



# Bowerham Newspaper



Autumn 2024



What a busy and exciting start to the year we've had at Bowerham! Everyone has quickly settled into their new classes and we're thrilled to welcome the new Baby Unit to our school community.

We've truly embraced all our learning opportunities, sporting events, trips and special curriculum days. The second Bowerham Busk was an even bigger success than before, raising an incredible **£3,920** for Children in Need. The School Council has been busy planning and organising initiatives aimed at enhancing various aspects of school life and we've all been practicing our values of generosity and friendship. This has been wonderful to celebrate during our Friday assemblies, showing how we put these values into action every day.

In true Bowerham style, our Christmas celebrations have been a resounding success! The elves made their annual visit to sprinkle some festive magic around the school and we all enjoyed developing our artistic skills during Christmas Makes week. We gathered together to sing and perform and enjoyed our annual pantomime trip! What a joyful way to end the year!

Keep reading to discover more about all the exciting things we've been up to this term...

Welcoming to the staff team this year: Miss Benson (Year 3), Mrs Lacina (Cleaning team), Miss Burrows (Year 2), Mr Wakeman (Year 1) and Miss Holgate (Year 6).

Mrs Sansom has now also joined the welfare team and it will be sad goodbye to Mrs McEvoy who will be leaving us this term. We wish you all the best for the future.

Congratulations to Mrs Hemingway and Mrs Atkinson who both got married in the October half term break. We wish them a very happy future!

## Headteacher's Award Autumn (1,2)

Reception: Louie  
Evander  
George  
Willow

Year 4: Abigayle  
Savannah  
Kian  
Xavier

Year 1: Grayson  
Annabelle  
Eva  
Eric

Year 5: Theo  
Zeke  
Zoe  
Archie

Year 2: Beatrice  
Alice  
Jack  
Poppy

Year 6: Tommy  
Katherine  
Aamira  
Ivy

Year 3: Penny  
Thomas  
Caly  
Charis

**CONGRATS!**



## Team Point Winners

Autumn 1:  
**Helme**

Autumn 2:  
**Owen**



# BUSY AT BOWERHAM



TAKE A LOOK AT SOME OF THE EXCITING EVENTS FROM THIS TERM.

October

## Harvest Festival

Each year group performed their first presentation for parents as part of the Harvest Celebration. It was fantastic way to start the year!

**Spooky Bingo** with our parents and families was as always, a spooky success!

November

## Remembrance Day



Bowerham always remembers them. We had a wonderful assembly in our peace garden lead by the pupil SLT.

We'd also like to say a huge thank you to Mr Craven and Mr Parsonage from the Duke of Lancaster Association who came to speak to our Year 6 children.

December

**The Christmas Quiz** allowed us to spread some festive cheer to our parents as well!



## Annual Pantomime Trip



Snow White was incredible! Thank you Lowther Pavilion Theatre.

## KS2 Carol Service

KS2 made us proud when performing carols they had been practicing at St Thomas' Church.



## KS1 Christmas Performances

KS1 excelled themselves with performances that blew everyone away!



## Our choir has not stopped!

They have performed at ASDA, the Christmas Lights Switch On, RLI ward and with the NW Air Ambulance Choir in town.



And not forgetting...





# BOWERHAM BUSK



## BOWERHAM BUSKS FOR 24 HOURS FOR CHILDREN IN NEED!



After a successful first year, the Bowerham Busk returned for its second year, bigger and better than ever!

The singing kicked off at 9:30am on Thursday 14th November with a whole school assembly in the Top Hall. At 10:00 am, Mr Haughton and Mr Thomas took the busking fun to the Lower Hall where the event continued for the next 24 hours.



Throughout the day, we enjoyed whole class sing-alongs, performances from our talented pupil musicians, staff karaoke, local bands and artists, a vibrant performance from Batala (Samba drumming band), Miss Bailey's recorder lesson, Mrs Orford's piano sing-along and a staff sing-along. The event even made it onto BBC North West News!



The early hours were kept alive by Mr Thomas and Mr Haughton who stayed up all night performing with support from Mr Essa (technical support), Miss Porter (social media). Thank you also to Will and Alan whose support kept our busk streaming live on our YouTube channel throughout the event.



The busk wouldn't have been possible without the incredible support from the local community, families and our staff who dropped off treats throughout the night. A huge thank you to Sultan Experience for providing free pizza and to Katie Dickinson for delivering much-needed 4am bacon sandwiches!

The event concluded just as it began—with a whole school assembly in the Top Hall. What an incredible 24 hours it was! And to top it all off, we raised an astonishing **£3920!**



To find out which local acts performed at Bowerham or any extra information, take a look at our instagram!



