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Let Your Light Shine!

As we move further into autumn and the days become shorter, our school Thought of the Week, "Let Your Light Shine", feels especially meaningful. I always look forward to this season, when communities come together to mark a variety of special celebrations and traditions. As the darker evenings draw in, the many festivals of light and celebrations that take place at this time of year encourage us all to think about how even the smallest light can brighten the world around us.

This weekend, many of our families will be celebrating Diwali, the Festival of Lights. Diwali reminds us of the triumph of light over darkness and good over evil. It is a celebration filled with colour, community and happiness, and at school, the children have enjoyed wearing bright colourful clothing and learning more about the traditions and values it represents.

Many of our children have also been looking forward to celebrating Bonfire Night, with our Year 1 children learning about Guy Fawkes and the events that led to this annual tradition.





Alongside their history learning, the children have also been exploring the importance of fire safety, helping them to understand how to stay safe around fireworks, bonfires and other sources of fire.

A huge thank you must also go to the BPS Society and all the parent and staff volunteers who organised and supported our fantastic Halloween Disco. The event was great fun, and it was wonderful to see so many smiling faces enjoying the music and games with friends. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who gave their time to make the event such a success and helped continue to contribute towards updating our main playground provision.

This week also saw our Reception children deliver their very first class assembly. Their theme was, fittingly, "Light", and they truly shone from start to finish. We were immensely proud of the confidence, enthusiasm and joy they displayed as they shared their learning with the Lower School. More importantly, they continue to be shining examples of kindness, friendship and happiness every day. What a fantastic way to begin their school journey!

As we reflect on the week, we are reminded that letting our light shine is not about being the loudest or brightest. It is about showing kindness, helping others, celebrating our differences and finding ways to bring positivity to those around us.

With this in mind, we are already looking ahead to next week as we support two important events: **Children in Need and Anti-bullying week**
To mark Children in Need, we invite all children to come to school on **Friday 13 November** wearing their own clothes, perhaps, in the spirit of Pudsey Bear, something Red, Yellow or Spotty. Children are also invited to wear odd socks to raise awareness during Anti-Bullying Week, celebrating the importance of individuality, acceptance and inclusion.
To show our support for the Children in Need Charity, we are asking the children bring in a minimum donation of £1.
Being part of a school family means caring for one another, showing kindness and making sure no one feels left behind. and we look forward to seeing a colourful array of clothes and mismatched socks, coming together as a school community to celebrate what makes each of us unique.

Have a wonderful weekend and remember to let your light shine wherever you go!



Mrs G Oakley
Head of Lower School





Next Week

Thought for the Week Ahead

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted



Happy Healthy Safe School

Anti-Bullying



Communication
Key Dates

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE 9 NOVEMBER

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Y6 Mock Interviews preparation
Y4 Review Meetings Commence

MON Prep First Aid Workshops

TUES Class Rep Meeting with Mrs Makepeace-Taylor - 9am

WED Y2 Trip

THUR

FRI Children in Need / Anti Bullying - Odd Sock Day

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	24	25	26 Y4 Trip	

December 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
30 Nov	1	2 Prep Theatre Trip	3 KG & Rec- Xmas Show 1.30pm Y3 & Y4 Xmas Show - 2.30pm	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 School closes for Half Term

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Clubs

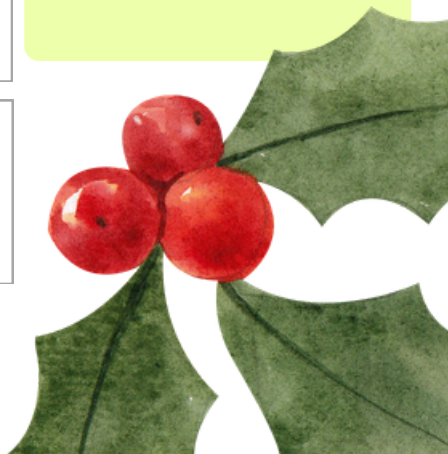
MONDAY
Y1 - Y3 Dance Club
Y5 Netball
Y3 - Y6 Ukulele
Y3 - Y6 Science Club
Y2 Art Club

