



Bowlee Park Community School School Newsletter

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There has been an increase in the number of children being collected before the end of the school day.

When children are collected early, they are missing important learning time, especially if this is done on a regular basis as all children are entitled to a full education.

Wherever possible, medical appointments should be made out of school hours. When this cannot be the case, we ask that parents provide medical evidence of the appointment (such as an appointment letter or card). All early pick-ups without evidence will be marked as unauthorised. In cases of regular unauthorised early collection, you will be sent a letter advising this needs to be improved. Where this does not improve, this will be referred to the school Education Welfare Officer.

Early collection of children will have an impact on attendance certificates awarded at the end of each term.

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!

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

Attendance Bear Winners

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

**Reception Class 4
Year 1 Class 2
Year 3 Class 4
Year 6 Class 4**



Well done!

Congratulations to all the children who have received Attendance and Behaviour Awards for Spring Term 2026.

There were **330 Gold**, **187 Silver** and **135 Bronze** attendance awards distributed together. The Golden Book of Behaviour showing the names of the children who received a behaviour award last term will be on display in the main reception area next week.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your children attend school regularly, and on time.



Summer Raffle Prize Donations – Your Support is Needed!

We are currently seeking donations for prizes for our upcoming **Summer Raffle** to help raise funds for our school. If you or your employer are able to contribute a prize, we would be incredibly grateful for your support. Every donation, big or small, will go a long way in boosting our school funds and providing exciting prizes for our students.

Donation Deadline: June 26th, 2026. If you are able to help, please get in touch.

Head lice

HEAD LICE TREATMENT AND PREVENTION



What are head lice?

Head lice (or *Pediculus humanus capitis*) are small, wingless parasitic insects about the size of a sesame seed that feed on blood on the human scalp. Head lice are very quick and use a hook-like claw to stay attached to the hair.

What are nits?

Nits are lice eggs laid by adult female lice. They are white oval sacs about the size of a pin head. The life cycle of head lice is approximately 30 days during which time each female louse can lay up to 7-10 nits a day.

Who gets head lice?

ANYONE can get head lice! It is most common in pre-school and elementary school-aged children (ages 3-12) and females. Kids are much more likely to get lice from family members and playmates than from classmates at school.

How do they spread?

DIRECT contact with an infested person.
INDIRECT contact with personal belongings of an infested person such as brushes, combs, clothing, bedding, upholstered furniture and car interiors.

Prevention Information

Should all family members be treated?

ALL family members residing with an infested person should be examined for the presence of head lice.
Treat ANY family member with a head lice infestation.

Does the household environment need to be treated?

- Routine cleaning of the child's environment, including washing recently used clothing, bedding and towels in hot water is recommended.
- Items that can not be washed should be sealed in plastic bags for 2 weeks.
- Vacuum carpeting, upholstery and car seats.

REMEMBER: Remember: Head lice can survive off a human host for up to 48 hours and nits will hatch within 7-10 days.

What if I don't get rid of head lice after treatment?

Consult your healthcare provider.

How can the spread of head lice be stopped?

The key to successful eradication of a head lice infestation is to break their life cycle through proper treatment.

Will I ever get rid of head lice?

YES, it will end, but it takes time. Don't get discouraged! The main reasons for continued infestations are:

- Did not follow directions on the product.
- Did not remove all lice or nits.
- Did not treat the environment thoroughly.

REMEMBER: Each person with head lice needs a complete treatment. Do not split a single box of shampoo or container of rinse treatment between those that are infested.



Who should I notify if my child has head lice?

- Pediatrician
- School Health Room
- Playmates and close friends outside of school

There is NO proof that the following treatments work:

- Vinegar Compounds that claim to dissolve the glue on the nits "to ease their removal"
- Mayonnaise
- Olive Oil
- Tea Tree Oil
- Lotions that claim to "suffocate" lice
- Petroleum Jelly
- Other household chemicals, including: kerosene, gasoline, paint thinners and turpentine



Signs & Symptoms

ITCHING AND SCRATCHING usually on the back of the scalp and neck and behind the ears.

SORES ON THE HEAD caused by scratching.

VISIBLE lice or nits.

REMEMBER: NITS STICK TO THE HAIR.

Some children may have no symptoms. Don't confuse dirt or dandruff with nits.

