

Headlines

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Dear Reader

This half term has been a whirlwind of festive fun and activity, alongside the challenge of navigating very inclement weather and those relentless seasonal bugs that seem to have affected us all. Despite these hurdles, your children have continued to amaze us with their enthusiasm and wholehearted approach to every challenge. I couldn't be prouder of each and every one of them.

In November, we held our termly charity fundraising event held on Children in Need day. The whole school joined in wearing themed clothing or non-school uniform to raise money for our chosen causes: Poole NHS Hospital, Royal Variety Charity and Children in Need. Thanks to your generosity we raised an amazing £645.50 These charities have truly benefited from our benevolent efforts. The School Council is now on a mission to select three new charities for us to support next term.

Last week's Year 3 Christmas nativity concert at St Peter's Church was simply magical. The weather behaved beautifully, allowing the children to walk to and from the church for rehearsals without a hitch. Their performance was outstanding; they told the Christmas story with such enthusiasm and expression and sang their hearts out. Every child had an opportunity to shine and it was a joy to watch. Thank you to all parents who came along to support this special event.

Our annual Christmas concert at the Lighthouse was, once again, a resounding success. Due to the appalling weather, we made the decision to transport approximately 540 children back to school using four minibuses, which shuttled continuously between the venue and the school. Mrs Knowles truly deserves a medal for organising this so efficiently, as do our dedicated minibus drivers, each of whom made around nine trips to make it possible. It was a tremendous team effort from all staff, ensuring that the rehearsal could continue in preparation for the evening performance.

As you can imagine, bringing three year groups together on stage is no small feat, but Mrs Talbot led the troops with enthusiasm and aplomb! The concert was so uplifting and joyous and a fitting finale to the term. There were countless memorable moments - I often think we can't possibly surpass the previous year's performance, yet Mrs Talbot continues to amaze us with her determination and unwavering commitment to delivering a spectacular event each time. A huge thank you to all staff working tirelessly behind the scenes to enable this event to happen.

The children deserve a restful holiday (and parents too!) They have worked incredibly hard this term and now need time to wind down, enjoy family time and embrace the festivities. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. I wish you and your families a peaceful and joyful Christmas.

School will reopen on Tuesday 6 January, but let's put that to the back of our minds for now. Have a fabulous Christmas!

Mrs Rachel Rusling
Headteacher

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart" Colossians 3:23

Governing Body

This term it has been an absolute pleasure to see how confidently and happily our children have settled into school, with the Year 3 pupils in particular making an excellent transition into BPSP life. Our pupils have shown enthusiasm, resilience and a strong sense of belonging, quickly embracing new routines and challenges. This positive start was especially evident in the recent Christmas performances - the Year 3 children should be so proud of how well they prepared for and performed in their Christmas Concert at St Peter's Church. Plus, what an incredible concert from Years 4, 5 and 6 at the Lighthouse Theatre last night. The children should be so proud of themselves. A huge thanks to all staff for their unwavering dedication and care.

Wishing all BPSP children and their families a very happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Gina Smith, Chair of Governors

A POLITE REQUEST

We kindly ask parents and carers to avoid leaving car engines idling during drop-off and pick-up times.

The pollution caused by idling vehicles is harmful to the environment and detrimental to your children's health.

Please help us keep the air around our school clean by switching off your engine while waiting.

Thank you for your support in making our school a healthier place for everyone.



STAFF TRAINING



Coastal Learning
PARTNERSHIP

We continue to benefit from school improvement training and support provided by our trust, the Coastal Learning Partnership. This term, subject leaders have undertaken training in writing moderation, as well as strategies for developing reading fluency and vocabulary. These opportunities are invaluable in strengthening our practice and ensuring the highest standards of teaching and learning across the school.

Eco-Warriors



This term has been a busy and inspiring one for our dedicated team of Eco-Warriors, who have been working hard to make our school a greener, cleaner, and more environmentally conscious place.



One of the term's biggest successes was the Christmas Jumper Sale, which raised a magnificent £87.25 for The Marmalade Trust. A huge thank you goes to all the families who generously donated Christmas clothing, helping us give these festive items a second life.

We are equally grateful to everyone who braved the cold to come along and spend their money in support of a wonderful cause. Your kindness and enthusiasm made the event truly special.