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 9 NOVEMBER

MONDAY →	*Veggie or Beef Bolognaise* *Green Beans* *Blueberry Muffin*
TUESDAY →	*Veggie or Chicken Pie, Roast Potatoes* *Mixed Vegetables* *Sorbet*
WEDNESDAY →	*Baguettes with various fillings* *Olives and Salad Bar* *Lemon Drizzle Cake*
THURSDAY →	*Veggie or Chicken Fajitas* *Sweetcorn* *Fruit or Yogurt*
FRIDAY →	Veggie or Fish Fingers, Potato Wedges *Peas* *Cranberry Shortbread*

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)


Wreath
Making
Everyone welcome! Bring your friends for a festive evening of wreath making.
Open to BPS families, friends and the wider community.
27th November
6:30pm arrival for 7pm start
Sports Hall at BPS
Cost: £50 | Pay on Parent Pay
All proceeds go back into the school towards the playground project.
Come and enjoy a festive evening!
Bloom & Gorgeous
FLORIST

Generosity in Action: BPS Families Support Local Refugee Event

How a quiet appeal from Mrs. Topham turned into two minibus loads of donations for refugee families.

We are always immensely proud to see the empathy, kindness, and generosity of our school community in action, both inside and outside the school gates.

Recently, BPS parent Mrs Topham organised an independent collection to support a special charity day hosted at neighbouring Loreto School for local refugee children and their families. What began as a gentle appeal on a class WhatsApp group quickly transformed into an overwhelming display of goodwill.

Across every year group, BPS families opened their hearts and wardrobes—dropping off bag after bag of clothes, toys, and essential supplies right up until midnight, with 4x4s streaming in to ensure families were fully supported!

On the day of the event, Mrs Topham and Mrs Hobman joined the team at Loreto to help set up and run the pop-up shop. Thanks to two full minibuses loaded with high-quality BPS donations, the shop was stocked to perfection, offering a high-street quality experience where visiting parents could select items in comfort and peace.

Beyond the shop, the day was filled with absolute magic. Older girls at Loreto ran face painting, nail painting, and party games, creating a joyful environment where children could simply play, laugh, and dance together at the afternoon disco.

Moments like these offer a poignant reminder of our shared humanity, the importance of compassion, and how fortunate we are to belong to such an supportive network.

A heartfelt thank you to Mrs Topham for spearheading this initiative, to Mrs Hobman for her dedicated help on the day, and to every single BPS family who contributed so generously. You have shown true community spirit at its very best.

Year 6 Residential 'Outward Bound' Information Evening

Reminder: Tuesday, 10th November at 6:00 pm

A quick reminder for Year 6 parents that our online Outward Bound residential information session is taking place next week on Tuesday, 10th November at 5:30 pm.



We will be sharing key details about the itinerary, kit list, and activities.

Please keep an eye on your inbox, as an email containing the Zoom link and details will be sent out shortly.

Reminder!

Health & Wellbeing: Please support us

Attendance and Illness: A Gentle Reminder



As we enter the season when coughs, colds and other viruses become more common, we would like to ask for your support.

Please remember that children should:

- Not attend school if they are unwell or have a fever (a temperature of 38°C or above).
- Not attend school if they have experienced sickness and/or diarrhoea (and must remain at home for 48 hours after their last episode).

Please be mindful that, even when a fever has subsided, children may still be recovering from a viral infection and can remain contagious. If your child is not feeling themselves, is unusually tired, or is unable to fully participate in the school day, please consider whether an additional period of rest at home would be beneficial.

Thank you for your support and cooperation, these measures help to protect the health and wellbeing of all members of our school community and reduce the spread of infection.

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 8.10-9AM

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





Sport @BPS

Making School History: Y6 Footballers Crowned Tournament Champions!

