



Bowlee Park Community School School Newsletter

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Spring Term 2026

Welcome back to all of our children, we hope you have had a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

As we start our Spring Term, please can we remind parents to ensure that all children are equipped with everything they need for the school day, packed lunches and bottled water should arrive with children at the start of the day. Please also make sure to keep the school office updated with any changes to emergency contact information for your child.

Weekly Attendance Awards

Tigger-on-time Winners

The class with the least lates across each phase (Nursery & reception, 1 & 2, 3 & 4, 5 & 6) will have the honour of homing Tigger-on-time for the week!

Pre School Class 1 Year 1 Class 3
Year 3 Class 3 Year 4 Class 1

Attendance Bear Winners

The class with the highest attendance across each phase will have the honour of homing the Attendance Bear for the week!

Year 5 Class 2 Year 3 Class 1
Year 2 Class 4 Reception Class 3

Attendance Matters

A big 'thank you' to all parents who have ensured their child's attendance at school is excellent, and to those parents who have worked with us to ensure their child's attendance is now improving.

However, there are still a significant number of children who are persistently absent from school. This is unacceptable and affects each child's education and life chances.

Any absence of a pupil whose attendance is below 92% and who has had 3 or more absences in the academic year will not be authorised without medical evidence.

Medical evidence may take the form of a letter from the hospital or GP, an appointment card, or a photo of the prescribed medication.

Without medical evidence the absence will be noted as unauthorised. Please note that should the number of unauthorised absences continue to increase you may receive a penalty notice. We want to avoid this.

ATTENDANCE
Matters

School Badges

Every child receives a certificate and the option to buy the badge from the office.

All badges are priced at £1.00 except the maths bar badges which are £2.00.



Reception Places

If your child was born between **1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022**, then they are due to start in Reception at primary school in **September 2026**.

<https://www.rochdale.gov.uk/school-admissions-appeals/apply-primary-school-place>

The deadline for applications is **15th January 2026**

DEADLINE DAY

After School Clubs

Confirmation slips have now been out to parents. Please do not send your child to a club unless you have received one.

Confirmation slips will state the start date for your child's club.

Please note that no after school clubs (except bright stars) on **Mon 12th & Weds 14th January 2026** will take place due to parents evening.

Late Pick-ups

We understand that late collection of children may occur very occasionally. However, some children are regularly collected late from school.

If a child has more than two late pick-ups (from office staff) in a term, parents will be charged at a rate of £5 per child for every 15 minutes after 3:45pm.

Late pick-ups from after school clubs may result in the place being withdrawn



Dates for your Diary

Monday 12th January	Reception Attendance Awards 09.00am – Main Hall
Monday 12th January	Parent Evening 15.50 pm – 19.30 pm
Wed 14th January	Parents Evening 15.50 pm – 17.30 pm
Friday 16th January	Year 4 Classes 1 & 2 Stay & Learn Parents welcome 09.00am – Grey Hall
Friday 16th January	Year 4 .3 Class Assembly Parents welcome – Main Hall
Monday 19th January	Year 4 Classes 3 & 4 Stay & Learn Parents welcome 09.00am – Grey Hall
Friday 23rd January	Year 1 Classes 2&3 Stay & Learn Parents welcome 09.00am – Grey Hall
Friday 23rd January	Year 3. 4 Class Assembly Parents welcome – Main Hall

Diary Dates

National Year of Reading 2026 –

Opening the Door to Stories



2026 has been declared the **National Year of Reading**, a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the joy, power, and importance of reading—especially in the primary years. Reading helps children develop language, imagination, confidence, and a lifelong love of learning.

Throughout the year, our school will be celebrating books, stories, and reading in all its forms. We will be encouraging children to explore new authors, share favourite stories, and enjoy reading every day—both at school and at home.

Families play a vital role in supporting children's reading. Simple activities can make a big difference, such as reading together regularly, talking about stories, visiting the local library, sharing books in your home language, or letting children see adults enjoying reading. Encouraging children to talk about what they read, ask questions, and choose books that interest them helps build confidence and enjoyment.

We look forward to working in partnership with our families to make the National Year of Reading 2026 a joyful, inspiring year—one that helps every child discover the magic of reading and develop habits that will last a lifetime.