What to do if someone in your family has lice

- ALL Family members living with an infested person should be examined for the presence of head lice.
- Treat ANY family member with a head lice infestation.

How to treat for lice

- USE AN FDA APPROVED, over-the-counter anti-pediculosis product. Prescription products are also available.
- READ THE INSTRUCTIONS before using any product and follow ALL instructions.
- COMB HAIR with a fine-tooth nit comb to remove lice and nits.
- DISINFECT all combs and brushes before using again by submerging them in hot water (at least 130° F) for 5-10 minutes or soak in anti-pediculosis shampoo for 1 hour.
- CHECK YOUR CHILD'S HAIR DAILY. Manually remove nits for 2 weeks following the initial treatment.
- RETREAT your child according to instructions on the box or label.
- CONTINUE to check your child's head every 2-3 days for at least 2-3 weeks.

CAUTION: Children under two years of age or women who are pregnant or breastfeeding should not use an anti-pediculosis product.
Persons with chronic illness or the elderly should consult their healthcare provider.

Eligibility: Children may qualify for free treatment as they are exempt from prescription charges.

The Service: Participating community pharmacies can assess and provide treatment for head lice without the need for a GP appointment.

How to Access: Visit a participating local pharmacy and request treatment under the *Minor Ailment Scheme* or *Pharmacy First* service.

Limitations: This service is intended for assessment and treatment, not simply for collecting free products. It is only available at pharmacies that are commissioned to provide it.

www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits



For the safety of our children and other pedestrians, no cars are permitted to park on the car park in front of the school entrance, please use the main car park towards the rear of school and using the designated parking bays only. Only cars with a parking permit are allowed on school premises.

Taxis are not permitted to enter the car park on any occasion.



NO PARKING

Diary Dates

Mon 04th May	BANK HOLIDAY -SCHOOL CLOSED
Tues 05th May	After School Clubs start
Thurs 07th May	SEND Coffee Morning 9AM
Fri 08th May	Year 5 Class 3 Stay and Learn 9am Hall Entrance via hall doors
Fri 08th May	Reception Class 2 Assembly Grey Hall Entrance via year 3 doors 9am
Mon 27th April – 15th May	Bike Ability
Mon 11th Fri 15th May	YEAR 6 SATS
Mon 11th May	Year 5 Class 4 Stay and Learn 9am Hall Entrance via hall doors
Fri 15th May	Reception Class 3 Assembly Grey Hall Entrance via year 3 doors 9am
Tues 19th May	Year 2 Music Concert Hall Entrance via hall doors 9.15am
Tues 19th May	Music Concert Year 3 Class 1, 4.1 and 5.1 Hall Entrance via hall doors 2.30pm
Wed 20th May	Music Concert Year 3.3, 4.3 and 5.3 Hall Entrance via hall doors 9.15am
Wed 20th May	Music Concert Year 3.2, 4.2 and 5.2 Hall Entrance via hall doors 2.30pm
Thurs 21st May	Music Concert Year 3.4, 4.4 and 5.4 Hall Entrance via hall doors 9.15am
Thurs 21st May	Year 1 Music Concert Hall Entrance via hall doors 2.45pm
Fri 22nd May	Reception Class 4 Assembly Grey Hall Entrance via year 3 doors 9am
Fri 22nd May	Year 1 Class 2 Assembly Hall Entrance via hall doors 9am



WOMEN EMPOWERMENT SESSION

For survivors of domestic abuse

What to expect from the session?

- Coaching and personal development
- Crafts and creative activities
- Volunteering opportunities
- Peer support



Safe space!

Empowerment!

Confidence!

Starting 1st May 2026

1:00pm – 3:00pm

Langley Family Hub
Room - TBC

For more information, contact us at Info@soulsisters.org.uk,
or via Whatsapp 07309 612325



Are you struggling with your child's school attendance?

Join our school attendance support for parents (SASP) group this summer.

Our education welfare service offers a safe space for parents and carers (only) to access confidential peer support, advice, and guidance to overcome these challenges. Refreshments provided.

Upcoming sessions

- 20 May 2026, 4-5.30pm at Sandbrook Family Hub
- 3 June 2026, 1.15-3pm at Belfield Family Hub
- 8 June 2026, 2.30-4pm at Norden Family Hub
- 10 June 2026, 9am-12pm at Derby Street Family Hub
- 17 June 2026, 1-3pm at Langley Family Hub

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