

# Bowman Academy News

October 2025



## Bowman's Birthday Bash!

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September, Bowman Academy celebrated its first birthday! One whole year since our official opening deserved a celebration. Starting with our Macmillan Coffee morning, several families and carers joined us and raised a brilliant £98.45. Families and carers then stayed for our whole school assembly, where we sang Happy Birthday to the school.

The whole school then shared a birthday party lunch in the hall together with party hats, cake, and even a conga line! The day finished with the judging of our birthday card competition; there were so many fantastic designs to choose from with some heartfelt messages showing students' appreciation of the school. It was a fantastic day of fun and celebration and the start of a new tradition at Bowman Academy - we can't wait to do it all again next year!



### Birthday Card Competition Winners

Lower School: Aimee W & Maliha I  
Upper School: Leo B & Zachary LF

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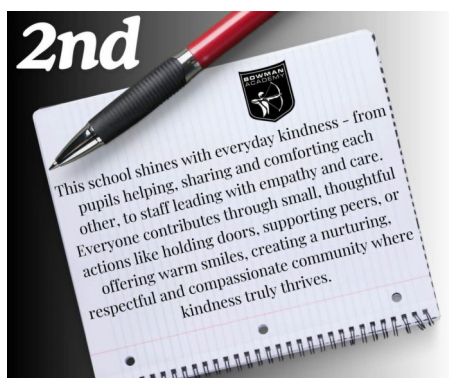
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## CIT KINDNESS CHALLENGE

We were so proud to come second place in the CIT Academies Acts of Kindness Challenge, out of 18 schools! Over a week, students' acts of kindness were logged and counted; we saw students holding open doors, helping each other when they were upset and even making sure staff didn't go without lunch! All the responses to the challenge were summarised with AI, showing how our wonderful students and staff create a culture of kindness throughout the school.

## Snack Shack Update

You will have seen on Seesaw that Snack Shack now runs on a **Monday afternoon**. Students are welcome to bring some change or use their star points to buy a snack.

Snack Shack	
KitKat or Crunchie	£1/800 star points
Crisps	60p/500 star points
Kinder Bar	60p/500 star points
Pick 'n' Mix (pre-made bags)	80p/700 star points
Sweets	50p/300 star points (100 star points lucky dip)



## Amazing Animals

The whole school loved meeting lots of unusual animals and creepy crawlies—there was a snake, a tarantula and even a scorpion to name a few! Some students were incredibly brave in holding the animals. All our students showed respect and positive listening skills, learning how to care for the animals they met.

## Reading Challenge Starts

From Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October, a new Reading Challenge will begin in school.

Pupils are encouraged to read at home daily for 10 minutes. Please log every time a pupil reads at home to a parent or carer (or for older pupils to themselves) in their reading diaries. A class display in school will track their progress up the reading ladder, where pupils can win certificates and prizes! Let's get reading Bowman!

Number of times pupils read at home (logged in their diary)	Reward
25 times	Bronze Award – Certificate + Pencil
50 times	Silver Award – Certificate + book mark
75 times	Gold Award – Certificate + Ruler
125 times	Platinum Award – Certificate + Wrist Band
175 times	Diamond Award – Certificate + Medal
200 50 times	Master Award – Certificate + book of choice



## Class Dojo returns

We are pleased to let you know that we will be re-launching Class Dojo as our main communication platform with parents/carers. We feel that it provides a clearer, more connected way for us to share whole-school updates, celebrate pupil achievements and strengthen our sense of community at Bowman.

Although we are moving back to Class Dojo for communication, Seesaw will continue to be used for pupils' learning. Pupils will use Seesaw to share work and access learning activities set by their teachers. This means that both platforms will have a clear purpose — Class Dojo for communication and celebration, and Seesaw for learning and online portfolio work.

## Dates for your Diary

- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November—Sikh Celebration Day
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November—Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November—Anti-Bullying Week
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November—Children in Need
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November—Parents Evening with Christmas Ornament making
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December—Christmas Fair 3.30-5pm
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December—Christmas Celebration Week
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December—Last day of term