

Bowerham Update



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We have had a wonderful few weeks in school, filled with special moments for the children. Last week's performances were a real highlight and this week's Christmas parties have brought lots of joy — with some children even receiving a very special visitor!

Christmas Gift Shop

Our Christmas Gift Shop will be open for children to purchase small gifts for loved ones on the following dates:

- **Monday 15th December**
- **Tuesday 16th December**
- **Wednesday 17th December**

Each present costs **£1** and children may buy **up to two gifts**.

Christmas Holidays – School Closing Times

A reminder that school closes for the Christmas holidays on **Friday 19th December**. To ease congestion, we will be operating staggered finish times:

- **Nursery:** 11:45am (no lunch club or afternoon session)
- **Reception, Year 1 & Year 2:** Gates open at 1:00pm, collection by 1:15pm
- **Year 3:** 1:10pm
- **Year 4:** 1:15pm
- **Year 5:** 1:15pm
- **Year 6:** 1:10pm

After School Club with Suzannah will run as usual from **1:10–4:30pm** and can be booked with her directly.

Support Over the Holidays

Food Support

If you are experiencing a financial crisis over the Christmas period, please do not worry. You can email **Jo Banks** at head@bowerham.lancs.sch.uk, and she will arrange a referral to the local food bank.

Please feel free to use the available resources to check for any help you may be entitled to. Lancaster City Council compiles this list - <https://www.lancaster.gov.uk/sites/cost-of-living>. Basic benefits checks can be done at <https://www.turn2us.org.uk/>

Citizens Advice North Lancashire

This local charity offers **free, confidential, and impartial** support on a wide range of issues including housing, employment, welfare benefits, debt, and family matters.

- **Phone:** 0808 278 7882 (free)
- **Email:** enquiries@northlancashirecab.org.uk
They can also arrange face-to-face appointments and translators if needed. Free benefits checks are available.

Household Support Fund

Government support for households facing financial difficulty:

- **Phone:** 01524 582000 (9am–5pm)
- **Email:** hsf@lancaster.gov.uk
- **Website:** www.lancaster.gov.uk

Coaching Clubs

Just a quick reminder that our clubs with Mr. Sambell and Greg finish next week. Keep an eye out for letters coming home soon with details about our exciting professional coaching sessions starting after Christmas!

Non-Uniform Day – 19th December

To celebrate our final day of term and **Bowerham's Got Talent**, children may come to school in **full non-uniform** on **Friday 19th December**.

Online Safety

Open Day – Monday 12th January

We are holding an **Open Evening** for prospective **Nursery and Reception 2026** parents on:

Monday 12th January, 3:15–5:00pm

This is a relaxed **drop-in session**. Please share with any family or friends who may be interested in joining our Bowerham family.

Applying for School Places – September 2026

If your child is in their final year of pre-school or nursery, you can now apply for their **primary school place** online at:

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

- No paper forms will be posted.
- The online process is quick, easy, and you will receive email confirmation.
- You must apply even if your child already has siblings at your preferred school.

Closing date for applications:

15th January 2026 – 11:59pm

Elf Run – 15th December

On **15th December**, we will be taking part in our festive **Elf Run** to raise funds for **St John's Hospice**.

- Every child will receive an elf hat.
- Children will enjoy a fun run around school to raise money for a wonderful cause.

More information:

There is an online video from St. Johns Hospice for more information - <https://youtu.be/UwD6sHXFmkI>

Bowerham sponsorship page -

<https://stjohnshospicelancaster.enthusie.com/pf/elf-run-bowerham-primary-school>

Copies of the sponsor form can be downloaded from:

[Reindeer Rush Sponsor Form 2025](#)

or from the school office.

Bowerham School Foundation

Thank you so much for all who have donated to Bowerham School Foundation this term - whether by Paypal Giving Fund, Easyfundraising or direct to the charity bank account. We have been unable to thank some donors personally due to lack of contact details, so hope that the message of appreciation will at least reach them through this update. The money raised has enabled us to replace the failing toasters for breakfast club, cover all the food costs and provide a fund for the pastoral team to use. We have also just heard that Bowerham School Foundation won £100 from one of the Easyfundraising giveaways! Please remember to use #easyfundraising when you do your Christmas shopping. Over 8,000 retailers will donate to Bowerham School Foundation at no extra cost to you - so you can raise donations when you buy gifts, decorations, your festive food shopping or anything else! If you haven't already, please sign up and help us raise

more. <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/bowerham-school-foundation/jnrjab/s2s/ivmwxk6U/PMCX1/facebook/>

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](#)

We re-open Monday 5th January @ 8.00am.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.