

Bowlee Park Community School School Newsletter

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As we reach the end of another successful academic year, we also mark the end of an extraordinary chapter in our school's history as we say a fond farewell to our Headteacher, Mrs Hartshorne, who retires after 16 years of dedicated leadership.

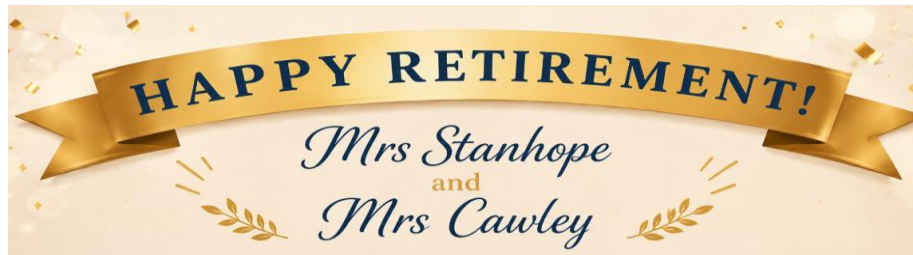
Throughout her time as Headteacher, Mrs Hartshorne has led our school with unwavering commitment, vision and care, ensuring that every child has had the opportunity to thrive. Under her leadership, the school has consistently maintained its Outstanding status, a reflection of the high standards, strong values and nurturing environment that have become synonymous with our school community.

Beyond the achievements and accolades, Mrs Hartshorne will be remembered for the genuine care and encouragement shown to generations of pupils, the support offered to families, and the inspiration provided to colleagues. Her leadership has helped shape not only the success of the school but also the lives of countless children and staff members.

As a school community, we are immensely grateful for the lasting legacy Mrs Hartshorne leaves behind. While we are saddened to say goodbye, we wish her a long, happy and well-deserved retirement filled with new adventures, good health and precious time with family and friends.

Thank you, Mrs Hartshorne, for 16 years of exceptional service, dedication and leadership. You will be greatly missed by everyone in our school community, and we know your impact will continue to be felt for many years to come.

On behalf of all our pupils, staff, governors, parents and carers, we wish you every happiness for the future



After an incredible 29 years at Bowlee Park, today we say goodbye to a truly special teacher.

Throughout her career, Mrs Stanhope has inspired, nurtured and taught well over 900 children, leaving a lasting impact on every class she has been part of. Having taught across both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, it was in Year 1 where her heart truly belonged. Her passion for teaching Read Write Inc. and helping children develop a love of reading has given so many pupils the very best start to their learning journey.

Mrs Stanhope's kindness, warmth and unwavering care have made her not only an exceptional teacher but also a wonderful colleague and friend. She has always been there for both staff and pupils with a smile, a listening ear and words of encouragement.

Thank you, Mrs Stanhope, for your dedication, compassion and the difference you have made to generations of Bowlee Park children. You will be greatly missed, but your legacy will continue to live on in the many lives you have touched.



After 11 years of dedicated service at Bowlee Park Primary School, we say a heartfelt thank you to Mrs Cawley as she begins her well-deserved retirement.

Throughout her time with us, Mrs Cawley has shown unwavering dedication, kindness and passion, supporting countless children to achieve the highest standards and reach their full potential, particularly our Year 6 pupils. Her care, patience and encouragement have made a lasting difference to so many young lives. Beyond the classroom, her much-loved crochet club became a favourite at break times, inspiring creativity, confidence and friendships, and leaving a wonderful legacy that will be remembered for years to come. Mrs Cawley has been a valued and much-loved member of our school community, and while she will be greatly missed by staff and children alike.

We wish her and her family every happiness, good health and many wonderful adventures as she enjoys this exciting new chapter in her retirement.

We would also like to say goodbye and good luck to some members of staff who are leaving us at the end of this term:

Miss Khanam Year 3 teacher will be leaving us due to relocating

Miss Skinner Year 2 teaching assistant is leaving us for new role.

Mr Rossiter Year 2 teaching assistant is leaving us for a new role.

Mr Mc Loughlin Year 5 teacher assistant is leaving us to go to university.

Miss Roberts Classroom assistant and lunch time organiser leaving us for new role.

Mrs Wilson School administrator is leaving us for a new role.

We wish you all the best!



Well done to the following children who received a pleasure to teach award in the attendance assemblies!

Julian, Wahaj, Hannah, Hoorain, Hannah, Wael, Skye, Lola, Reka, Mohammad, Carina, Zoey, Lillie-Mae, Mustafa, Sarah, Archie, Isha, Annabelle, Aleeza, Heather, Evie, Ted, Ellie, Zeyn, Benjamin and Ava



GREAT NEWS!



Our School Attendance for this academic year is

95.4%



This is a fantastic achievement, and it wouldn't have been possible without your ongoing support and commitment. Your child's attendance is key to their success – thank you for making it a priority.



AS WE LOOK AHEAD, we want to remind all families about the **LEGAL GUIDELINES** regarding **TERM-TIME HOLIDAYS**.

