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Happy, Healthy, Safe School: Keeping Our School Community Safe

As a school community, there is nothing more important than ensuring our children feel safe, happy and well cared for. At Bowdon Prep, this is something we take great pride in and work hard to achieve every day.

There is a great deal of care, thought and planning taking place each day, behind the scenes, to help keep our children safe. Creating a safe and welcoming environment is something we all contribute to, and every member of the BPS community has an important part to play. By looking out for one another, following guidance and sharing any concerns, we help ensure Bowdon Prep remains a positive place for everyone to learn, work and thrive.

As we move into the winter months, with darker mornings and evenings, with wet and icy conditions and busier roads around school, we would like to share a few timely reminders to help keep everyone safe.

School Keep Clear Markings

A gentle but important reminder to all parents to please observe the yellow zig-zag markings and double yellow lines outside school.
These restrictions help maintain safe access for the children as they access the school site, for pedestrians and cyclists and improve visibility and ease traffic congestion during our busiest times.

Winter Uniform

As temperatures drop, please children should arrive at school each day wearing the correct winter uniform, including their blue waterproof coat and, when really cold, the BPS hat and BPS scarf, helping children stay warm and comfortable when travelling to and from school and during outdoor activities within the school day.



Be bright, be seen: The BPS Coat has a reflective strip but you could consider adding reflective strips to other items of clothing and bags if you walk to and from school.

Cross with care: Remind children to use designated crossing points and wait until vehicles have fully stopped before crossing.

Stay alert: Please encourage children to be aware of their surroundings. .

Drive carefully: Please reduce your speed around school, particularly during drop-off and collection times continuing to be mindful of our neighbours when parking.

Thank you, as always, for your continued care and consideration By working together and looking out for one another, we can help ensure the community at Bowdon Prep feels safe, secure and confident.

Mrs Creely
Operations Manager
(H&S Officer)



Next Week

Thought for the Week Ahead

Every day is a chance to be (even) better



Happy Healthy Safe School

Showing grit and resilience

The BPS Society hold **pre-loved uniform** sales throughout the academic year. Parents wishing to purchase pre-loved uniform at any other time should contact the School Office.

THE UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY – 8.10–9AM

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



Festive Fun Ahead: Keep an Eye on Our December Calendar!

With so much excitement packed into the final weeks of term, December is shaping up to be a wonderfully busy month at Bowdon Prep! From theatre trips and carol concerts to Christmas Jumper Day and the BPS Society Christmas Fair, there is plenty to look forward to across every year group.

To make sure you don't miss a moment, please check the December calendar on Page 7 in our Communication section and double-check all key dates and times for your child's class (but the key dates can be found here for you too).

Key Dates at a Glance

- **Wednesday 2 December:** Prep Theatre Trip
- **Thursday 3 December:** Christmas Performances 1:30 pm for KG & Reception Parents; 2:30 pm for Y1 & Y2 Parents (2.00pm refreshments)
- **Tuesday 8 December:** Y3 & Y4 Christmas Show (2:00 pm)
- **Wednesday 9 December:** Lower School Theatre Trip
- **Thursday 10 December:** Y5 & Y6 Carol Concert (6:00 pm) at St Mary's Church
- **Friday 11 December:** Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day - supporting Save the Children
- **Tuesday 15 December:** BPS Society Christmas Fair
- **Friday 18 December:** Last day of Autumn Term (school closes at 3:45 pm)



Communication
Key Dates

NEXT WEEK

At a glance...

23 NOVEMBER

Bowdon Preparatory School

Reception Review Meetings Commence

MON

TUES

After school: BPS Society Preloved nativity costume sale

WED

"No, your eyes aren't deceiving you! It's a rare, quieter week on the calendar, but with plenty of festive preparations keep us busy behind the scenes."

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FRI

After School Club ***cancellations***

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Key dates

Autumn Term 1

November 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 Nov School opens Y6 review meetings commence	3	4 Online Meeting: Y5 residential - 6pm	5	6 BPS Society annual disco
9 First Aid worshops	10 Class Rep Meeting - 9am Y6 outward bound - online meeting - 5.30pm	11 Y2 Trip	12	13 Children in Need/ Anti Bullying
16	17 Open Day for prospective parents	18	19	20
23 Reception reviews commence	24 Afterschool: Preloved uniform and nativity costume sale	25	26	27

