# **Bowerham Update**



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# **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

## Flu Immunisation

We now have a date for the flu immunisations for children from age 3 to 11. These will take place in school the morning of Friday **21**<sup>st</sup> **November.** More information and how to consent can be found Flu Immunisations - Nursery Age 3 to Year 6 - Bowerham School

#### **Parent Governor Ballot**

We have received 3 nominations for our Governor position, so we have gone to ballot, please see the link for more information and the ballot forms.

Our Governors - Bowerham School

Completed forms must be placed in the ballot box at the school office by 12 noon Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October.

#### Let's Start the Day on Time!

We've noticed a few more late arrivals lately — let's work together to get everyone here bright and early! Arriving on time helps children settle, join in morning activities, and start the day ready to learn

Remember, arriving after the register closes counts as an unauthorised absence (U mark). Thanks for helping us make every morning a great start for all our pupils!

### 1/2 term holiday

We close at **normal time**, **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October** and re-open on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 at 8.00am** 

#### **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: <a href="https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/bowerham-school-foundation/inriab/c2s/FZ9Up2Ac/CE957/facebook/">https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/bowerham-school-foundation/inriab/c2s/FZ9Up2Ac/CE957/facebook/</a>

The Gift Aid declaration has now been amended to make it easier to complete.

We have benefitted hugely from the support we continue to have for the charity and would like to say a massive thank you to our supporters. Over the summer holidays we received almost £200 in donations via PayPal. We don't currently have visibility of who has donated to be able to thank donors personally, so wanted to at least show our appreciation here. As an alternative to using the bank details listed on the school website, the charity appears on the PayPal Giving Fund which includes provision to make donations with GiftAid.

The link to the declaration form and more information can be found on the Bowerham School Foundation page on our website: <a href="https://www.bowerham.lancs.sch.uk/bowerham-school-foundation/">https://www.bowerham.lancs.sch.uk/bowerham-school-foundation/</a>

# **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

#### **MacMillan Coffee Morning**

Our MacMillan Coffee morning was a huge success – thank you to year 6 for hosting so brilliantly and to everyone who gave so generously. It was a true celebration of community. We raised £966.60

#### **Harvest Festival Donations**

Thank you so much for your enormously generous Harvest Festival donations. We have lots of items for the Morecambe Food Bank. We are proud to be able to give something back to a service that supports our families in need throughout the year.

## **Non-Uniform Day**

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025, all children in school will be given the opportunity to come to school in non-school uniform! In return, please can we ask your child to bring in a donation that can be used in the Spooky Bingo Hampers. Each year group is collecting different coloured products to make up different hampers. Please send in any item suitable to put in the hampers that match your child's year group colour as shown below.

Nursery - Orange Reception - Green

Year 1 - Black

Year 2 - Purple

Year 3 - Red

Year 4 - White

Year 5 - Metallics

Year 6 - Blue

# **Spooky Raffle**

In addition to the bingo, school will be raffling off Key Stage Hampers. These raffle tickets are £1 per strip of 5 and are available from your class teachers at the end of each day from Wednesday  $15^{\rm th}$  October.

## **Don't Forget a Coat!**

As the weather is very changeable at the moment, we'd like to remind families to please ensure children bring a **coat to school every day**. We spend a lot of time outdoors, and it can turn chilly or wet quite suddenly. It's important that all children are properly dressed so they can join in outdoor play and activities comfortably.

Unfortunately, if a child doesn't have a coat, they may have to stay indoors and could miss out on valuable outdoor time — so please make sure one comes to school each day. Thank you for your support in helping us keep everyone warm, dry, and happy!

#### **Christmas Cards**

Your child has started / will be designing their own unique Christmas Card. You will be able to order cards and many other items after the October half-term.

# **Autumn Dates For Your Diary**

Don't forget to keep at eye on the Dates For Your Diary letter to find out everything happening in our busy term, especially in the run-up to Christmas!

<u>Dates-for-your-diary-Autumn-2025.pdf</u>

#### **Online Safety**

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

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