Throughout the term, the Eco-Warriors have also been diligently monitoring the school's energy usage. They have been encouraging classes to make small but meaningful changes - such as keeping external doors closed, switching lights and whiteboards off when not in use, and remembering to power down computers in the ICT suite. Their efforts remind us that every little action helps reduce our carbon footprint.

In their most recent eco-meeting, the group tackled an important issue: car idling outside the school at drop-off and pick-up times. Concerned about the impact on air quality and our local environment, the children created a series of fantastic posters designed to encourage drivers to switch off their engines while waiting. Their creativity and care for the planet shine through in every design.



Well done to our brilliant Eco-Warriors for their hard work, passion, and leadership this term. They are making a real difference - and inspiring the whole school community to do the same.

*Mrs Thorne & Mrs Percy
Eco Warrior Leaders*



MUSIC NEWS



Yr 3 Christmas Nativity Concert

It's been another busy term in the Music department, especially with the preparation for our Christmas festivities. Year 3 took to the stage at St Peter's Church on Wednesday, 10 December. The church was beautifully lit up in an array of colour, as the scene was set to share our alternative version of the Christmas story. The singing was magnificent with some incredibly brave soloists taking to the stage. It is exciting to think that this is the beginning of their musical journey and I can't wait to see what the future holds for these little stars!



Music Exam Success

Congratulations to these children who have completed their ABRSM exam grades this term. Some are still awaiting results, so we look forward to hearing how they've got on!

Lighthouse 2025

What a fantastic way to end the term! Beautiful solos, spectacular dances, singing full of enthusiasm and a whole array of musical ensembles. I couldn't be prouder of each and every one of you!

Have a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sarah Talbot
Music Subject Leader



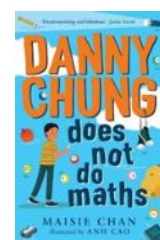
'All I want for Christmas is' ... Mariah Carey on a loop! Our Musician of the Month for December is the Queen of Christmas, Mariah Carey! With a vocal range of 5 octaves and having sold over 220 million records worldwide, she is a worthy singer to celebrate! Happy listening.

Mrs Widdowson

Book Clubs at BPSP

Our after-school Book Clubs have had a fantastic start this term, with children becoming enthusiastic and valued members of our new weekly sessions. This term's chosen reads were *Wildlands* by Brogen Murphy for Year 6, *Danny Chung Does Not Do Maths* for Year 5, and *The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh* for Year 4. The children have impressed us enormously with their thoughtful contributions, lively discussions, and enthusiastic participation in all activities linked to the texts. Their engagement has made each session a joy to be part of.

We are already looking forward to next term, when our Year 5 and Year 6 Book Clubs will return and begin exploring new texts. Watch this space to find out what exciting books we'll be diving into next!



Wow, William!

William, in Year 6, has impressed us greatly with achieving his 100 Reads, not just once, but twice!

William has very kindly shared a few of his recommendations, so you can also be inspired to complete your 100 Reads. You may like to get cosy with a great book, over the Christmas break. If so, remember to tick off your Reads in your diary and you could be our next 100 Reads vending machine visitor!



My Favourite Books:

Fiction - My favourite authors are Dick King-Smith, David Walliams and Roald Dahl. I also like 'pick your path' books, where you can choose how the story goes. I have just finished reading 'The Boy Who Biked the World' by Alastair Humphreys. This is a three-book series, which describes Tom's adventures as he cycles around the world.

Non Fiction - The Usborne, '100 Things To Know About' series is full of interesting facts and illustrations. The series includes books about: space, science, the oceans, food, history, computers, coding and numbers, the human body, saving planets, music and sport.

I also like reading biographies in The Extraordinary Life series. I have borrowed lots of these from Poole Library. Some of the most interesting ones were about Amelia Earhart and Stephen Hawking.

Thank you, William for this helpful advice – you are a true bookworm! We can't wait to get stuck into our next book...

Thankful Tree

Our new Thankful Tree is now on display, showcasing a wonderful collection of colourful leaves that each represent a book or read that children and staff at our school are grateful to have experienced.

The tree looks vibrant and eye-catching, and the children have done a fantastic job creating their leaves. A special thank you goes to Miss Wright and Mrs Scroggie, who helped bring the tree to life and transform it into a bright and engaging celebration of reading at BPSP. Be sure to take a look next time you are passing!

