16th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to say how incredibly impressed we have been with our Year 6 pupils since returning to school after the summer holidays.

They have settled back into school life exceptionally well and have approached the start of their final year at Bowness with maturity, enthusiasm and a real sense of purpose. Many of them seem to have grown significantly over the summer, not only in height, but also in confidence, independence and their readiness to embrace the opportunities and responsibilities that come with being the oldest children in the school.
As we prepare our pupils for the next stage of their education, we are keen to provide them with meaningful opportunities to develop as leaders and role models within our school community. Throughout the year, Year 6 pupils will take part in a range of leadership experiences that allow them to support younger children, contribute positively to school life and develop important skills for the future.

These opportunities have already begun and include supporting younger pupils during PE lessons, reading one-to-one with children in Key Stage 1, helping to facilitate play and learning in the Early Years and taking on leadership responsibilities across the school. Pupils will also help to promote pride in our school environment by supporting younger children at playtimes and lunchtimes, encouraging positive behaviour and helping to ensure our school remains tidy, welcoming and well organised.
To ensure every child has the opportunity to experience a range of responsibilities, these roles will operate on a rota throughout the year, with different groups of pupils taking part in different leadership opportunities each half term.

As well as taking on leadership roles within school, Year 6 will also have opportunities to represent Bowness in the wider community. Later this term, pupils will be working with Mr Martin to perform a selection of Christmas songs within our local community, helping to spread festive cheer while raising money for school funds. Further details will be shared with families soon, but we are excited for the children to showcase their talents and act as ambassadors for our school.

These experiences are closely linked to our Bowness values. By supporting and encouraging others, pupils develop as **Confident Communicators**. Through promoting active lifestyles and positive wellbeing, they become **Healthy Heroes**. By contributing positively to our school community and representing Bowness beyond the school gates, they demonstrate what it means to be **Global Citizens**. Taking responsibility, showing initiative and developing leadership skills helps them become **Future Ready**, while performing, problem solving and leading by example nurtures their growth as **Creative Minds**.

We believe that leadership is about service, responsibility and setting the right example for others. These opportunities will help our Year 6 pupils develop confidence, resilience and independence while making a valuable contribution to the wider school community.

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We are extremely proud of how Year 6 have started the year and look forward to watching them continue to grow as leaders and role models throughout the months ahead.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mr Hestford - Y6 Class Teacher
Miss Wright - Headteacher

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