



LATEST NEWS

7TH NOV 2025

REMINDERS



Individual Photographs
Thursday 20th November



LEARNING QUESTS



Please find below a list of all the class learning quests for this half term. Information about each of the quests can be found on the School website in the [Classes](#) section.

Little Acorns (Nurs)	Let's Celebrate	Olympic Class (Y3)	Walk Like an Egyptian!
Mississippi Class (Rec)	Ice Explorers	Everest Class (Y4)	Everest Mappers
Thames Class (Rec)	Ice Explorers	Fuji Class (Y4)	Mad Mappers!
Kalahari Class (Y1)	Amazing Enfield	Mara Class (Y5)	Mayhem with the Maya
Sahara Class (Y1)	Enfield Explorers	Snowdonia Class (Y5)	Mayan Mayhem
Pacaya Class (Y2)	Location, Location, Location!	Yellowstone Class (Y5)	Magnificent Maya
Vesuvius Class (Y2)	Explorers! Off We Go!	Angel Class (Y6)	Our World, Aligned
Amazon Class (Y3)	Tomb Raiders!	Victoria Class (Y6)	Line Up the World

ENVIRONMENT WEEK

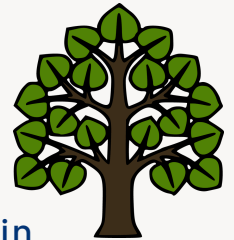


We had a fantastic **Environment Week** just before the half-term break. The week started with everyone wearing **green** and having a 'Low Energy Day' at school. On this day, we minimised our energy use by turning the lights off, working without screens or Chromebooks, and limiting our printing and photocopying.



Thank you to **Matthew** (ex-pupil), **Ioannis** (parent) and **Laura** (parent) for giving up their time to come in and talk to the children about the environmental work they are involved in. The children loved having them visit and were truly inspired.

We also used the week to introduce 'Class Buddies' across the school. Every child now has a buddy from a different class who they will work with as part of our theme days/weeks. The children enjoyed meeting their buddies and made an environmental pledge together, which we hope to display as a 'Pledge Tree' within the school.



The week ended with an environmental themed **School Council** session and a series of **Sharing Assemblies**. We had lots of fun finding out what everyone had learnt and created during the week. We saw some lovely artwork, posters, poems, reusable bags, music and short films.



A big thank you to all the staff for making it such a great week for the children!

YEAR 6 SCHOOL JOURNEY



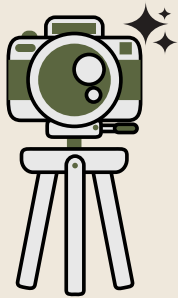
A large group of our Year 6 children will be heading off on their residential trip to a PGL activity centre on Monday.

They are all very excited about their week away and are looking forward to taking part in a range of outdoor adventurous activities.

Fingers crossed for good weather!

We will aim to have a daily update, including photos, for you through the [news section](#) of the Bowes website.

Year 6 parents are also invited to come along to our Year 6 Assemblies on Thursday 27th November at 9:10am and Friday 28th November at 9:10am. Places will be allocated and two family members may attend. All Year 6 children will be involved in the assemblies, including those who are not attending the PGL trip.



PHOTOGRAPHS

Individual and sibling photographs will be taken on Thursday 20th November. Full school uniform is required, including blue sweatshirts/cardigans (black sweatshirts/cardigans for Year 6).

PARENT PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS



Please do not forget to book your Parent Partnership Meeting with your child's class teacher.

Appointments can be made using [School Cloud](#).

For more information, please [click here](#) to read the letter that was sent to all families this week.

The booking system will close on

Friday 14th November at 5pm.

All meetings will be held face-to-face in school.

Your child is welcome to attend the meeting with you.



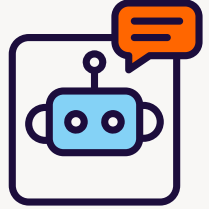
KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE



What are AI chatbots?

Artificial Intelligence (AI) chatbots – such as ChatGPT, Google Gemini and others are becoming more common in everyday life. Children may encounter them in games or even through websites and apps.

AI chatbots are computer programmes that can hold a conversation with a person. They can answer questions, spark creativity, support hobbies and interests, and provide entertainment.



