Bowerham Update



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Open day

We're excited to invite prospective parents to our **Open Day** on **Monday 29th September, from 3.30–5.30pm**.

This will be a relaxed *drop-in session*, giving families the chance to see our school, meet our team, and learn more about what we offer

Please help us spread the word by sharing this invitation with family and friends who may be interested.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Applying for School Places for September 2026

If your child is in their last year of pre-school/nursery you can now apply for their primary school place at:

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

(Please note there will be no paper application forms sent out) It is quick and easy – and you will receive email confirmation of your application. You must apply even if you already have siblings at your preferred school. The closing dates for applications for September 2026 are 11.59pm on:

- 31 October 2025 for Secondary school applications
- 15 January 2026 for Primary school applications

Domestic Assistant

We are looking for a dynamic enthusiastic cleaner to join our outstanding team. The post is for 16 hours a week term time only. This can be mornings, evenings, or a split shift but the hours are outside of the normal school day. Weekends will also be considered.

Non-teaching school vacancies

Donations

We are very grateful for your generous donations of books to our library. Thanks to your support, we now have a fully stocked library with a wonderful variety of books to rotate and share with our students. Your kindness and generosity are helping us foster a love of reading and learning in every child.

Contact Details Reminder

If any contact details change at any time for yourselves or your child, can you please inform school either via ParentApp or the school office as it is vital our information is always kept up to date. Also, this applies if any medical information regarding your child/ren has altered.

Bowerham School Foundation

We've had some great fundraising thanks to our supporters on #easyfundraising! If you're not signed up yet, please join today and raise free donations every time you shop online. Sign up to support us today: https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/bowerham-school-foundation/inriab/c2s/FZ9Up2Ac/CE957/facebook/

The Gift Aid declaration has now been amended to make it easier to complete. The link to the declaration form can be found on the Bowerham School Foundation page on our website:

https://www.bowerham.lancs.sch.uk/bowerham-school-foundation/

Community Noticeboard

Don't forget to look at our Community Noticeboard – this is where we put links to interesting clubs, fun things to do and local events happening outside of school.

Community Noticeboard - Bowerham School

Online Safety

Please look at our Online Safety Newsletters and other valuable advice / tips:

Online Safety - Bowerham School

Teams Appointments

We will be holding parent/teacher teams appointments this half term; please watch out for more information being sent out next week.

Photos

Our school photographer is in school on Tuesday 30th September to take individual & sibling photographs. All children must come to school in full school uniform (black leggings/jogging bottoms), not their PE wear. Due to logistics and the business of school, we are asking parents who require sibling photographs to take their children to the Sports Hall between 8.00-9.00am as school cannot guarantee we will have time to facilitate this at the end of the photography session. This will also give you the opportunity to ensure your child's hair is pristine and the photograph is how you would like it to look – ready for Christmas presents! Any child who is late to school as a result will not be marked as such.

Harvest Festival

We are super excited to invite all parents to our Harvest Through the Years Assemblies

Monday 6th October

Nursery (3 & 4 year-olds only) @ 2.30pm in the Lower Hall **Tuesday 7th October**

Year 5 & 6 @ 9.00am in the Lower Hall (you will also hear about our exciting trip to France !!!)

Year 4 @ 10.00am in the Main Hall

Year 1 @ 2.30pm in the Lower Hall

Wednesday 8th October

Year 3 @ 9.00am in the Lower Hall

Year 2 @ 10.00am in the Main Hall

Reception @ 2.30pm in the Lower Hall

This year we will be collecting for our local community, with donations going to the local food and hygiene banks. Please send your child to school with either a food or toiletry based donation on the day of the assembly. Vital supplies your child could bring include most household dry or wet goods such as long-life milk, pasta or tinned foods. Hygiene donations could include items such as deodorants, shower gels or household cleaning products. We look forward to seeing you!

Attendance and Absence Information

Please avoid taking your child out of school unnecessarily (e.g. holidays). Any holiday taken during term time will be recorded as **unauthorised absence**. If your child has **5 days of unauthorised absence**, a **penalty notice (fine)** will be issued in line with Government quidance.

School is not able to authorise holidays during term time. Please check the published term dates and arrange holidays when school is closed.

<u>Term Dates - Bowerham School</u>

Illness

If your child is unwell, please contact the school office **before 9:15am** on the day of absence by either:

- Leaving a voicemail on our absence line, or
- Sending a message via ParentApp.

Due to Government rules, we are required to ask for the reason for your child's absence, so please do not be offended if further details are requested.