@bowerham\_school







# SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS



## Athletics

Amazing efforts shown from the Year 6 team! They showed true collaboration and sportsmanship.



## Year 4 Football

The girls won four matches and drew one. They just lost out on first place but did us proud! Well done!



## Year 5-6 Football

The Bowerham Reds won their tournament with the Stripes coming second in theirs! What a fantastic achievement!

## CLUBS GALORE!

We have been lucky enough to have some fantastic clubs this term.

Dance

Multi Sports

Wildlife and Gardening

Julia Donaldson Book Club

Football

Tag Rugby

Girls' Sports

Musical Theatre

Netball

LADMA



## Cheerleading

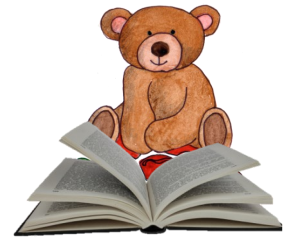


Keep your eyes peeled in Spring 2 to find out about the upcoming clubs!





# Reading at Bowerham



**KS2 HAS RECEIVED NEW BOOKS THAT ENCOURAGES READING OF FIVE DIFFERENT KEY TEXT TYPES. THESE FIVE 'PLAGUES' INCLUDE THE TYPES: ARCHAIC, NON-LINEAR SEQUENCE, NARRATIVELY COMPLEX, SYMBOLIC AND RESISTANT.**

Sam (Year 6) has been reading an archaic book from the Plagues of Reading.

"I'd like to recommend Tales of Terror because it keeps you on your toes and keeps you wanting to read more. But beware, it can be quite terrifying at points!"



Beatrix (Year 4)

"I'd like to recommend Harry Potter and the Cursed Child because I like how it has magic and mythical creatures. It's an adventure about Harry Potter's son and his friend. The best part is when they drink a potion to turn into someone else and end up bumping into that person!"

I like how it doesn't have any pictures so you can imagine anything you like."



Daisy (Year 2)

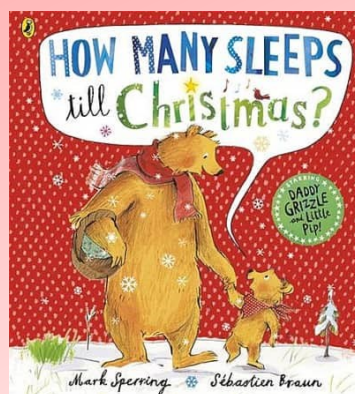
"I'd like to recommend The Three Magicians because it has lots of pictures that help me to understand the story and it makes me feel happy when I read it."



PEGGY

Hi Everyone! I hope you have a wonderful Christmas break and don't forget to read! I'd like to recommend:

KS1

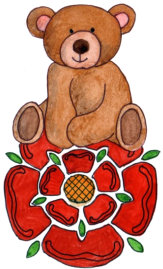


KS2





# Reception at Bowerham



All of Reception had the most relaxing Marble Day, after a fantastic nativity performance.



Our Nativity was called *The Big Little Nativity*, and it was a wonderful way of telling the traditional Nativity story .



The children loved coming to school in their pyjamas and getting cosy underneath the blankets, whilst we watched out favourite films.

We enjoyed lots of exciting activities on Marble Day. We watched *The Polar Express*, had popcorn, drank hot chocolate with whipped cream and marshmallows, played lots of Christmas party games, made biscuits, and did plenty of Christmas crafts. It was the best day ever!

"I've had so much fun!" said Willow, as the day came to an end....

'I loved the film, and having hot chocolate with marshmallows' said Jago.



# Year 1's SPAR-tacular Trip!



## Year 1 Students Go on a Fun-Filled Shopping Adventure at SPAR!

Year 1 children at Bowerham School embarked on several exciting educational trips to the local SPAR shop. The adventure was part of their learning about everyday life and the different places we visit to buy things.



Accompanied by their teachers and classroom assistants, the small groups of 10 eager Year 1 pupils arrived at the shop full of excitement and curiosity. They were welcomed by friendly staff members who showed them around and explained the different sections of the shop.

The children learned about the importance of shops and how they provide fresh food, drinks, and everyday essentials. The teachers explained how food is displayed and

how customers pay for their goods. The children also had the chance to explore the shelves and look at the different types of products to buy for our outside café area.



After a tour of the store, the children were given a small task to complete. They had previously wrote a shopping list for items we need in our café. Children had to spot certain items on our list, such as fruits and snacks. The pupils worked in pairs, helping each other as they identified items on the list. Many were excited to find their favourite snacks on the shelves!

