



# Bowlee Park Community School School Newsletter

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## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Every Day Counts, Every Minute Matters



## Thank YOU!





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.



**ATTENDANCE COUNTS**



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.**





### 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 | 4           |
| Year 2    | Class 2     |
| Year 3    | Class 3     |
| Year 4    | Class 1 & 4 |
| Year 6    | 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 3 |
| Year 2    | Class 2 |
| Year 3    | Class 4 |
| Year 5    | Class 4 |



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Tuesday 14th July is Bastille Day

A day of celebration in French. It is famous for the firework displays around the Eiffel tower. All Key Stage 2 children will be learning, reading and creating beautiful artwork about this special day.

C'est magnifique!



Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2026

ICE LOLLIES-will be on sale for 50p to all children please send 50p with your child if they wish to buy one.

Thank you for your continued support

## Cricket Competition

🏏 **Well done to our cricket team**, who finished in the **bronze medal position** in the Middleton Schools Competition.

The competition was played over two evenings, during which the team lost just one game. They rounded off a fantastic tournament by defeating Alkington by **11 runs** in the bronze medal match.

A great achievement and a testament to the players' hard work, determination and teamwork throughout the competition.

Congratulations to everyone involved! 🙌🏆🏏



## YEAR 2 PARENTS & CARERS

Children moving up from **Yr2 - Yr3**



Children in Yr2 are currently in receipt of **universal free school meals**.

From **September 2026** unless you are in receipt of government awarded free school meals you will need to pay for your child's school meals.



We are encouraging parents who may be eligible for **free school meals and half term vouchers**



**TO APPLY NOW**  
directly to  
**Rochdale Council.**

<https://www.rochdale.gov.uk/benefits-money/free-school-meals>



Check if you're eligible – it could make a big difference!



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We are incredibly grateful to Gulliver's World for generously donating a family ticket to our school. This has been raffled among the children who achieved 100% attendance for the whole school year, rewarding their fantastic commitment to coming to school every day. Congratulations to our lucky winner **Emilia 3.2**



A huge thank you to Gulliver's World for supporting and celebrating our pupils' dedication.



## Lost Property Reminder

We currently have a large collection of lost property, including coats, jumpers, cardigans, packed lunch bags, and other non-uniform items.

Please encourage your child to check the lost property area for any missing belongings.

We would also like to remind parents and carers to ensure that all uniform and personal belongings are clearly labelled with their child's name, as this helps us return lost items promptly.

Any unclaimed items will be kept until **Friday 17th July**. After this date, all remaining items will be transferred to our uniform donation rail.

Thank you for your continued support.



Please check the upcoming calendar dates for all the information you need about the Year 6 Graduation Assemblies.

We look forward to celebrating this special milestone with you!



| Date                            | Event                                                                  | Time    |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July    | Year 6 Class 1 Graduation – Parents welcome entrance via school office | 09:05am |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July   | Year 6 Class 2 Graduation – Parents welcome entrance via school office | 09:05am |
| Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July | Year 6 Class 3 Graduation – Parents welcome entrance via school office | 09:05am |
| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July  | Year 6 Class 4 Graduation – Parents welcome entrance via school office | 09:05am |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July    | Last day of term                                                       |         |

# READ to the BEAT

## Summer Activities at Langley

|                           |                             |               |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Guitar/Microphone Craft   | Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> July   | 2.30pm-3.30pm |
| Sing-along Storytime      | Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> July | 2.30pm-3.30pm |
| Musical Instrument Making | Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> August  | 2.30pm-3.30pm |
| Songwriting Activity      | Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> August | 2.30pm-3.30pm |
| Paper Plate Record Craft  | Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> August | 2.30pm-3.30pm |
| Voices in the Library     | Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> August | 2.30pm-3.30pm |

No need to book, Just drop in.  
Most suitable for children age 4+ and their grown ups.

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# WATER SAFETY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS & CARERS

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

### 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.

### 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-2020>
- 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 2020  
Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service's 2020 campaign highlights the dangers of open water and provides practical advice on staying safe.  
<https://www.greatermanchester-fire.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://rnlifloat.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 ponds, rivers and other waterways.

**Canal & River Trust**  
<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/keeping-the-waterways-safe-for-all-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.



Building stronger relationships for the whole family. The Invest in Play parent programme is a free 12 week course for parents and caregivers of children 2-12 years.

## Six Bricks for Kids

|                                  |                                                   |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Selective attention              | Building co-operation                             |
| Predictable limits               | Building security                                 |
| Praise and rewards               | Building confidence and self-esteem               |
| Focused commenting               | Building social, emotional and learning skills    |
| Play                             | Building attachment, relationships and self-worth |
| Thoughts, feelings and behaviour | Building parental self-efficacy and confidence    |

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Term Time - Thursday's  
9.00am - 11.00am  
Location: Bowlee Park Community  
Primary School

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