Taking your child out of school for a holiday during term time without authorisation may result in a Penalty Notice, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

THE KEY POINTS ARE:

- A Penalty Notice may be issued for **5 or more** unauthorised days (within a 10-week period).
- The fine is **£160** per child, per parent, reduced to **£80** if paid within 21 days.
- From August 2024, only **two** Penalty Notices can be issued to the same parent for the same child within a three-year period.
- A second notice will automatically be charged at **£160**.

ANY FURTHER OFFENCES

in the same three-year period will be referred directly to the Magistrates' Court, which could result in:

- A fine of up to **£1,000** (under Section 444(1) Education Act 1996), or
- A fine of up to **£2,500** and/or 12 weeks in prison (under Section 444(1A)).



★ **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!

NURSERY & RECEPTION



Reception Class 4

YEAR 1 & 2



Year 1 Class 1

YEAR 3 & 4



Year 3 Class 3

YEAR 5 & 6



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



Reception Class 1

YEAR 2



Year 2 Class 4

YEAR 4



Year 4 Class 2

YEAR 6



Year 6 Class 3



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Thank you for your continued support in making attendance a priority. **Every school day counts!**



We're proud to announce that Bowlee Park has once again achieved the Platinum School Games Mark Award – the highest award available through the School Games programme. This recognises our ongoing commitment to providing high-quality PE, sport and physical activity opportunities for all pupils. The award reflects the enthusiasm of our children and the hard work of staff in promoting healthy, active lifestyles across the school. Well done to everyone involved in another fantastic achievement! 🏆

Free Parent Course at Bowlee Park Community School



We're delighted to let you know that, from **17th September**, the team from **Burnside Community Centre** will be running their **Invest In Play** course at **Bowlee Park Community School**.

Invest In Play is a **free 12-week course** (term time only) for parents and caregivers of children aged **2–12 years**.

The course helps parents and caregivers use play to build stronger relationships with children, manage challenging behaviour, and support their emotional and social development. To find out more or book your place, please contact Burnside Community Centre:

0161 643 5775

enquiry@burnsidecentre.org.uk



Date	Event	Time
Friday 17 th July	Last day of term	



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Changes to Free School Meals (FSM)



SEPTEMBER
2026

From **September 2026**, all children in England whose households receive **Universal Credit** will be entitled to Free School Meals (FSM), regardless of household income.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR FAMILIES



FREE SCHOOL MEALS
for your child every school day.



SUPERMARKET FOOD VOUCHERS
during school holidays.



FREE PLACES
at Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) clubs.



NO INCOME THRESHOLD
eligibility will be based on receiving Universal Credit.



SAVE AROUND £500
per child each year.



A FREE, NUTRITIOUS MEAL
for your child every school day.



DO PARENTS STILL NEED TO APPLY?

YES. Even though eligibility is expanding, parents and carers must still submit an application so schools can confirm entitlement and ensure your child receives all the support available.

YOU MAY NEED:

- Your National Insurance Number
- Your Universal Credit reference number



FIND OUT MORE AND APPLY

Visit Rochdale Council's website:

rochdale.gov.uk/benefits-money/free-school-meals

Please apply even if your child has not previously qualified for Free School Meals.

LSC Active and engaging Ofsted registered activities programmes during the school holidays

STEP INTO FUN THIS SUMMER!

HOLIDAY CLUBS

⚽ FOOTBALL 🏐 MULTI-SPORTS 🎭 PERFORMING ARTS

Ages 4 - 11 | 08:30 - 16:00 | Flexible booking

- Hopwood Hall College
Rochdale Road, Middleton, Manchester M24 6XH
- Castleton Primary School
Hillcrest Road, Castleton, Rochdale, OL11 2QD
- Rochdale Sports Club
Bridgefold Road, Rochdale OL11 5BX

£19 Per Day
Full week for £76

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HOLIDAY CLUBS

Summer Holidays: from 22nd July- 28th August

MULTI-SPORTS

Jump into a high-energy mix of sports, packed with fast-paced mini games and thrilling matches!

From all-time favourites like dodgeball and hockey to exciting new challenges like tri-golf, every day is bursting with action, laughter, and non-stop fun. There's something new to try and something to love for every child!

BOOK NOW!

FOOTBALL

Train like a star and take your game to the next level!

Build skills through fun, hands-on drills, fast-paced mini games, and action-packed tournaments. Whether you're perfecting your technique or scoring your next big goal, every session is full of energy, excitement, and match-day magic.

BOOK NOW!

PERFORMING ARTS

Explore rhythm, expression and movement through high-energy dance and performance workshops. Create exciting routines in groups and solos, and bend, jump and twirl your way through every action-packed session—full of confidence, creativity and fun.

BOOK NOW!

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BOWLEE PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Uniform Swap

We will be holding a Swap Shop for school uniform over the summer break on:

Wednesday 22nd July 10:00-12:00

Wednesday 29th July 10:00-12:00

Friday 31st July 10:00-12:00

All uniform taken is free of charge

Just come to the main reception
See you then!

HOPWOOD SPORTS ARENA BASKETBALL CLUB

Only £4 for 2 hours of fun!
FIRST SESSION FREE OF CHARGE!

RUNNING EVERY MONDAY 4-6PM FOR AGES 8-12 YEARS

Have fun Learning Basketball under the supervision of fully qualified coaches, small sided games and drills.

Taster sessions running summer holidays & half terms. Please contact 0161 653 2070 for further information.