

Bowerham Update



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Reading Challenge

We can happily announce our children raised a total of £3498.85 during our Ready Steady Read Challenge. This means our total free book allowance from Usborne Books is £5598.16. A massive congratulations to you all! Other congratulations must go to Louie (Reception class) for being the pupil who raised the most and won the bundle of books.

Non School Uniform Day for Hampers

On Monday 24th March, all children in school will be given the opportunity to come to school in **non-school uniform!** In return, please can we ask your child to bring in a donation that can be used in the Easter Bingo Hampers. Each year group is collecting different items to make up different hampers. Please send in any item suitable to put in the hampers that match your child's year group as shown below:

- **EYFS – Gardening Items**
- **Year 1 – Baking Ingredients / Equipment**
- **Year 2 – Smellies**
- **Year 3 – Afternoon Tea**
- **Year 4 – Garden Games / Toys**
- **Year 5 – Rainbow Box – anything Spring coloured**
- **Year 6 – Crafts / Hobbies / Stationery**

Reports

Your child's report and achievement tracker will be uploaded at 3.00pm on Tuesday 1st April. For Nursery & Reception children these can be found in Observations on your child's Tapestry account; for years 1 – 6, in My Achievements & Progress on their Showbie account.

Rec – Y6 Open Morning, Thursday 3rd April

School will be open between **9-10am** for you to come and have a look at your child's work, on **Thursday 3rd April**. The school gates will close at the normal time of 8.45am and re-open again at 9.00am for parents to use their child's normal entrance to enter school.

Non-Uniform Day

We are holding a full non-uniform day on **Friday 4th April** to celebrate the life of Miss Austin. We are asking children to bring in a donation to support two charities that were very close to Miss Austin – Aspire, and Motor Neurone Disease Association. Please dress as colourful as possible.

School Lunches

Our new Spring / Summer menu starts w/c 22nd April on week one. To see the menu please use link below:
[School Meals - Bowerham School](#)

Free School Meals (FSM)

As from the end of March this year, the Government are changing the eligibility criteria for free school meals. Any pupil who is eligible for FSM BEFORE 01.04.2025 will stay on FSM and is protected until they **leave the current phase** of their education i.e. primary school. Any pupil who becomes eligible for FSM on or after 01.04.2025 **will be rechecked** every summer around June time. If your child does come off FSM then you will get a letter from LCC telling you that you are no longer eligible, reminding you of the criteria and inviting you to reapply.

St George's Day

Wednesday 23rd April is St. George's Day; to celebrate, if any of our children would like to come to school in their rainbow, brownie, beaver, cub, scout or guide uniform on this day, they are more than welcome.

Easter Holidays

Reminder that school closes for the Easter holidays on Friday 4th April. We have staggered the school finishing times to ease congestion on the road and in the playground:

- Nursery closes @ 11.45am – there will be no lunch club or afternoon session.
- Gates will open at 1.00pm for reception, and years 1 & 2, with all children being collected by 1.15pm at the latest.
- Year 3 finishes @ 1.10pm
- Year 4 finishes @ 1.15pm
- Year 5 finishes @ 1.15pm
- Year 6 finishes @ 1.10pm

The usual After School Club with Suzannah will run from 1.10 – 4.30pm and is bookable directly with her.

Summer Fair – Keep the Date!

IT'S BACK!!! The Bowerham Summer Fair for our local community and Bowerham Family is on **Friday 13th June**. There will be traditional fun fair, games stalls that are designed and run by pupils, and you will be able to be refreshed at our Bowerham Café & BBQ, plus much much more!

Your children can enjoy unlimited turns on these rides with a pre-ordered wristband – more details to follow. The youngest child in each family will come home after the Easter holidays with three books of raffle tickets to sell priced at £1 per ticket. We have some great prizes including:

- Hisense 43 Inch UHD VIDAA Smart TV 43E6KTUK - Dolby Vision, Pixel Tuning, Voice Remote, Share to Youtube, Freeview Play, Netflix and Disney
- Nintendo Switch Bundle
- AquaThermal Journey & Afternoon Tea for 2 at Ribby Hall
- 18" Piranha Edge Bike

Please return the stubs and money in a clearly named envelope to either the class teacher or the school office.

We have such great prizes and are sure you will need more tickets; if you would like more tickets to sell, please ask at the school office.

If you have a local business and are happy to sell raffle tickets on the school's behalf, please contact the school office. If you can help sourcing / donating fantastic raffle prizes the afternoon would be even better; If you can help us please email vouchers to: schoolsecretary@bowerham.lancs.sch.uk

Y2/Y5 Singing Festival

Children from our school will be taking part in The Lancaster and District Music Festival. This will be held at the Ashton Hall, Lancaster. The following years will be taking part on the following days:

- Tuesday 25th March 7.00–8.00pm **Year 2**
- Wednesday 26th March 1.00–2.15pm **Year 5**

Tickets are available from the school office and priced at £4. However, tickets are **very limited** – only one per family. If we do have any tickets left after 12.00 noon Friday, we will try our best to fulfil the extra ticket orders we have received.

Online Safety

Please look at our Online Safety Newsletters and other valuable advice / tips:

[Online Safety - Bowerham School](#)