Used wisely, chatbots can be a helpful tool for learning and fun.

Although conversations may start out innocent, there are risks to be aware of:

- **Unpredictable responses:** chatbots sometimes give inaccurate, confusing or inappropriate information.
- **Role-play risks:** a child may ask the chatbot to pretend to be a friend, character or even a parent figure. This can blur the line between fantasy and reality.
- **Sensitive topics:** children may explore personal worries with a chatbot and the answers they receive might not always be supportive, accurate or safe.
- **Over-reliance:** a child might start turning to a chatbot for advice instead of trusted adults.



NSPCC Artificial Intelligence Safety Tips for Parents



Key message: AI chatbots can be a useful tool, but they are not a replacement for safe, supportive human relationships. With guidance, supervision and open conversations, parents can help children explore this technology in a safe and balanced way.

DIARY DATES 2025/26

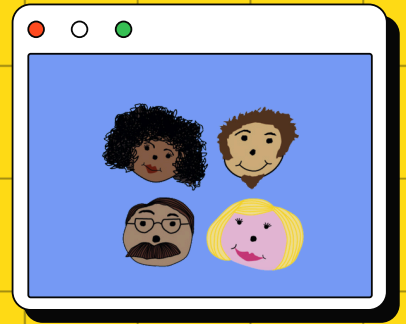
10th – 14th Nov	Year 6 School Journey
19th Nov 2025	Parent Partnership Meetings
20th Nov 2025	Individual Photographs
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27th Nov 2025	Year 6 Assembly, 9:10am (Allocated places)
28th Nov 2025	Year 6 Assembly, 9:10am (Allocated places)
19th Dec 2025	School Ends
5th Jan 2026	School Starts
26th Jan 2026	INSET – SCHOOL CLOSED
16th – 20th Feb	Half Term
23rd Feb 2026	School Starts
27th Mar 2026	School Ends
13th Apr 2026	School Starts
1st May 2026	INSET – SCHOOL CLOSED
4th May 2026	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
25th – 29th May	Half Term
1st Jun 2026	INSET – SCHOOL CLOSED
17th Jul 2026	School Ends
20th Jul 2026	INSET – SCHOOL CLOSED

FRIENDS OF BOWES



Please continue reading for the latest news from our Friends of Bowes PTA.

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FYI

WHO ARE WE?

Friends of Bowes is a registered charity run by parent/carer volunteers and set up to advance the education of the pupils of Bowes Primary School by assisting in the provision of facilities that support and expand the educational opportunities of the pupils.

100% of the money we raise goes towards advancing the education and experiences of our children.



WANT TO STAY IN TOUCH?


Every class has a WhatsApp group and at least one Class Rep - email us at friendsofbowes@gmail.com if you want to be put in touch with your Class Rep!


WhatsApp is our main way of keeping parents/carers informed of events and spending. Look out for our termly newsletter!



DO YOU FOLLOW US ONLINE?

You can follow us on social media on our facebook or instagram accounts:

 www.facebook.com/fobnewsouthgate

 [@friendsofbowespta](https://www.instagram.com/friendsofbowespta)

You can also buy tickets for all our events at PTA Events:

www.pta-events.co.uk/bowes



WANT TO DONATE?

CHECK OUT OUR JUST GIVING PAGE:

www.justgiving.com/friendsofbowes



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CHRISTMAS TREES ARE BACK!

THE FAMOUS FRIENDS OF BOWES CHRISTMAS TREES ARE BACK
SUPPLIED BY FESTIVE TREES HERTS

4-5ft £38.95 | 5-6ft £48.95 | 6-7ft £58.95 | 7-8ft £68.95

- Sales are now live online at PTA events ([click here](#)) or you can email friendsofbowes@gmail.com to place an order
- Trees can be collected from school between 5-6.30pm on Friday 28th November
- We also offer a delivery service for £5 (restricted to 2 mile radius, limited slots on Saturday 29th November between 7.30-11am)
- Don't forget you can place orders for friends and family as well!
- All trees are grown in Herts - no air miles for our trees!
- **Orders need to be placed by midnight on Friday 21st November.**



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