"I liked buying the marmalade!" said Arnie.

The visit helped the children understand the process of shopping and the

importance of local shops in their communities. It also gave them a chance to practice being good citizens, learning about safety in public places and how to handle real money.

At the end of the trip, the children paid for their items from their shopping list and walked back to school. The children returned to school, buzzing with stories of their exciting adventure!

"We had so much fun!" said Sadie



The trip was a wonderful way for the Year 1 students to experience the world around them and take their learning beyond the classroom. We look forward to more fun trips in the future!



# Year 2 have greenfingers!

2OB and 2AT have been exploring and learning all about plant growth in Science this term. We have looked at the essential things that plants need to grow and thought about what might happen if a plant did not have these important factors.

We did an experiment where we planted broad beans and cress seeds, and we put them in different areas of the class-room to see which would grow the best. We even put some in the cupboard without any water or sunlight! We assigned monitors in each class, to keep track of our plants every day, and to make sure that the plants were watered if they needed to be and to check if there was any growth at all.

We have been seed detectives! We observed and investigated different seeds and figured out what each would grow into!



## Great Grass-heads!

We each had the chance to carefully plant our own grass seeds, and then design a funky face on the front of it. We were responsible for watering our own plant everyday. We were all SO excited when we finally saw grass growing!





# Bronze Age - Iron Age

## YEAR 3 GO BACK IN TIME AND ENJOY A STONE AGE DAY!



### STONE AGE DAY!

Year 3 transformed into a vibrant stepping stone back in time to the extraordinary Stone Age! From artefact inspired Art to watching 'The Early Man' and creating our own Stone Age inspired necklaces out of biscuits!



Year 3 immersed themselves in the lives of our ancient ancestors. It was an unforgettable day filled with fun, learning, and creativity!

### The Development of Hill Forts

Year 3 have been creating their very own Hill Fort in history considering what is needed and why.

During the Iron Age, many tribes began to build **hill forts**, which were large fortified struc-

tures on elevated ground. These would often become the centres of power for local tribes. The construction of hill forts points to the need for defence.

### Introduction of Iron Tools and Weapons

The Iron Age marked a notable shift from the Bronze Age due to the widespread use of iron.

We learnt about the '*Smelting*' process and how this was used to make tools from bronze and iron.

*"I loved watching the video during history and how the clay mould is*

*used to make a tool." "I learnt that fire can be called furnace!"*



nean. This period is marked by the exchange of goods such as pottery, salt, and textiles. The influence of the Romans became notable during the late Iron Age as trade routes expanded. *"We pretended to trade jewellery for iron!"*

### The Beaker People

Beaker folk, Late Neolithic—Early Bronze Age people living about 4,500 years ago; **they received their name from their distinctive bell-shaped beakers, decorated in horizontal zones by finely toothed stamps.** In Art, we designed and created our own pots inspired by The Beaker People.



*"I loved using tools to create patterns like The Beaker People."*

### Trade

During the Iron Age, Britain saw increased trade with other regions, including the Mediterra-

tures on elevated ground. These would often become the centres of power for local tribes. The





# WITCHES IN THE CASTLE!

## Year 4 visited Lancaster Castle to see where the Lancashire Witches were held and trialled in 1612.

This half term, Year 4 have been learning about our local links with the Lancashire Witches and where they were held to await their fate in August 1612.

At Lancaster Castle, Y4 learned all about the events leading up to the Lancashire Witch trials of



4UE stood in front of Lancaster Castle



4CL stood in the compounds of Lancaster Castle

1612 and their aftermath.

We learned how people at that time really believed in

the existence of witches, even King James I wrote a book about them called "Daemonologie" in which he told everyone it was their duty to seek out witches in our country and get rid of them! Can you believe it?

Our tour guide, Victoria, showed us where the witches were held whilst they waited to go into the court room. We experi-



Victoria showing us the holding cells. We got to

enced for ourselves the narrow, windowless room and even had the lights switched off on us! We definitely would not have wanted to be in there alone! Victoria told us that they were shackled all the time as people believed they had the ability to fly away.

Victoria showed us equipment of torture and

punishment, including a branding iron which was used to burn a mark on peo-



Phoebe ensuring the prisoners have not escaped..

ple to show they were thieves.

Layla from 4UE announced "My favourite part was seeing all the family shields."

Ted from 4UE reported that "My favourite part was when we found out Mr Essa was sat in the lunatic chair which was a public punishment." (not a term we use nowadays)

4CL's favourite parts of the tour were being locked in the cell and learning about the courtroom within Lancaster Castle.