Mrs Hay
English Lead



GOLDEN TICKET

admits the following bookworm to the grand prize draw:

WINNERS!



Year 6



Year 3



Year 5



Year 4

Worship at BPSP

We certainly have been busy with our daily worship and reflections this second half term!

Year Three children re-told the story of the Birth of Jesus through song and drama last week at St Peter's Church. It truly was a wonderful evening that captured the meaning of Christmas.

Children in all Year groups have been enjoying some class worships – this allows us the opportunity to reflect, discuss some BIG questions and consider our own thoughts, feelings and our place as a global citizen within our own classes.

Each classroom has a BIG question section in it where children are free to pop a question on a post-it note to further develop our inquiring minds.



Once again, thank you to our regular Worship Leaders: Rev Mike and Heidi from St Peter's, Stuart and Anna from St Luke's and Keith Jewell from the PACE team. We really appreciate their visits to BPSP - they enrich our weekly worship greatly.

Wishing you all a peaceful Christmas time.

Clare Taylor
Worship Lead



Staffing

We are sad to say goodbye to **Mr Franks**, who leaves us at the end of this term to take up a position as a Cover Supervisor at a local secondary school. He will be greatly missed by us all and we thank him for his commitment during his time at BPSP.



We also bid farewell to **Miss Morozova**, who is moving on to pursue new projects. We are delighted that she will continue to support us as Kids' Haven Supervisor in the afternoons.

A huge thank you to **Mrs Eaton** for holding the fort for 5SP during Miss Parkes' maternity leave. She has been an invaluable member of the team and will be very much missed. We wish her every success for the future.



We are thrilled to welcome back **Miss Parkes** from maternity leave. She is looking forward to returning to BPSP and reconnecting with her class.

Finally, some wonderful news: congratulations to **Mrs Kyte**, who has welcomed a healthy baby boy! Both mum and baby are doing well and we send them our warmest wishes.

SNOW WHITE PANTO

Christmas at BPSP started with fun and laughter when the panto came into school on 2 December. Snow White and her friends were joined by some class teachers, much to the delight of our pupils!





FRIENDS OF BPS P

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Ho, ho, ho-w are you doing? Presents wrapped? Cards sent? Sixpence in the Christmas pud? Quietly counting down the days for different reasons than your children? We hear you and truly hope your Christmas is everything

you want it to be. And our fantastic children and school give back in spades, with the way-above-par BPS P Christmas shows at St Peter's Church, plus a junior school production at the Lighthouse. Truly exceptional.

And so, with no further ado, on to **Friends of BPS P News**. This half-term has been fast and furious; there were Christmas cards, a Winter Fair, an almost-dashing Santa (alas!) all the rounded-off with complementary mulled wine for Year 3 parents at St Peter's Church.

Thank you to everyone who took part with their children in the school **Christmas card** initiative this year, the parents who helped organise the project and the office staff who distributed the received orders back to parents. Everyone raised a wonderful £420. There are always a couple of items that slip through the net, but this year it was particularly challenging, and we appreciate your patience in this regard. You've made some great suggestions to counter this, and next year there is a plan to sell more varied products via more reliable suppliers.



You also amazed us with your support for our inaugural **Winter Fair**, which raised over **£1,500**. Thank you so much! We were especially grateful for the chocolate, toy and baked donations which, alongside parent volunteers manning the stalls, were crucial in turning the event from a break-even exercise into a successful fundraiser for the PTA.

As a first event, it is important to get feedback so we can hone our offering for next year. Any thoughts about this or other enquiries are gratefully received via email to friends_of_baden_powell@outlook.com. Thank you also to our understanding artisan stallholders - you were so flexible and accommodating, which helped the event run seamlessly. The footfall showed there is a clear desire for a community event at this time, and we would like to repeat it again in some form if we can.

Sadly, rain hindered **Santa** from dashing around the BPS P field a fortnight ago, despite six Santas being ready for the children to chase (with 720 children; a Santa per 120 children felt reasonable!). Thank you for your support regardless, we will have plans for waterlogged field and wet weather next time, so children aren't too disappointed by the British climate!



