciation for every adult across our school community—in classrooms, dining halls, school offices, playgrounds, and residential trips.

SECTION 1: FOUNDATIONS, NURTURE & THE "RED DOOR" WELCOME

BELONGING & CARE

"Moving schools mid-way through is daunting for children, but BPS made this transition easy and welcomed her with open arms. The instant warmth, nurturing environment and genuine care from all the staff shines through every part of school life. What struck me most is how instantly they knew our daughter, like she had been there for years!"

— PARENTS OF AMELIA BULL

"We had the phone interview while living in the United States and I was immediately struck by the care and compassion the school exhibited. That was fully reflective of Martina's first days—a very professional, skilful, caring and sincere group of teachers fantastically well supported by very able ladies in the office. Bowdon Prep has always contrived to exceed my highest expectations."

PARENTS OF MARTINA SOLOMONS

"Six years ago we walked through the red door full of excitement, during a time of covid restrictions and uncertainty. Bridget began her journey at Bowdon Prep, made her first friendships, and we will always remember the care and kindness shown in those early days. The school has helped shape her confidence, happiness and love of learning."

PARENTS OF BRIDGET CHUNG

"We still remember when we just moved here, the school made us feel so welcomed by giving us a school tour in the middle of summer holiday. We have only had good experiences since then. Sending Eunice to BPS is one of the best decisions that our family has made and we are grateful for the nurture and support."

PARENTS OF EUNICE LEUNG

"Olive joined Bowdon Prep in Year 4 and immediately settled into school life. She was warmly welcomed by both staff and pupils, which helped feel happy and comfortable from the very beginning. Although her journey at Bowdon Prep has been relatively short, it has been incredibly special."

PARENTS OF OLIVIA COHEN

SECTION 2: INSPIRING CONFIDENCE, CHARACTER & TRANSFORMATION

FLOURISHING GIRLS

"Taking our little girl at nursery and turning her into a beautiful, confident, caring and independent girl — the transformation has been nothing short of incredible. You were never just educators; you truly became second mothers and fathers to our child, guiding them with so much love, patience, and care."

— PARENTS OF ZARA ALI

"Our journey at Bowdon has been nothing short of transformative. When we moved her from a previous school, we could never have imagined how much confidence she would grow. Over this past year, we've watched her blossom—speaking up, forming deep friendships, and thriving. Every hidden talent she had has been brought to light... Thank you for believing in her as much as we do."

— PARENTS OF RIHAANA MARIAM

"From a shy little girl, she has grown into someone creative, bubbly and quietly determined — a daughter who now speaks confidently about wanting to become a doctor one day. More than the academics, Bowdon nurtured her kindness, curiosity and wonderful friendships. Thank you for giving Harsha such a happy, confident start — she leaves ready to fly."

PARENTS OF HARSHA BHARATHISELVAN

"We remember Edith's first day of school vividly; bringing her up to the Kindergarten entrance and placing her tiny hand in her teacher's. We were worried at the time as she could hardly say 10 words. Now when Edith is busy chatting away—telling us every detail of her amazing Year 6 residential—we laugh remembering our quiet child who is now the biggest chatterbox in our family!"

PARENTS OF EDITH BELL

"Watching Emily grow into the resilient, happy, confident and independent girl she is today has been a joy! The school has nurtured and supported her every step of the way making sure that she is always ready to embrace new challenges and opportunities. Thank you for helping Emily flourish!"

PARENTS OF EMILY EDEN

"Talia has enjoyed her time at Bowdon. She has made everlasting friendships, developed her love for sport, and grown to be a confident, polite and caring girl. She has also learnt that perseverance and determination with the right help can enable you to succeed even when you find something hard."

PARENTS OF TALIA FITTON

"Anvika has blossomed in Bowdon Prep, learning key skills such as confidence, communication, teamwork and leadership. She has built special friendships and emotionally matured in managing relationships. Bowdon Prep has helped shape the confident and kind girl she is today."

PARENTS OF ANVIKA HULGUR

"Since joining in Kindergarten, Theodora has thrived during her time at BPS. It has been wonderful to be part of the close-knit school community over many years and to experience her academic progress, personal development, and growing self-belief over this time."

PARENTS OF THEODORA METCALF

SECTION 3: ACADEMIC CURIOSITY, AMBITION & EXCELLENCE

STRIVING FOR SUCCESS

"Transitioning Eloise to Bowdon Prep at the start of summer term in Year 3 has to be one of the best decisions we've ever taken. The progress she has made in that time is truly remarkable. Our immense gratitude to all the staff for preparing our daughter for the next stage in her life with such skill, dedication, kindness and love. She does Believe. She has Persevered. She will Succeed!"

