

Aspiration to Excellence

Farewell and good luck to our Year 6's

We are immensely proud of you all as you reach the end of your time in primary school. You have come on a tremendous journey and we want you to remember that each and every one of you is special and unique. We hope as you leave, you do so with some happy memories, strong friendships and a set of values that you will carry with you as you start secondary school. We also hope that we have helped you along the way to be the person you are going to become. We wish you all the very best of luck with your futures, wherever they take you!

All of the teaching and support staff at Bowhill Primary School

School reports Hopefully, you will all have received a copy of your child's end of year school report with a summary of what they have achieved this year. We are very proud of what every child has achieved this year and for your support with their learning. Our 2022-2023 statutory school results are now on our website:

[Welcome to Bowhill Primary School | Statutory Data](#)

Sport Thank you to all of the staff who arranged the sports mornings over the last 2 weeks. The children enjoyed taking part, particularly with some of the more competitive elements and we just about managed to squeeze them in around the weather.

Responsibility by all

Lost property Please could I ask that you have a look in the lost property box before the end of term or what is out on tables at the front of the school this week. If there are any unclaimed or unnamed items of lost property still in the box by Friday 21st July these will be recycled over the summer holidays. The PTFA will happily also ensure anything left can be added to the second uniform stock.

Attendance Despite the increase this year with the circulation of normal childhood illness, across the whole school, our attendance was **95%**. Thank you to everyone for helping to achieve this.

Asthma Inhalers If your child has one of these in school, they will be sent home on the last day of term in order that you as parents can check that they are still within date. Please can we ask that they are returned on the first day of term in September with an updated green medical form. Thank you.

Diary Dates

JULY		
Wednesday 19 th	2:30pm	Leavers Assembly (followed by a BBQ for Year 6 pupils only)
Thursday 20 th	2:00pm	Year 6 End of Year Trip to Haven Banks
Friday 21 st		Last day of term
SEPTEMBER		
Mon 4 th & Tues 5 th		Non pupil days
Wednesday 6 th		Children start for Autumn Term 2023

A Sense of Community

Exe Valley Challenge Walk On Sunday 25 June, twenty four Year 6 children took part in the Exe Valley Challenge raising money for South West Children's Hospice. We are still collecting, however so far they have raised over £500 which is amazing! Many thanks to everyone who has supported this effort.

School Holidays A reminder that Devon County Council are coordinating the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme during the summer holidays. For more details of what is available, please click on this link: [Holiday Activities and Food \(HAF\) programme – Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://devon.gov.uk/holiday-activities-and-food)

Saints South West are also running some holiday courses and each week over the summer they are on the Bowhill site. Please find more details of this at [Home | Saints Southwest | United Kingdom | Coaching](#)

St Thomas Library The Summer Reading Challenge has been launched by St Thomas Library and more details can be found at this link: [2023 SRC Booklet St Thomas Library \(bowhill.devon.sch.uk\)](https://bowhill.devon.sch.uk/2023-SRC-Booklet-St-Thomas-Library)
The children can sign up at any time over the summer. They will get a booklet and then stickers for every 2 books they read. In total, they have to read 6 books over the summer but it is not a race. They can read anything they like and just enjoy it! When they complete the challenge, they will receive a medal, a certificate and an invitation to our finisher's event.

School Library/ reading books Can we please ask that all reading and library books are returned to school by Friday 21st July – thank you.

Safeguarding

With the summer holidays approaching, please can we draw your attention to some online safeguarding information regarding the age-appropriateness of some sites, which we have been made aware that some of our children are watching or being exposed to. [Welcome to Bowhill Primary School | Safeguarding](#) . We are noticing that more children are mimicking songs or reenacting games at school from such sites.

If you have any concerns about safeguarding with children over the summer holidays, please can we direct you to MASH (Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub) on 0345 155 1071 for which you can seek further advice or to please use the police either calling 101 or report via their website: <https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/>

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all parents, grandparents and friends who have helped the school during this last year. Undoubtedly your support has helped to enrich the children's educational opportunities so again thank you. Our PTFA continues to thrive, with new members joining and through their support raising over much appreciated funds which goes directly to supporting the children across the whole school. Their support is invaluable. This year they have supported school trips, the sale of second hand-uniform, brought a green screen and a weather station, some lovely construction equipment for our youngest children, supported the Coronation Tea Party, end of year gifts for the Year 6 children and subsidising their Year 6 end of year trip to Haven Banks.

It has been an absolute privilege to lead Bowhill Primary School over the last 3 years, through some challenging times, but it is with great pride in what everyone has achieved together, that I leave to start retirement. I am confident that the school will continue to build on its strengths and be the special place that it is where the future for your children is cared for together.

Have a lovely summer everyone!

Yours sincerely,

Jo Dentith
HEADTEACHER

Safeguarding - From time to time the school may need to make referrals to Children and Young People's Services