Finally, last Wednesday we had the pleasure of serving authentic Glühwein and Winter Fair donated mince pies to our **Year 3 parents at St Peter's Church**. It was an unforgettable atmosphere and an absolute joy to be part of. Thank you to everyone who helped and to Reverend Mike who magicked up an essential adapter plug and corkscrew just when we thought all was lost!

Don't forget...

The parents' lottery

BPS P has launched a weekly **parent lottery**. Each £1 ticket gives 60p straight back to the PTA, with the chance to win cash prizes too. Take a look and sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/3hxj4ch5>

If you shop online, you can also support BPS P for free. **Easyfundraising** donates on your behalf when you shop with over 7,500 brands, at no extra cost to you. Just sign up and add the browser extension here: <https://efraising.org/yIuzq7fzam>



Have a magical Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

Charlotte, Chair of Friends of BPS P



Safeguarding Spotlight

Keeping Children Safe Online If Setting Up New Devices This Holiday Season

For children who may receive a new device at Christmas it can be an exciting time and a chance to explore new ways of learning and playing. As families set up tablets, phones, laptops, or gaming systems, it is an important opportunity to put secure online-safety measures in place. A few small steps at the beginning, can make a meaningful difference to help protect children.

Start by exploring the device's parental controls. Most modern devices include tools for managing screen time, approving app downloads and blocking content that is not suitable for younger users. These controls are usually found in the main settings menu. Make sure your child is using a child-specific account rather than an unrestricted adult profile.

Next, strengthen privacy and security settings. Turn on automatic updates, set a strong password or passcode, and enable safe-search tools if using web browsers. If adding apps, look at what information they collect and switch off permissions that are not needed, such as location sharing. If the device includes online gaming or chat functions, limit these features to known friends or disable them completely.

In addition to technical steps, speak with your child about how to stay safe online. Remind them not to share personal information and to come to you if they see or experience anything that worries them. These early conversations help build healthy habits and make it easier for children to ask for help when needed.

Finally, review these settings from time to time. As children grow, their online activities change, and parents will need to adjust restrictions or add new safeguards. If parents have chosen to give children access to devices, then with a mix of safe settings, careful supervision and open communication, families can help children use these safely and responsibly.

Miss Knowles

Deputy Head & Designated Safeguarding Lead



WELLBEING

Wellbeing continues to be a high priority at BPS - the wellbeing of our children, our staff and our parents.

We are continually offering all children opportunities to **be active, keep learning, take notice, connect** and **give** - the 5 Steps of Wellbeing - both in and out of lessons.

For example, our Children In Need day encouraged both children and staff to **give** not only money but time and effort too, to fund-raise; our varied and engaging P.E. curriculum, extra-curricular clubs and Stormbreaks keep our children **active**; other curriculum experiences, such as the visit from Zoolab to Year 4, encourage our children to both **take notice** and **keep learning** about the world around them; and, of course, the fabulous Christmas nativity and Lighthouse concert are an excellent forum for our children to **connect** with the wider school community.

It is important that we keep reminding our children of 1) these 5 Steps to Wellbeing, as it empowers them to take control of their wellbeing and 2) the importance of telling a trusted adult if they are worried about their own mental wellbeing or that of a classmate.

Wellbeing Over the Christmas Holidays

The Christmas holidays are a wonderful time for families to relax, celebrate and enjoy being together. However, the change in routine can sometimes feel overwhelming for children and parents alike. Christmas can be a tricky time for some and a time when it can seem that there is nowhere to turn. So, just a reminder that there is a dedicated section on our website for WELLBEING, both under PARENTS and CHILDREN. Here you will find links to useful websites, including some new links to access BCP services over the holidays. There are articles offering advice on a variety of issues linked with Mental Health and Wellbeing. There are lots of ideas you could try at home on the NHS website - www.nhs.uk/mental-health/self-help - and the December Happiness calendar also has daily wellbeing suggestions; use this QR code to access it.



If you are concerned about the mental health or wellbeing of your child, please contact your class teacher in the first instance. Teachers have details of a wide variety of charities and organisations which may also be of support.

And finally

At Baden-Powell, we always dedicate the first hour back after any holiday to wellbeing so that the children can settle back into their classes before starting the new half term: both staff and pupils find this really beneficial. We will continue to think about the Zones of Regulation - another way in which we empower our children to think about their own mental health and wellbeing.

