



LATEST NEWS

19TH DECEMBER 2025

REMINDERS



New Year

We return in the New Year on **Monday 5th January 2026.**

PERFORMANCES

A huge well done to all the children who have treated us to some fantastic performances recently. Year 2 were amazing in their Christmas Concert last week and Nursery performed a fabulous Nativity.

Thank you to all the staff involved who have worked extremely hard to put these performances together.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Over the past fortnight, the children have had a lovely time taking part in a variety of festive events and activities.

Thank you to the Friends of Bowes for organising our discos this week and for arranging a special visit from Santa and his elves. Each class was delighted to receive a special gift to enjoy together.



A massive thank you to Gosia and her team for their incredible effort in preparing and serving hundreds of Christmas dinners on Wednesday. The Lower Hall was full of joy, and the children absolutely loved their festive feast.



SPRING TERM CLASS ASSEMBLIES



The following classes will be performing their class assemblies in the first half of the Spring Term:



- Yellowstone Class (Year 5) - Friday 16th January, 9:10am
- Mara Class (Year 5) - Friday 23rd January, 9:10am
- Snowdonia Class (Year 5) - Friday 6th February, 9:10am
- Sahara Class (Year 1) - Friday 13th February, 9:10am



STAFF NEWS

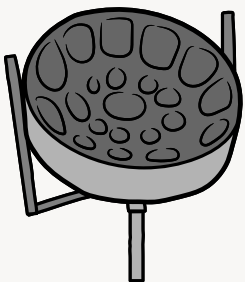
Today, we said a sad goodbye to Hassan who has been covering Charlotte's maternity leave this year. We thank him for all his hard work, support and commitment.

We look forward to welcoming Charlotte back from her maternity leave in mid-January.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to Ariella for all her hard work in Reception. Ariella has decided to move on from Bowes and we wish her all the best as she embarks on the next stage in her life.



MUSIC NEWS



Last week, Everest Class treated their family members to a wonderful Steel Pans performance. The children have been learning to play the Steel Pans this term and this was a lovely finale. Fuji Class will start their lessons next term.



When we return in January, our Year 1 children will be taking part in a singing programme called 'Songsack'. The children will be working with a member of the Enfield Music Service to learn a range of songs and accompanying actions. The programme will take place over a number of weeks and will end with a performance to parents.





KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

As we approach the holiday period, please remember that we all have a responsibility to keep the children in our school, our local area and our wider community safe from neglect, abuse and trauma in whatever ways we can. In most cases our children are safe, healthy, happy and thriving, but we must always be vigilant to protect those too vulnerable to protect themselves.



If during the holidays, you believe that a child is at risk of immediate harm or danger please phone 999 and advise the police of your concerns. Your information may help that child and family receive the help and support that they need to keep them safe.



Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility



DIARY DATES 2026

- 5th Jan 2026** School Starts
- 16th Jan 2026** Yellowstone Class Assembly, 9:10am
- 23rd Jan 2026** Mara Class Assembly, 9:10am
- 26th Jan 2026** INSET - SCHOOL CLOSED
- 6th Feb 2026** Snowdonia Class Assembly, 9:10am
- 13th Feb 2026** Sahara Class Assembly, 9:10am
- 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

Season's Greetings

We would like to wish all our families, staff, governors and trustees a happy holiday. We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

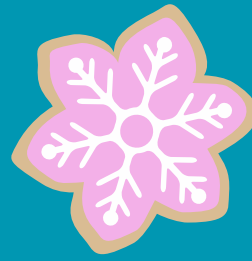
FRIENDS OF BOWES



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



HALF-TERM HIGHLIGHTS



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The Winter Fair Diaries...

SEPTEMBER

Dear Diary,
 And so it begins! First FOB meeting of the academic year - mapped out events over bowls of chips. The winter and summer fairs are always a huge success but let's also try a car boot sale this year. Brought the kids along who found their own entertainment!



Graeme, Emily, Amy & Bhavya at pick-up

TO-DO

OCTOBER

Dear Diary,
 Dates confirmed with Effie - calendar created and shared with parents. Time to meet new families at the Nursery/Reception Welcome Evening! Mr. Marvel worked his magic and it was exciting to have so many people express an interest to get involved!



NOVEMBER

Dear Diary,
 Winter Fair preparations are ramping up - time to sign up for Ellis & Co. boards to advertise the fair and order our famous Christmas Trees. Don't forget to hire the van - an earlier delivery date this year due to popular demand!



Mike's favourite day of the year!