December 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
30 Nov	1 Dec	2 Prep Theatre Trip	3 1.30pm Xmas: KG & R Parents 2.30pm Xmas: Y1 & 2 Parents	4
7	8 Y3 & Y4 Christmas Show 2pm	9 Lower school Theatre Trip	10 Y5 & Y6 Carol Concert - 6pm	11 Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
14	15 BPS Society Christmas Fair	16	17	18 Last day of term - school closes at 3.45pm

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Clubs

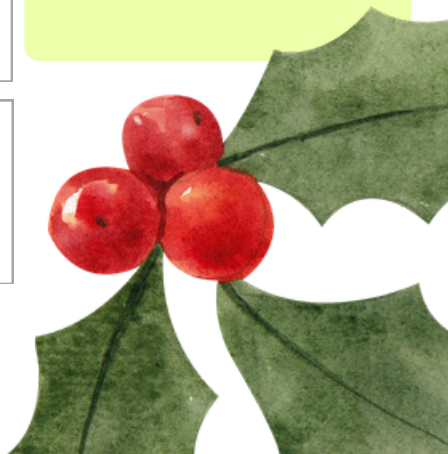
MONDAY
Y1 - Y3 Dance Club
Y5 Netball
Y3 - Y6 Ukulele
Y3 - Y6 Science Club
Y2 Art Club

TUESDAY
Y1 & Y2 Yoga & Mindfulness
Y5 & 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

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

FRIDAY
Y3 - Y6 Yoga & Mindfulness
Y3 - Y6 Full Orchestra





MRS ABBEY'S LUNCH MENU

WC 23 NOVEMBER

MONDAY →	*Paneer or Chicken Curry, Rice and Naan* *Broccoli* *Sorbet*
TUESDAY →	*Veggie or Beef Lasagne, Garlic Bread* *Mixed Vegetables* *Fruit or Yogurt*
WEDNESDAY →	*Jacket Potato with various toppings* *Salad Bar* *Carrot Cake*
THURSDAY →	*Veggie or Pork Meatball Pasta* *Peas* *Iced Sponge Cake*
FRIDAY →	*Quorn or Chicken Paninis* *Sweetcorn* *Cornflake Cake*

Please note, due to manufacturing processes, some products used in the school kitchen state 'may contain nuts/sesame'

The salad bar, with fruit and yogurt (as an alternative to menu desserts) is available each day

Health and Safety Notice

As an 'Allergy Aware School' **- we are a nut and sesame seed free school**
(please note - this includes coconut and hummus)
Please be mindful when sending items into school, including birthday treats.
*** SNACKTIME - fresh fruit or veg please ***
Please cut grapes into QUARTERS (updated advice)

A Spooktacular Success: Huge Thank You to the BPS Society!

Over £600 raised for the 2027 playground redevelopment project.

This year's BPS Society Annual Disco was a spooktacular success, packed with excitement, laughter and fun!



The children looked *fangtastic* in their bright clothes and Halloween costumes, and thoroughly enjoyed spending time with friends, dancing, playing games and winning squishy prizes.



The BPS Society, and all at school, would like to extend their sincere thanks to all the parents who purchased tickets and the volunteers who supported the event.

We are delighted to share that the discos raised a *Boo-rilliant* £640. Every penny of the proceeds will go towards the playground fund!

BPS Society Christmas Fair





"Our Christmas Fair is always a wonderful highlight of the Autumn term, bringing our entire school community together to celebrate the season.
We are incredibly grateful to the BPS Society for all their hard work behind the scenes and look forward to welcoming families on Tuesday, 15th December at 4pm."



Mrs Makepeace-Taylor, Headteacher

Finding Our Voice: Anti-Bullying Week at Bowdon Prep

This week, Bowdon Prep has been filled with a wonderful sense of excitement as the whole school came together to mark Anti-Bullying Week. Guided by this year's empowering theme, "Speak Out," pupils across every year group spent the week reflecting on kindness, friendship, and the importance of using their voices to support one another.