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas - I hope it is a time for fun with your families but also of rest and relaxation.

Heidi Inns - Senior Mental Health Lead



To my friend

My name is Mingyul. I'm gonna tell you my story. My favorite subject is math. Let me introduce some differences between Korea and England.

Korea graduation is in January unlike England. And there is middle school in Korea. In Korea, holidays are not only Christmas but also Chuseok and Lunar New Year. Unlike the UK, in Korea, most students go to academies after school. If I introduce the same thing, both Korea and England have summer vacation and winter vacation. Also, in England, Christmas holiday is two weeks, but in Korea, only one day is off. England makes and eats pudding on Christmas, but Korea does not. And my school can't choose meals. Also, most elementary schools in Korea don't wear uniforms.

Let me introduce myself now. I live with my family of four. I have a younger sister who is 2 years younger than me. And I spend my hobby by folding paper stars or playing guitar.

Also, I like kimchi fried rice the most, and I like pasta and pizza. I live in Gwangju among many parts of Korea. I want to visit England. I think England is a wonderful country. I want to visit England and meet you. If you visit Korea, I want you to try Korean food.

And Korean K-pop culture is also cool. Do you have a favorite Korean group? I am glad to write letter for you! Bye bye. Merry Christmas

From Mingyul 2025.12.15

Year 5 have exchanged letters with pupils at the Kyungyang Elementary School in Gwangju. A former Baden Powell pupil now teaches at the school and invited us to exchange letters to learn more about the respective countries and cultures.

Our children wrote about their school, their interests and about their own Christmas Traditions or holiday plans. The Korean children wrote back about their upcoming graduations, interests and hobbies and often about favourite K-pop bands and films! We were fascinated to learn that Korean children clean their teeth three times a day (including at school) and that they also wear indoor shoes inside the school buildings, with most children favouring Crocs!

Mrs Moore
Yr 5 Teacher

Hello, my name is Kim Minsun! I'm so glad to write you a letter.

So please understand even if the sentence is a little awkward. To introduce myself, I am Minsun, 13 years old, living in South Korea.

Who are you? I think it would be better to meet and talk in person... I'm really sad that I can only talk in a letter like this. I have never been to England, so I have a lot of questions about you living in England. What kind of country is England? I think the UK I saw on the video is a place full of warm people's warmth. And I have a question. Is it true that there is a short vacation during Christmas in England? I'm so jealous if it's real... It would be nice if my school had a short vacation during Christmas. What do you usually do during Christmas in England? We decorate the tree on Christmas and spend time with our family. There are many things I want to do but I can't do everything on Christmas day.

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How was this year? Even though this year was hard, I was happy and happy because of my friends, school teachers, and family. I hope you are as happy this year as I am.

I really enjoy just being able to write to you even though I can't meet you. If I have a chance later, I really hope to meet you. Come and play in Korea! Korea is a place where it is warm and people laugh constantly, just like England! Do you have any Korean food or favorite Korean idol? If you don't know much about Korea yet, I will introduce you to Korea!

I had a lot of fun and excitement while writing the letter! I hope you will be smiling brightly while reading the letter! Have a merry Christmas.

Monday, December 15, 2025

In Korea, Minsun.



Once again, I have been astounded by the quality and volume of work that the children have submitted, inspired by our Autumn Term 'In the Frame' artist, Dorothy Napangardi.



Not only is their work stunning but it is also thought-provoking and much of it reflects the history of the Aboriginal people and conveys a message linked to this. For children to be able to communicate so clearly through their Art is quite astonishing.

The children's work is currently on display in the hall and you can enjoy looking at these pieces of art work at home, as they are on our school website under Children/ Challenges and Activities/ In The Frame. I'd really encourage you to have a look, as they are outstanding and embrace our school vision, 'Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart'. Thank you to every child who took part. Your work is beautiful.

Julie Poppleton
Art Lead



PE & SPORTS NEWS



It's been another action packed half term for PE, Sport and Physical Activity! Carry on reading to find out all the exciting details...



BRONZE AMBASSADORS

On Wednesday 19 November, ten Bronze Ambassadors attended a training day at Poole High. They learnt about important leadership skills, such as communication, what the Bronze Ambassador role entails, and they made exciting plans for a new physical activity club at lunchtimes.