DECEMBER

Dear Diary,
Busy busy busy! It's all hands on deck - fabulous raffle prizes are being sourced, raffle tickets need to be sold at pick-up and drop-offs (in the rain!), jam jars need filling, class reps are searching for volunteers to fill the rota and Evridiki is busy wrapping hundreds of lucky dip prizes! One parent has hand crafted a new game - feed the hungry elves. Children's Christmas cards are back too - raising over £900 - thanks Karen for organising.



Thank you Mark!



Graeme's not going to let a spot of bad weather rain on our parade!



EVE OF THE FAIR

Dear Diary,
It's beginning to look a lot like the Winter Fair! An all star team of volunteers arrived throughout the morning to get everything ready. A quick forecast check - eek! Umbrellas at the ready. Let's hope the rain doesn't put people off and the gazebos are securely tied down...

DAY OF THE FAIR!

Dear Diary,
It's finally here. A few technical hitches and stall changes to accommodate the weather, but people came out in the pouring rain to support the school, enjoy the children's choir, sample tasty food from Pura Vida, sat down for some crafting, tombola, festive disco, Santa's Grotto and more! Overall, a fantastic day and it was great to see so many children have a wonderful time with their friends and families.





THE MORNING AFTER...

Dear Diary,

Well, the great tidy up is complete - everything is packed away in the sheds for another year. What an amazing team effort by the Bowes School community. It may have been raining, but a record number of families joined in the fun to support the school.

Graeme is now busy working out how much money we have raised. Once complete, we can work with the school to decide how the funds will be used for all the children's extra-curricular activities. There's also an exciting project afoot... but for now, time to watch Strictly with a hot drink and maybe another delicious empanada?!

AND A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO...

Our outgoing Friends of Bowes Chair - Parminder! Known for her ability to rock an elf outfit and her fabulous dance moves as much as her capacity to organize a top-knotch event and motivate a team of volunteers. She first got involved when her eldest child was in Reception and they're now in Y6! Always driven by the core belief that everything that Friends of Bowes achieves is for the benefit of every child at Bowes, her endless passion and aptitude for enjoying the journey has been behind so many of FOB's achievements in the past few years. We wish you all the best P, see you on the dance floor!



SO HOW ARE FUNDS BEING USED?

This term, funds raised have been used to purchase...

- MINI FIRST AID COURSES**
- NEW GYM MATS FOR PE LESSONS**
- LUNCHTIME PLAY RESOURCES**
- A NEW FREEZER FOR THE ART HUB FOR COOKERY LESSONS/CLUBS**
- RECEPTION RESOURCES**
- PANTO TRIPS**
- NEW FOOTBALL KITS FOR THE BOWES PUMAS IN MEMORY OF ANDREAS PUMA**

Not forgetting class gifts delivered by Santa and his elves...



A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR...

WINTER EVENTS SPONSORS & SUPPORTERS

ANYTIME FITNESS NEW SOUTHGATE

BOHEM BREWERY

BOULEVARD INDIAN CUISINE & SPORTS BAR

BOWES PRIMARY SCHOOL

CAMP ALLY PALLY/THE BREEZY CLUB

CHILDREN'S BOOKSHOP

CLOWN TOWN

COOK, MUSWELL HILL

ELLIS & CO. ESTATE AGENTS

ENERGIE FITNESS, PALMERS GREEN

ENFIELD GARDEN CENTRE

FIGHTING FIT FENCING

HOT MILK

JAMES MOTT TENNIS

KEW GARDENS

LAB SPA & FITNESS

LUCY GIANOTTA

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PARMINDER ROGERS

PURA VIDA COSTARICAN RESTAURANT

PURE GYM, PALMERS GREEN

SUNSHINE GARDEN CENTRE

THE PRINCE

TIM WHITLOCK

URBAN BARISTAS

VOLARE PIZZA

VAIM FITNESS

YOGA ROCKS, PALMERS GREEN





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2025-26



Bake Sales 2025-26



Year 5 26-Sep-25	Friends of Bowes 13-Feb-26
Friends of Bowes 24-Oct-25	Year 6 20-Mar-26
Year 1 21-Nov-25	Reception 24-Apr-26
Nursery 12-Dec-25	Year 3 15-May-26
Year 4 16-Jan-26	Year 2 19-Jun-26



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 YEAR GROUP
 BAKE SALE GOES
 TOWARDS A
 CLASS ACTIVITY!

Dates for your Diary 2025-26



Nursery/Reception Welcome Evening Friday 17th October 2025	Car Boot Sale Sunday 26th April 2026
Winter Fair Sunday 7th December 2025 <i>Non-Uniform Day on Friday 5th December</i>	Family Quiz Friday 5th June 2026
Musical Bingo Friday 6th February 2026	Summer Fair Sunday 28th June 2026

IMPORTANT:
 FOB AGM
 26TH JANUARY -
 DETAILS TO
 FOLLOW