# **Bowerham Update**



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# **Easy Fundraising**

The school has a registered charitable fund to help fund the free breakfast club and support pupils in need with additional resources, the Bowerham School Foundation. We have registered this charity with #easyfundraiswing, which means over 8,000 retailers will now donate to us for FREE every time you use #easyfundraising to shop with them. These donations will help so much, so please sign up to support us - it's completely FREE and doesn't take long. https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bowerh

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# **Lollipop Position**

In the New Year we will have a vacancy for a lollipop persons job. This is not advertised yet but please keep an eye on the LCC job page for more information: Non-teaching school vacancies

# Help over the holidays

If you are struggling in anyway financially and need food over the Christmas holidays, please do not worry, just email Jo Banks head@bowerham.lancs.sch.uk and she can send a referral to our local food bank.

Also, Citizens Advice is a North Lancashire charity available to help anyone in need. Staffed by a team of professional advisers and trained volunteers who can offer confidential, free, impartial advice to anyone who needs it. If life is difficult and you're not sure who to ask, they can probably help. They can provide advice about housing, employment (including furlough and redundancy), welfare benefits, debt, family issues and much more. If you think you might be entitled to benefits, they can do a free benefits check for you.

You can call them free on 0808 278 7882 or you can email at enguiries@northlancashirecab.org.uk with your name and number and they'll ring you back. If you've got a complex situation and you'd like to speak to someone faceto-face, please let them know and they can make you an appointment. Translators are available if you need one. Also, the government have set up a Household Fund to provide support to households who would otherwise struggle

- Call them on 01524 582000, open 9am 5pm
- Email them at hsf@lancaster.gov.uk
- Visit their website www.lancaster.gov.uk

# **Community Noticeboard**

Don't forget to look at our Community Noticeboard – this is where we put links to interesting clubs, fun things to do and local events happening outside of school.

#### **Community Noticeboard - Bowerham School**

# **Applying for School Places for September** 2025

If your child is in their last year of pre-school/nursery you can now apply for their primary school place at: www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

(Please note there will be no paper application forms sent out) It is quick and easy - and you will receive email confirmation of your application. You must apply even if you already have siblings at your preferred school or attend. The closing date for primary applications for September 2025 is 11.59pm on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

#### Spaces in nursery

Our outstanding Bowerham Nursery School currently has spaces for 2, 3 & 4-year-olds. This is very unusual for our setting and has given us the opportunity to promote our availability of places. Please spread the word within our community.

For more information regarding the funding process and application process have a look at all the links below:

> Home - Bowerham School **Nursery - Bowerham School Nursery Information - Bowerham School Admissions Process - Bowerham School**

# **Open Day – 13th January 2025**

We are holding another Open Evening for any prospective nursery and Reception 25 parents on Monday 13th January 3.15-4.30pm. This is a 'drop-in' session; can you please pass this on to your family & friends who may be interested.

#### Uniform Rail

If you have had a clear out over the Christmas holidays and have any clean, good quality uniform that your child has outgrown, we are still accepting uniform donations for our clothes rail. Can any donations please be brought to the office as we need to check their suitability. Please do not leave items directly by the rail.

May I take this opportunity on behalf of all the staff and governors to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Christmas Dinners have been wonderful and all Key Stage 1 and Early Years have had a very special visitor with presents for all the children. We would also like to say a huge thank you to all the children and parents who have sent gifts in, it is very generous and makes our Christmas even more special.

We re-open on Friday 3rd January 2025 @ 8.30am. Please be aware Breakfast Bar WILL NOT be running on this day.