We kicked off the conversations early with Odd Socks Day last Friday—a colourful and fun reminder that our differences are something to be celebrated. From there, classes spent this week delving into thoughtful, age-appropriate discussions designed to challenge our thinking about what it truly means to speak out:

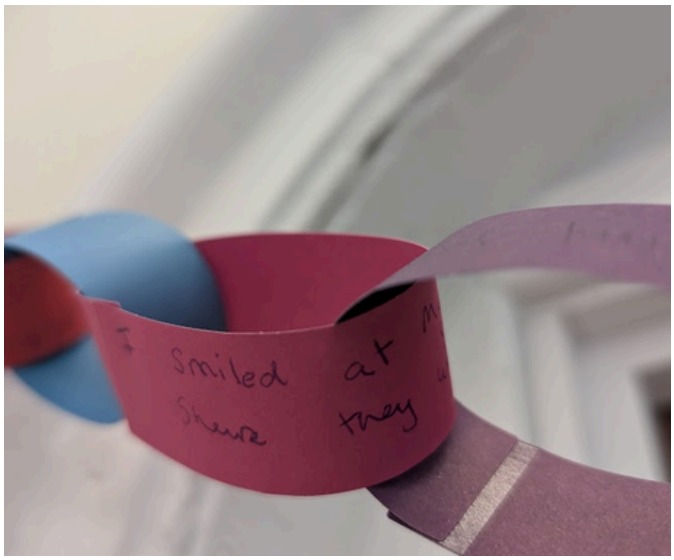
- **Kindergarten (KG):** Our youngest learners explored kindness through creative mark-making, showing that even before we write full sentences, our actions and art can spread warmth and care.

- **Pre-Prep:** Pupils focused on building positive friendships, discussing how to be welcoming, inclusive, and supportive classmates.

- **Prep:** Older pupils tackled deeper questions around how to be a good ally when you see something that doesn't seem or feel right. They also held honest, mature conversations about why people might sometimes hesitate to speak up—and how we can overcome those barriers together.

To bring our learning to life, the entire school (KG to Y6) collaborated on a special visual project stretching all the way from the office to the art room! Each pupil contributed to a school-wide paper chain, where every single link represents our individual voices coming together. Now on display, the chain serves as a vibrant visual reminder of how much stronger we are when we stand united.







It has been inspiring to see such enthusiasm, empathy, and teamwork across the school all week. Thank you to all our pupils and staff for making Anti-Bullying Week so meaningful—and for continuing to make Bowdon Prep a place where everyone feels safe, heard, and valued. **Miss Powell, Head of Wellbeing**

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Altrincham's Christmas Lights Switch-on with Happy Radio

Saturday 21st November 3-6pm

Taking inspiration from the iconic Live Aid concert, with 80s tribute acts, choir performances and special guest appearances.

Regent Road / George Street (WA14 1RN)

Join us for this festive celebration produced by Altrincham BID

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Year 6 Netball Teams Triumph on the Road at Gawsworth

Clinical shooting, resolute defending, and back-to-back away wins in wintry conditions

On Monday, 16 November, our Year 6 A and B netball teams travelled away to face Gawsworth's mixed boys and girls squads in very cold conditions. Despite the chilly weather and a long minibus journey, both teams delivered determined, high-quality performances to return home with two fantastic victories.



The A team secured an impressive 18-7 win, pulling away decisively after the interval. Sophia and Annie demonstrated clinical shooting and sharp linking inside the goal circle throughout the second half, while Claudia showed great composure and athleticism to cope with a feisty battle against Gawsworth's centre, George.

In the B team fixture, Bowdon Prep claimed a hard-fought 4-2 victory. Izzy was deservedly named Player of the Match for her standout performance, while Eva, Tisha, and Cali earned high praise from Mrs Baxter for forming a rock-solid defensive unit that kept the opposition at bay.

A huge thank you goes to Mrs Gardner for accompanying the squad on the long minibus trip. Once again, the netball girls did the school proud!

"Playing away in freezing conditions is always a test of character, and both squads rose to the challenge brilliantly. The A team's attacking movement in the second half was a joy to watch, and the B team's defensive discipline across the court was outstanding."

Mrs Baxter (Specialist PE Teacher)

Big Smiles in Kindergarten Gymnastics!

Our Kindergarten children are thriving in their gymnastics lessons with Mrs. Baxter! Supported by the familiar faces of Mrs. Fan and Mrs. Hagan, our youngest pupils are building fantastic balance, coordination, and listening skills—all while having plenty of fun.

For children as young as three, the independence and physical confidence they are showing is remarkable. See them in action! Scan the QR code to watch our latest Instagram video and catch a glimpse of what they've been up to this week.

Staff of the Week

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



Mrs Lloyd-Wilson

Thank you for all your help with our Christmas performances. We really love our lessons with you and cannot wait to perform on stage.



Mrs Clarke

Thank you for all your help and guidance with our auditions and Christmas performances. We really appreciate your support and kindness.



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