# **Bowerham Update**



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#### **Parent Governor**

Congratulations to Vicky Booth who has been successfully appointed as our new Parent Governor commencing 16<sup>th</sup> November. Vicky has a daughter in year 2 at our school.

#### Field & Muga Use

Please can we remind all families that the school field and MUGA are private property until 6.00pm each day as they are rented by extended services and Bowerham Kids Club.

Any use before this time is considered trespassing. Families are free to access the field after  $6.00\,\mathrm{pm}$ .

# **Tempest Photographs**

Have you ordered your school **individual** photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Monday 20th October 2025.** Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit <a href="www.tempest-orders.co.uk">www.tempest-orders.co.uk</a> If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

# **School Lunch Menu**

The new lunch menu can be found on ParentApp or on our school website: –  $\underline{\text{School Menu}}$  this starts from week commencing  $3^{\text{rd}}$  November, on week 1.

## **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

## **Punctuality!**

We would like to take a moment to remind all families about the importance of punctuality and how arriving on time sets a positive tone for the school day. When children arrive late to class, they often miss valuable settling-in time, important instructions, and the opportunity to start the day calmly and confidently.

Arriving late can also be disruptive for both the teacher and other students, as lessons may need to pause or be repeated, affecting the flow of learning for everyone. Ensuring your child arrives on time helps them build responsibility, respect for others, and strong learning habits that will benefit them throughout their education. We kindly ask for your support in ensuring your child arrives at school and is ready to start lessons promptly each day. Together, we can help all students begin their day focused, prepared, and ready to learn.

Thank you for your co-operation and continued support. School Day - Bowerham School

#### Spooky Raffle

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

#### Don't Forget a Coat!

As the weather is very changeable now, 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!

### **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!

Dates-for-your-diary-Autumn-2025.pdf

#### 1/2 term holiday

We close at **normal time, Friday 24**<sup>th</sup> **October** and re-open

# Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 at 8.00am

If any families are struggling at the moment and need any help/support over the holidays with food bank referrals, please contact: <a href="mailto:lhemingway@bowerham.lancs.sch.uk">lhemingway@bowerham.lancs.sch.uk</a>

#### **Online Safety**

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

Online Safety - Bowerham School

## **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  $\pounds 200$  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