



LATEST NEWS

20TH MARCH 2026

REMINDERS

End of Term

School will finish on **Friday 27th March at 2pm** for Nursery and Years 3-6, and **2:10pm** for Reception and Years 1 & 2. There will be no After School Club on this day.



ECO PARK VISIT

Article written by our Sustainability Ambassadors

This week, the Sustainability Ambassadors visited the huge ECO Park in Edmonton for a workshop on caring for our planet. We found out about food waste and what happens to our rubbish. When we put rubbish in our bins, it is driven to a massive warehouse to be converted into energy by being heated to 1,000 degrees. The smoke is then filtered to make it clean before it goes up the chimney. We had a tour of the warehouse, even visiting the crow's nest, where workers use cameras to watch the entire site. We found out that there are workers there 24/7 because the amount of waste from seven local authorities per day is so much that, if they closed for two days the warehouse would flood with rubbish.

As a school, we must help reduce, recycle, reuse, and repair. We learnt that if clothes have a small hole, you don't need to get rid of them, you can just fix them yourself. If you still don't want them, give them to a friend or a local charity. We also learnt that copper, a natural resource, is used in mobile phone wires. If we throw phones away, we lose copper, but recycling saves it. With only 200 years of copper left, we must recycle it.

Let's all make sure we **REDUCE, RECYCLE, RE-USE, AND REPAIR.**



EcoPark House Family Day
Saturday 18th April, 11:00am - 1:30pm
Please see flyer at the end of the Newsletter

YEAR 3 SWIMMING



Year 3 will start their swimming lessons at Arnos Pool on Monday 13th April.

Children will need to bring in their swimwear and a towel in a named waterproof bag every Monday. Please remember to remove all jewellery on this day and to pack a swimming hat if your child has long hair.
Good luck, Year 3!



CHICKS IN RECEPTION



This week, ten living eggs arrived in a special incubator for Reception to look after. Each morning, the children have rushed into school, eager to see if any have hatched. After being extremely patient while watching and waiting, our first chicks began to break through.



Today, there has been lots of excitement as the children welcomed their new friends. The chicks will stay with us next week before heading off to live on a farm with plenty of other chickens.



TfL SAFE TRAVEL



Thank you to the TfL Citizens Team for visiting our Year 6 children this week to talk about safe and responsible travel.



This was a valuable interactive session to help prepare the children for independent travel to secondary school. Together, they explored journey planning, bus safety, oyster cards, responsible behaviour, plus many more.



KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE



What is Early Help?

Every family can go through challenging times at some point. Early Help means working with you and your family, so that small problems don't become big problems. Early Help is for everybody, for families with young children and young people of any age.

Why would I want Early Help?

There are lots of reasons why people look for Early Help. It could be that you are worried about your child's health, development or behaviour. It may be that you are worried about money or housing and how that is affecting your family. Maybe your family is affected by domestic abuse, drugs, alcohol, or crime. Perhaps your child is a carer for other people, or maybe you have had a bereavement in the family that has made life a challenge. Early Help can give you the tools to solve any challenges or problems you are experiencing with help from others where needed.

How can I get Early Help?

If you feel you and your family need support to solve some problems, you can contact the Bowes Designated Safeguarding Leads who will be able to refer you to Enfield Early Help. You can also self-refer for Early Help via the [Enfield Early Help Family Hub](#) or by calling 020 8379 2002.



DIARY DATES 2026

27th Mar 2026	School Ends, 2pm & 2:10pm
13th Apr 2026	School Starts
13th Apr 2026	Year 3 Swimming starts
24th Apr 2026	Everest Class Assembly, 9:10am
1st May 2026	INSET - SCHOOL CLOSED
4th May 2026	BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
7th May 2026	Kalahari Class Assembly, 9:10am
11th - 14th May	Year 6 SATs Week
22nd May 2026	Thames Class Assembly, 9:10am
25th - 29th May	Half Term
1st Jun 2026	INSET - SCHOOL CLOSED
2nd Jun 2026	School Starts
11th Jun 2026	Mississippi Class Assembly, 9:10am
17th Jul 2026	School Ends
20th Jul 2026	INSET - SCHOOL CLOSED
2nd Sep 2026	INSET - SCHOOL CLOSED
3rd Sep 2026	School Starts

FRIENDS OF
BOWES



**Please continue
reading for the latest
news from our Friends
of Bowes PTA.**



What's been happening...

BASKETBOWES!

Having become quite the fixture in the Bowes sporting calendar, BasketBowes was back in full swing last week! 29 children took part and 519 points were scored. A big thank you to P.E. Leader of Learning Sophie for her help organising!

Congratulations Effie!

It's hard to find the words so we'll make do with emojis for now...



But we'll save our goodbyes for later!



Funds raised can be used for things like this...



RECENTLY FUNDED:

- Breakfast Club Toys & Games
- Lunchtime Outdoor Equipment
- EYFS Resources
- Art Hub Resources
- Theatre & Museum trips

Contact & Support Us

✉ friendsofbowes@gmail.com

📷 Follow us @friendsofbowespta

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🌐 www.pta-events.co.uk/bowes

🛒 Sign up to a free Easy Fundraising account to shop online at over 8000 brands at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bowesprimary/>

☕ Are you a coffee lover? Then sign up to a subscription with Curb Coffee & they will donate 10% of sales. [Click here](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS...