INDOOR CRICKET



It was great to have some indoor cricket taking place this half-term. Thank you to Lockyer's Middle School for hosting and well done to all the children who represented BPS so brilliantly.

PANATHLON

"That was soooooo fun!" was the response from one of the children who attended the SEND Sports Panathlon at Longfleet Primary School. They enjoyed a morning of different sporting activities with the cherry on the cake being a gold medal for being overall winners.



A huge pat on the back to everyone involved.



NETBALL

This half-term saw the start of our Poole and East Dorset School Sports Association (PEDSSA) Year 5/6 Netball title defence which we won last year.

The first meeting of two took place a few weeks ago and saw our new team show off their resilience and aspiration on their way to securing 3 wins out of 5 matches. They look forward to the second meeting in February. Fingers crossed they'll be able to retain their title!

A big thank you to West Moors Middle School who visited us on Wednesday 26 November for a Year 5/6 Netball Friendly. It was superb to have over twenty children representing BPSP in netball so well.



CROSS COUNTRY

The PEDSSA Year 5/6 Cross Country league continued this half term with the third league race taking place at Chapel Gate Sports Ground.

In a similar fashion to races 1 and 2, BPSP boys and girls showed fantastic grit and determination and secured the following impressive team results:

PEDSSA Race 3 at Chapelgate	
Boys	Girls
1st	1st
3rd	3rd
5th	8th



A special mention to Chloe, Albie, Lochie and Alfie E for all achieving top 10 finishes.

The Year 5/6 cross country runners were joined by some Year 3/4 cross country runners. This meant we had over 45 children at Chapel Gate all competing!

All the Year 3/4 children performed brilliantly (just like the Year 5/6 runners) and secured the following VERY impressive team results:

Year 3/4 PEDSSA Race at Chapelgate	
Boys	Girls
1st	1st
2nd	2nd



A special mention to Phoebe, Robyn, Lottie, Norah, Eloise, Georgia, Harry, Max, Thomas, Edward, Noah, Jasper D and Jasper W for all achieving top 10 finishes.

OPEN EVENING

On Wednesday 12 November, we welcomed parents with children in Year 2 to the BPSP Open Evening. Unfortunately, we were so caught up in the fun spikeball inspired activities that were taking place, we forgot to take any photos! Thank you to some of the Year 6 Sports Leaders for doing a great job leading the activities.

GIRLS FOOTBALL

A couple of exciting girls' football fixtures took place this half-term. Firstly, the girls' school football team competed against Manorside Academy, Heatherlands Primary and Ocean Academy in the 9aside Dorset League. They showed excellent respect and resilience throughout (in freezing conditions!) and secured three wins.



Last week, some of the girls competed in the Dorset Schools FA (DSFA) 7aside County Final. They played some terrific football throughout but unfortunately lost in the semi-final to a high-quality St Michael's Middle School team. It was a great effort from the girls!

BOYS FOOTBALL



On Thursday 20 November, we headed over to our friends at West Moors Middle School for a Year 5/6 development squad friendly. A huge well done to all the children involved – both games were played in great spirits with high levels of skill and respect throughout.

A few days ago, it was the turn of a new group of children from the Year 5/6 football development squad to represent the red and yellow of BPSP. They played an away match against Cranbourne Middle School and really played out our school motto, 'Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart' from the first to last minute. Well done, boys!

Like the girls, some of the children from the boys' school team competed in the DSFA 7aside County Finals at Littledown Leisure Centre. Throughout the tournament, the team showed amazing aspiration and resilience and, as a result, won the whole tournament. They receive the crown of being 'Dorset Champions' (a title BPSP Boys last won in 2019/20) and will now go on to represent Dorset at the



England Schools Football Association South West of England Finals near Bristol.



MULTISKILLS

Thank you to staff and Sports Leaders at Poole High School for hosting a Year 6 Multi-skills Transition to Year 7 Festival. This gave pupils from BPSP the chance to have a snapshot of what life at Poole High looks like, as well as being able to meet some staff and pupils and take part in some really engaging games.