On the last Friday before half term, a monumental milestone took place for Bowdon Preparatory School as our Year 6 pupils entered the Premier League Primary Stars tournament hosted by Altrincham FC. Not only was this a historic occasion, representing the very first time Bowdon Prep has ever fielded a football team, but the girls marked the moment by bringing home the champion's trophy!

From the opening whistle, the team displayed exceptional discipline, teamwork, and tactical awareness. Navigating the initial group stage with two draws and a hard-fought 1–0 win, the girls secured their place in a tense three-way penalty shoot-out to qualify for the knockout rounds. Holding their nerve under pressure, they won both shoot-outs to advance!

In the next round, the squad dug deep to earn another superb 1–0 victory. Charlotte D created the decisive moment with a brilliant, unselfish run that opened up space for our captain Clara Topham to slot home the winning goal.

Moving into the semi-final, Bowdon Prep maintained their relentless momentum, earning a hard-fought 1–0 victory to book their place in the final without ever looking threatened. With everything on the line in the championship match, the final ended 0–0 despite our attack hitting the post twice! Once again, it was on to penalties, where the team held their composure to seal a breathtaking tournament win!

Remarkably, our defense proved completely impenetrable throughout the entire competition, maintaining a clean sheet without conceding a single goal in open play all day.

Bea B, affectionately dubbed 'The Cat', was simply incredible in goal, pulling off a series of superb saves in the penalty shoot-outs.



Sophia M demonstrated extraordinary skill and determination, stepping up to deliver in every single shoot-out, before the final glory fell to Aashi. Having put in a dominant performance at the back all day, Aashi stepped up with total composure to score the winning penalty and seal the title!

Anthena K played with supreme class and control from the back to ensure we never looked in danger, while Yasmine Stockdale played with calmness and physical strength. Claudia H remained cool under pressure, constantly breaking up play and distributing the ball with great skill. Across the midfield and attack, Jasmine F was everywhere, covering every inch of the pitch with endless energy.

We could not be prouder of how our Year 6 champions represented Bowdon Prep with such dignity, sporting spirit, and courage. Having earned their place in the next round of the Premier League Primary Stars tournament, the squad now awaits their next challenge with huge enthusiasm.

BPS Success at Trafford Sports Hall Athletics Champions!

Year 5/6 Girls Take 1st Place Overall After Dominating the Track at Sale

On Wednesday, our Year 5 & 6 girls took part in the Trafford Sports Hall Athletics event at Sale High School, competing against five other schools from across the borough. The competition included a variety of events, with opportunities to showcase their skills in sprinting, obstacle races, throwing and jumping.

As the competition was a mixed event and we did not have a boys' team available, organisers kindly allowed us to enter two girls' teams instead. Our athletes were outstanding throughout the day. Displaying determination, resilience and excellent athletic ability, they dominated the track events, winning 10 of the 12 races across both the girls' and boys' competitions.

Their impressive performances secured 1st place in the girls' category and 2nd place in the boys' category, finishing just two points behind the eventual boys' winners.





This remarkable achievement meant that our girls were crowned the overall event winners. What stood out most was the fantastic teamwork on display.

The girls constantly encouraged one another, celebrated each other's successes and showed great sportsmanship throughout the competition. Their positive attitude, determination and willingness to rise to every challenge made us incredibly proud. Congratulations to all the girls on a superb achievement and for representing the school with such distinction.

If this performance is anything to go by, we cannot wait to see our own boys and girls competing together and representing the school as one team in the years ahead. Well done, girls, on an outstanding performance and a well-deserved victory!

Staff of the Week

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



Mrs Jaberi

Mrs Jaberi is so kind and helpful. She always makes sure we enjoy our time at school and takes such good care of us. We think she is amazing.



Mrs Abbey

Mrs Abbey makes sure we are happy and healthy. She works so hard to make sure we enjoy lunchtime. Thank you, Mrs Abbey.



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