Look out for two brand new events -

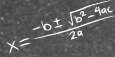
Car Boot Sale (Sunday 26th April)

Sip & Paint (Friday May 8th)

YOUR NEW FOB COMMITTEE



**GRAEME
MARA PARENT
CHAIR & TREASURER**



**BHAVYA
MARA/AMAZON PARENT
VICE TREASURER**



**DANIELLE
FUJI/THAMES PARENT
SECRETARY**



**EMILY
AMAZON/VICTORIA PARENT
VICE SECRETARY**



**TERESA
FUJI/PACAYA/L.ACORNS PARENT
DESIGN & PROMOTION
SOCIAL MEDIA LEAD**



**RHEA
KALAHARI PARENT
DESIGN & PROMOTION –
EVENTS LEAD**



**YULIA
VESUVIUS PARENT
DESIGN & PROMOTION –
COMMUNICATIONS LEAD**



**AKANG
KALAHARI PARENT
CO-SPONSORSHIP LEAD**



**SEETA
THAMES PARENT
CO-SPONSORSHIP LEAD**



**JO
THAMES PARENT
CO-EVENTS MANAGER**



**CAMILLE
THAMES PARENT
CO-EVENTS MANAGER**

WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO WELCOME THE ABOVE (MOSTLY!) NEW MEMBERS TO THE PTA COMMITTEE! WE ARE ABSOLUTELY DELIGHTED THAT SO MANY PARENTS HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO OFFER THEIR TIME AND EXPERTISE.

WITH SUCH AMAZING TALENT ON THE COMMITTEE, FOB IS FEELING VERY POSITIVE ABOUT THE YEAR AHEAD AND THE IMPACT OUR FUNDRAISING EFFORTS WILL HAVE FOR ALL THE CHILDREN AT BOWES!



SUPPORTING FRIENDS OF BOWES AT NO COST TO YOU!



EMPLOYER FUNDRAISING MATCHING

Hundreds of businesses in the UK offer donation & sponsorship matching schemes to their employees.

Please check what's available from yours (and if they would include matching for any fundraising that your children complete).

If you would like more information about us to support this, please contact us at friendsofbowes@gmail.com



SPONSORED CHALLENGES

For the children's sponsored challenges (BasketBowes, FootBowes & Active 8), as well as asking friends and family members for sponsorship, ask your neighbours & colleagues too.

Have you set yourself a challenge? Could that challenge become a sponsored challenge to raise money for Friends of Bowes?

We'd be more than happy for adults to take on a challenge too, please get in touch at friendsofbowes@gmail.com with any ideas.

EASY FUNDRAISING

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be raising free donations for us with easyfundraising? There are over 8,000 retailers on board ready to make a donation - including Amazon, B&Q, Booking.com, eBay, John Lewis, MoneySupermarket, Morrisons, Shein, Tesco, TUI and Virgin Media and it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds.



NEW SUPPORTERS BONUS

Click the link to sign-up to easyfundraising and support our cause, once you've raised £5 in donations, we'll get a bonus £5 donation.



APP DOWNLOAD BONUS

Click the link for a QR code to download the easyfundraising app. If you do this by 28th February and we'll get a free bonus £2 donation.

VOLUNTEER

We are always on the look-out for anyone that can spare us any time to help us at the events that we run through the year.

If you are able to help at any of the upcoming events, please let us or your class rep know, we really do appreciate all the help and time that people can offer us.

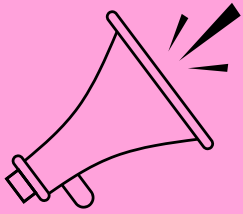
RAFFLE PRIZES

For our Winter and Summer Fairs we reach out to local businesses for our raffle prizes.

Do you know of or work for a business that would be willing to donate a prize to us? If so please get in touch at friendsofbowes@gmail.com

STILL TO COME

FRIENDS OF BOWES EVENTS



APRIL

FRI 24TH
SUN 26TH

YEAR 2 BAKE SALE
CAR BOOT SALE

MAY

FRI 8TH
FRI 15TH
MON 18TH -
FRI 22ND

SIP & PAINT
YEAR 3 BAKE SALE
BOOK FAIR

JUNE

FRI 5TH
FRI 12TH
FRI 19TH
SUN 28TH

FAMILY QUIZ
FOOTBOWES
RECEPTION BAKE SALE
SUMMER FAIR

JULY

MON 20TH

ACTIVE 8 SUMMER HOLIDAY
CHALLENGE BEGINS

BARRACUDAS

ACTIVITY DAY CAMPS

Friends of Bowes has teamed up with Barracudas, who are offering parents and families **£20 off** their holiday childcare bookings when you book 2 days or more during their 2026 season.

For every booking made using our code **BOWPTA25**, Barracudas will donate £5 towards our fundraising efforts!

Please see website / call for availability details.





FREE



EcoPark House

FAMILY DAY

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Fixing Factory - repair your stuff and learn new skills
- Reducing Waste LEGO® brick challenge
- Resource Recovery Facility tours
- And many more...



SATURDAY

18 April 2026



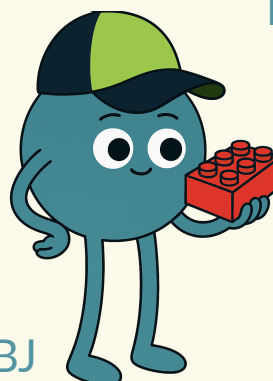
TIME

11:00am - 1:30pm



EDMONTON ECOPARK

1 Lee Park Way, London N18 3BJ



BOOK YOUR SPOT NOW!