— PARENTS OF ELOISE TURNER

"The school has stretched her academically, and she has grown in both confidence and ability in ways that have been wonderful to watch. The environment has always been supportive, and challenging in all the right ways. She leaves as a confident young girl, ready to take on secondary school with her head held high."

PARENTS OF OLIVIA JONES

"We have always found Bowdon Prep to be a warm, supportive and approachable school community. We are incredibly grateful for the breadth of opportunities it has provided, which have gently encouraged Evelyn to step outside her comfort zone and develop confidence, resilience and independence across sport, music and art."

PARENTS OF EVELYN CLEE

SECTION 4: ENRICHMENT, ADVENTURE & CHERISHED MEMORIES

UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCES

"Amelie has had a wonderful journey through BPS. Her teachers, friends and all the support staff have enveloped her in kindness and care. Amelie has enjoyed her residential visits, particularly this last one where the challenges of cliff jumping have become a core memory for her! We are forever grateful for the BPS community who have given her so many skills, love and helped develop the beautiful and witty young girl Amelie has become."

— PARENTS OF AMELIE CHAUDHRY

"It has been a joy to watch Annabel flourish in the warm and nurturing environment of the BPS family. Residential visits have supplied many happy memories from Tattenhall to Conover, and she will never forget the Warwick netball tournament! BPS has helped develop Annabel's confidence with a rounded education, sporting and musical opportunities, and leadership roles."

PARENTS OF ANNABEL FOX

"Over the years, we've watched Scarlett grow in confidence and character. She has embraced every opportunity—from leading as Art Captain, to finding her voice in the Chamber Choir, to expressing her creativity in writing. The teachers' patience, kindness, and belief in Scarlett have meant more to us than words can express."

PARENTS OF SCARLETT TAM

"Bowdon has been a place where Clara has grown in confidence, formed lasting friendships, and enjoyed so many opportunities. She has particularly loved being part of the rock band and chamber choir, all of which have helped her develop both personally and socially. Thank you to the staff for their kindness and dedication."

PARENTS OF CLARA DRAPE

"BPS has allowed Rosie to grow in confidence in both her studies and herself. Art and drama have always been favourites and the grounding she had across all her subjects will be invaluable as she begins secondary school. She will miss BPS, the teachers, the shows, the residential visits, and the wonderful community."

PARENTS OF ROSIE BROOKS

SECTION 5: WHOLE-SCHOOL GRATITUDE & THE BPS COMMUNITY FAMILY

THANK YOU TO ALL STAFF

"As parents, we are truly grateful for all the wonderful experiences this school has given our daughter throughout her primary school journey. The school has always felt warm, caring, and supportive, creating an environment where every child feels valued and understood. Thank you to all the teachers and staff for your kindness, dedication, and support over the years."

— PARENTS OF SABRINA WANG

"Each year she has been taught and supported by a different but genuinely lovely teacher. A lot of the staff have known Portia her entire school life, and that continuity of kindness and care across every year group has been really important. She has had lots of lovely friends throughout her time at BPS and will look back on her years here fondly."

— PARENTS OF PORTIA CHARLES-DEERING

"Bowdon Prep has been like a second home for our daughter, and the school and its amazing staff and teachers have helped shape her into the resilient, funny, determined and confident young girl she has become. Through lockdowns, friendship milestones, and academic achievements, Bowdon Prep has stood by us always. Amal will always be a Bowdon Prep girl."

PARENTS OF AMAL ALI

"Our family has cherished our time at Bowdon Preparatory School and will always be grateful for the wonderful foundation it has given our daughter. We would like to thank all the staff for their encouragement, patience, and commitment to helping each child flourish. Bowdon has been a truly special part of our journey."

PARENTS OF NOA RUBIN

"From her first day in Reception she was welcomed into a nurturing and supportive environment, full of encouragement. Thank you to all the staff who have given the girls such a lovely start to their schooling. Emily leaves with happy memories and lasting friendships."

PARENTS OF EMILY CREE

"Thank you for helping shape Isi into the confident, smart and happy individual she is today. We've all appreciated the endless patience and support that greets her at the front door every day in sunshine, snow, and rainstorms. It's a shame that we've run out of children to send to BPS!"

PARENTS OF ISI PAUL

"Celine joined BPS in Kindergarten at 3 years old and has lovely, unforgettable memories with all her friends and teachers. Celine built strong confidence and happiness from all her teachers during her time at BPS. She learned to be caring, loyal, and kind, and told our family that her teachers were like second mothers to her!"

PARENTS OF CELINE JIANG

"Leah has countless fond memories from her time at BPS. She has thoroughly enjoyed BPS since starting in Kindergarten. The residential have been a particular highlight, alongside participating in sporting and drama events. Her reluctance to leave shows how much she has enjoyed her BPS experience!"

PARENTS OF LEAH HARRISON