# Dickensian Day

YEAR 5 EXPERIENCE WHAT LIFE WAS LIKE IN THE VICTORIAN ERA!

This term, Year 5 have been learning about life during the Victorian Era and the many changes which happened during this time. As our outcome this term we celebrated our learning by having a Dickensian Day. Dickensian Day was on Tuesday 10th December, 2024.

*First of all, Year 5 went outside to do some do some tiring Victorian drills that got us ready for the day ahead. These consisted of repetitive stretches and marching on the spot.*

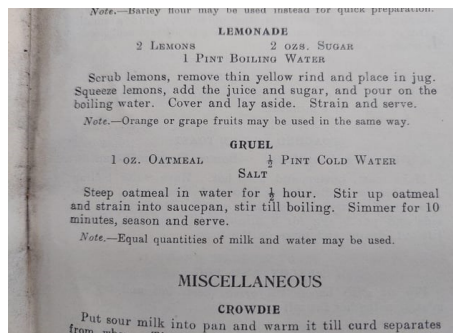
*Next, we tried real gruel! Everyone hated it but we still all ended up asking for more. It tasted like watery porridge.*

After tasting the gruel we all started doing marble painting which was very fun and

messy. We used real ink so we had to be very careful and sensible so we didn't get it all over us.

Then we did "A Christmas Carol" themed activities like drawing Scrooge and Bob Cratchit and doing a water painting picture.

Then we had lunch and



did the drills again and we got to watch the film "A Christmas Carol" and we were all disappointed when we had to go home, but it was an amazing experience.

Real Gruel Recipe

"Dickensian day was very fun and I loved the mice pies" - Scarlett

"We had to try real gruel, it many have been disgusting but it made us thanful that we were born in the



"21st century" - Lily

"Dickensian day was very enjoyable and fun and I really enjoyed making the mince pies" - Cerys

"I enjoyed dressing as a chimney sweep and eating mince pies" - Winston



# Experts on WW1



## YEAR 6 EXPERIENCE THE REALITIES OF WAR IN FRANCE AND HOST THEIR VERY OWN TEA DANCE!

This term, Year 6 have been learning about WW1 and the impact this had on Lancaster. We've found it fascinating to learn that places we drive past today held such significant meaning during the years 1914-1918. For example, before it was the University of Cumbria (just across the road from our school), it was the Bowerham Barracks, headquarters of The King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment!



As an introduction to our WW1 topic we were fortunate enough to visit many historical sites during our incredible trip to France.

We visited Etaples and Bedford House Cemeteries which revealed the immense scale of loss of

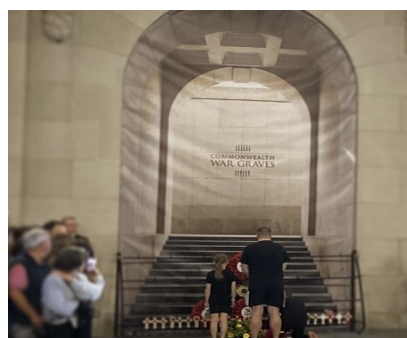


war. Exploring the preserved trenches at Hill 62 (Sanctuary Wood) gave us a powerful sense of the conditions soldiers



endured. Molly stated, "It really brought our learning to life actually experiencing the trenches."

A particular honour for Bowerham was laying a wreath during the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate Memorial, a humbling tribute to the fallen soldiers.



Later on in the term, to celebrate the spirit of WW1, we took ourselves back in time and had a 'Tea Dance' where we dressed up, ate home-made scones and performed war dances to our parents that Miss Gemma had taught us. Even our parents joined in and tried some of the dances - it was a blast!

*"It was amazing to see our family members dress up and dance with them" - Ben and Leah*

*"It was so fun and exciting dancing with our parents" - Ernie*

*"It was like stepping back in time" - Joseph*







# Spring Events



We can't wait to report on these exciting upcoming events next term!



**Wednesday 12th February**

**School Disco**

Rec – Yr.6 pupils



**W/C 3rd March**

**STEM Fortnight**

Nursery -Yr.6 pupils



**Thursday 6th March**

**World Book Day**

Nursery -Yr.6 pupils



**Friday 21st March**

**Comic relief & Pupil Talent Show**

Rec – Yr.6 pupils



**Wednesday 2nd April**

**Easter Bingo**

Whole School pupils & parents

Finally, from everyone at Bowerham,  
Merry Christmas and a Happy New  
Year!

We hope you all have a wonderful  
Christmas break. See you in 2025!