COMING UP NEXT HALF-TERM

In the new year, children will complete some of the following units in their PE and Games lessons:

Dance	Sending & Receiving	Passing & Space
Swimming	Gymnastics	Net & Wall (Alternative Activities)

Alongside PE and Games lessons, league and cup football seasons continue for both the girls' and boys' teams. There will also be a couple more football development squad opportunities. Additionally, we also have the following events in the diary:

- Inter House Cross Country Winter Race – Friday 9 January 2026
- Y5/6 Netball Friendlies
- Y5/6 Netball League Meeting 2
- Y3/4 Netball Friendly
- Y5/6 Dorset Cross Country Championships
- Rearranged Y5/6 PEDSSA Cross Country Race 4
- Rearranged Y3/4 PEDSSA Cross Country Race 2
- Rearranged Y5/6 Boys Football PEDSSA League fixtures
- Y5/6 Basketball Friendlies
- Y5/6 Swimming Team Trials
- Y5/6 Girls Football Friendlies
- SEND Table Cricket Competition
- House Cup Nights x12 – details shared soon!!

Finally, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you for the amazing support the children have received throughout the year. The fantastic turnout from parents, carers, and other adults at the sports events in the first half-term has continued just as strongly this half-term. A huge thank you as well to all the wonderful staff who have worked so hard to give the children as many sporting opportunities as possible.

Wishing everyone a relaxing, enjoyable holiday. See you in the New Year!

Mr Paterson (PE Leader)

Dear BPSP Parents and Carers,

Every Christmas, many kids across the country put the same thing at the top of their wish list: a smartphone.

But more and more families are realising that what comes wrapped up with it isn't quite so magical – the aimless scrolling, the group-chat dramas, the algorithms that don't switch off (even when the fairy lights do).

And something is starting to shift. Quietly, bravely, families everywhere are choosing childhood over addictive tech this Christmas. So we're spreading the message far and wide that there is another way.

So we say a huge thank you to Mrs Rusling and BPSP for inviting this much-needed discussion into the Baden Powell community. It has been amazing speaking with so many of you this term already. The top takeaway? Joining together as a community makes it easier to say "not yet" to phones and remove the pressure.

We're busy cooking up a **Parents' Info Event** for the new year, where we'll chat about concerns, ideas, and practical ways we can support our children in a world that's increasingly dominated by screens. All eyes are on Australia's brand new social media ban for under-16s and the UK's own high profile cases to preserve our children's childhood.

Join us on WhatsApp [here](#) to learn more and find groups for your secondary schools too.

We are also in active conversations with local secondary schools, the school bus companies and Coastal Learning Partnership to encourage this shift in the societal norm — so that kids don't automatically "need" a phone when they start secondary school.

Over the holidays, consider tech-free gifts, outdoor adventures, or experiences that spark curiosity and laughter. Feeling bold? Try a weekend digital detox yourself—brick phone optional! ☐ If you need a good read or Secret Santa, try *The Anxious Generation* by Jonathan Haidt

Here's to a calmer, gentler, more magical Christmas.

With love, warmth, and Christmas-morning-at-6am levels of enthusiasm,

The Smartphone Free BPSP Parent Group

Visit: [Smartphone Free Childhood](#) and [Generation Focus](#)



PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO LOOK THROUGH OUR

Weekly Reminders

that are emailed to parents/carers at the end of every week.

Copies can also be found on our website
www.bpspjuniior.co.uk/weekly-reminders

Information regarding changes/postponements of clubs and music lessons will be listed on them, as well as reminders for Whole School and Year Group events etc.

Term Dates 2025/2026

Autumn Term

3 September - 19 December 2025

Half term: 27 - 31 October 2025

Spring Term

5 January - 27 March 2026

Half term: 16 - 20 February 2026

Summer Term

13 April - 22 July 2026

Half term: 25 - 29 May 2026

Staff Training Days

3 & 4 September 2025

5 January 2026

13 February 2026

13 April 2026

22 June 2026

Term Dates 2026/2027

Dates below taken from BCP website.

Autumn Term

1 September - 18 December 2026

Half term: 26 - 30 Oct 2026

Spring Term

4 January - 25 March 2027

Half term: 15 - 19 February 2027

Summer Term

12 April - 21 July 2027

Half term: 31 May - 4 June 2027

Staff Training Days

Staff Training/INSET Days TBA



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