



Bowlee Park Community School School Newsletter

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Every Day Counts, Every Minute Matters



Can I take my child on holiday during term time?

Parents should plan their holidays around school breaks and avoid requesting a leave of absence for holidays unless it is unavoidable.

A leave of absence is only granted in exceptional circumstances, it is unlikely that your child's headteacher will agree a leave of absence for a family holiday.

If permission is refused and you keep your child off school on the days requested, you are likely to be committing an offence and be issued a fixed penalty notice or be prosecuted by your local authority.

We are aware that some families take time off school and call their child in as 'off sick'. If we have reason to believe your child has been away from school due to a family holiday rather than illness, we will ask for evidence.

We believe that if your child is off school for a week, medical advice should have been sought at some point. If we do not receive this evidence, you may still be liable for a penalty notice.



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



Email

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Get in touch



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OUR 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 2 Class 2
- ★ Year 3 Class 4
- ★ Year 5 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!

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



Let's work together!

Good attendance today,
brighter futures tomorrow.





Bicycles and scooters **must not** be ridden on school premises, they must be walked on and off site.



Please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school with them each day.



Also, dogs and puppies (Except guide dogs) **must not** be brought on to school grounds at any time.



Well done to our netball team who have been crowned Middleton champions!

A special mention goes to **Miss Stafford** and **Miss Barton** for their dedication and the amazing job they have done in training and supporting the team.



SCHOOL MEAL PRICE INCREASE

FROM SEPTEMBER 2026



We would like to let you know that the Local Authority has recommended an increase in the price of school meals from September 2026.



The Local Authority reviews and recommends school meal prices each year to help schools meet the rising costs associated with providing healthy, nutritious meals for pupils. While schools are responsible for setting their own meal prices, we have chosen to follow the Local Authority's recommendation.



We remain committed to providing high-quality school meals that offer good value for money and support pupils' health and wellbeing.



If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

CURRENT PRICE

£2.85

per school meal

FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 2026

£2.95

per school meal

AN INCREASE OF 10p

Thank you | for your continued support.



GOOD FOOD. GOOD VALUE. HEALTHY FUTURES.





Date	Event	Time
Mon 29 th – Fri 3 rd July	Sports Week	
Tuesday 30 th June	Whole School transition morning	
Wednesday 1 st July	Reception Summer Disco	3:30–4:30pm
Wednesday 1 st July	Year 3 and Year 4 Summer Disco	4:30–6:30pm
Thursday 2 nd July	Year 1 and Year 2 Summer Disco	3:30–4:30pm
Thursday 2 nd July	Year 5 and Year 6 Summer Disco	4:30–6:30pm
Friday 3 rd July	Year 2 Trip to Blackpool Zoo	
Monday 6 th July	Year 5 Attendance & Behaviour Awards entrance via hall doors	9am
Tuesday 7 th July	Year 6 Transition Day	
Tuesday 7 th July	Year 2 Attendance & Behaviour Awards entrance via hall doors	9am
Tuesday 7 th July	Year 3 Attendance & Behaviour Awards entrance via hall doors	2:45pm
Wednesday 8 th July	Year 4 Attendance & Behaviour Awards entrance via hall doors	9am
Thursday 9 th July	Year 1 Attendance & Behaviour Awards entrance via hall doors	2:45pm
Friday 10 th July	Reception Attendance Awards entrance via hall doors	9am
Friday 10 th July	Pre School Trip to Little Play Town	
Friday 10 th July	All After School Clubs finish	
Monday 13 th July	Year 6 Class 1 Graduation – Parents welcome	09:05am
Tuesday 14 th July	Year 6 Class 2 Graduation – Parents welcome	09:05am
Wednesday 15 th July	Year 6 Class 3 Graduation – Parents welcome	09:05am
Thursday 16 th July	Year 6 Class 4 Graduation – Parents welcome	09:05am
Friday 17 th July	Last day of term	



WATER SAFETY

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS & CARERS



OPEN WATER
CAN BE
DANGEROUS



We would like to share an important water safety reminder with all families.

Tragically, six children and young people lost their lives in open water incidents across the UK during the late May Bank Holiday weekend.

As the weather becomes warmer, many children and teenagers are naturally drawn to rivers, canals, lakes, reservoirs and other open water areas. While these places may look inviting, open water can be extremely dangerous. Cold water shock, hidden hazards beneath the surface, strong currents and steep banks can quickly turn a fun day out into a life-threatening situation.



We encourage all parents and carers to talk to their children about staying safe around water and to share the resources below.

! KNOW THE RISKS



Cold water shock



Strong currents and hidden hazards



Deep water and steep banks



Difficulty getting out once in the water

NO
SWIMMING
NO DIVING
DANGEROUS
WATER

REMEMBER:

- ✓ Never swim in open water unless it is a designated, supervised swimming area.
- ✓ Avoid jumping into unknown water.
- ✓ Stay with friends and look out for each other.
- ✓ Call 999 and ask for the Fire and Rescue Service or Coastguard in an emergency.

CALL
999
IN AN
EMERGENCY



USEFUL RESOURCES & POSTERS

These resources can be used at home to help start conversations about water safety:



Water Safety Partners Pack

<https://tinyurl.com/watersafety-partners-pack-2026>



Dying for a Dip? Leaflet

<https://tinyurl.com/dying-for-a-dip-leaflet-2024>



Dying for a Dip? Accessible Poster

<https://tinyurl.com/dying-for-a-dip-accessible-poster>



GREATER MANCHESTER FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

Water Safety Campaign 2026

Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service's 2026 campaign highlights the dangers of open water and provides practical advice on staying safe.

<https://manchesterfire.gov.uk/your-safety/campaigns/water-safety-campaign/>



LEARN THE RNLI'S "FLOAT TO LIVE" TECHNIQUE

If someone unexpectedly enters cold water, the RNLI advises them to Float to Live. This simple technique can help people regain control of their breathing and improve their chances of survival.



- 1 Tilt your head back with your ears submerged.
- 2 Relax and try to control your breathing.
- 3 Gently move your hands and legs to stay afloat.
- 4 Once calm, call for help or swim to safety.



RNLI FLOAT TO LIVE GUIDANCE AND VIDEO
<https://rnli.org/safety/float>



WATER SAFETY ADVICE FOR TEENAGERS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

The Canal & River Trust provides practical advice specifically for teenagers and young people about staying safe near canals, rivers and other waterways.



Canal & River Trust Water Safety

Advice for Young People

<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/enjoy-the-waterways/safety-on-our-waterways/water-safety-for-teenagers-and-young-people>



WORKING TOGETHER TO KEEP CHILDREN SAFE

Thank you for helping us reinforce these important safety messages.

By talking regularly with children and young people about the risks of open water, we can all play a part in keeping them safe.

