



# BOWERHAM PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Carers, and the Bowerham School Community,

As we approach the end of another action-packed school year, I wanted to take a moment to update you all on the latest work the governors have been doing to support our wonderful school.

We started the year with a comprehensive review of the school's vision and strategy, focusing on how we are set up to support the priorities for the school, both this year and moving forward. This review was essential to ensure our energies were directed towards the right areas, assisting Mrs. Banks and the entire school staff in running the school efficiently and providing the best educational support for all our Bowerham children. As part of this process, we also conducted a school questionnaire, and I am pleased to report that the feedback was very positive, guiding us in our continuous improvement efforts.

Throughout the year, the governors and I have been keenly aware of the broader political and economic climate, particularly as new government policies on education have emerged. Our school, like many others, faces significant financial pressures. Managing our school budget has been a constant focus, as we strive to balance school performance, children's experiences, and cost control. While this is a challenging time for school finances, rest assured that we are doing everything possible to manage our resources effectively.

One of the highlights of our school year has been the summer fair, which epitomizes everything wonderful about Bowerham and our school community. It's a 'field of fun' where our school family comes together to enjoy themselves. The success of such events is a testament to the extraordinary effort from all the staff, who go above and beyond their everyday workload with love and care for our children and their families. Whether it's the summer fair, school performances, sports events, school trips, after-school clubs, or day-to-day classroom activities, our teachers truly go the extra mile. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to them for their hard work throughout the year.

Additionally, the summer fair provides much-needed funds that enable some of our year group experiences to happen, which would otherwise be challenging to afford.

Lastly, as announced in the recent Bowerham update, I have decided to step down as a governor and chair. Having attended Bowerham School as a young boy and being a parent to three boys who have been part of the Bowerham family, it has been an honour to serve as a governor over the past six years. I encourage all parents to consider this rewarding experience. I am now passing the baton to our vice-chair, David Knight, who will become the new chair, and Misbah Ashraf, who will take over as vice-chair. I have full confidence that the

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school will continue to thrive under their leadership, along with Mrs. Banks and the school staff.

As we conclude this school year and grow a year wiser, I want to express my gratitude to all staff and parents for their unwavering support. Bowerham School is a truly marvellous place for our children to grow. Enjoy your summer, and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Craig