

Newsletter

May 2025

As we head into the May half term, we're reflecting on another exciting and action-packed term at BPS. **Here's a look at what our amazing students have been up to!**



Kontiki School Visit

We were thrilled to welcome staff and students from Kontiki School in Hillerød, Denmark as part of their annual exchange visit. Each visiting student was partnered with a BPS Buddy, who helped them settle in and experience a typical school day in the UK.

Over the course of their stay, our guests joined in regular lessons, explored aspects of British school life, and built friendships that crossed borders. This visit is part of our long-standing international partnership, and it's always a joy to host them.

It was a fantastic opportunity for both our students and the visitors to develop cultural awareness, communication skills, and long-lasting connections. We hope everyone had a wonderful time — we can't wait to see you again next year!

VE Day 2025

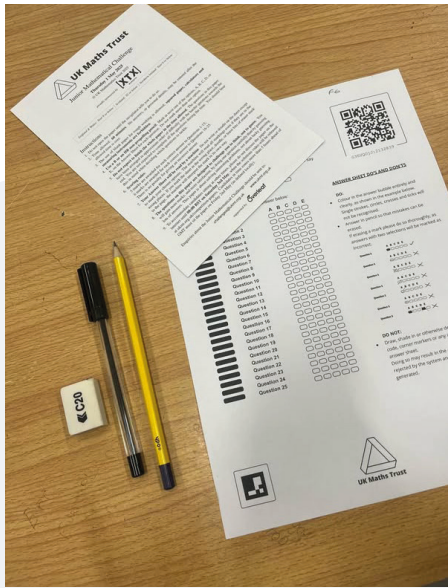
8th May 1945 was a date that remained in the memory of all those who witnessed it.

It meant an end to nearly six years of a war that had cost the lives of millions; had destroyed homes, families, and cities; and had brought huge suffering to the populations of entire countries. It was a day for celebrations, but also a day of mixed emotions.

8th May 2025 is the 80th anniversary of VE Day, and we will be remembering its history in school today. Haygin, one of our Year 11 students currently taking his GCSEs, came into school today in full RAF Cadet uniform to honour and remember the 80 year anniversary of VE Day.



UKMT Maths Challenge



Last week, 50 of our talented Year 7 and 8 students took on the challenge of the UKMT Maths Challenge - a prestigious national competition that pushes mathematical thinking to the next level.

This challenge isn't just about arithmetic - it tests problem-solving, logical reasoning, and creative thinking. The top scorers could progress to the next round and even qualify for the national finals!

Each participant will be awarded a Bronze, Silver, or Gold certificate based on their score. Regardless of the outcome, we're incredibly proud of all who took part - stepping up to this challenge shows great courage and academic ambition. Well done and good luck to all!

Year 8 Drama Costumes

Year 8 drama students looked into how difficult it can be to make costumes by looking at the traits needed to be successful in the costume industry of our theatres with limited resources available to them. **They managed to make some excellent costume designs through brilliant teamwork and skill.**



Haygin takes to the skies

A huge congratulations to Year 11 student Haygin, who recently accomplished something truly exceptional - he flew a glider independently for 27 minutes above the skies of Nottingham!

This solo flight marks an impressive milestone in Haygin's journey through the RAF Air Cadets, where he's been developing aviation skills. His long-term goal is to become a Police Dog Handler, a career that demands resilience, discipline, and a strong sense of service, all qualities Haygin has in abundance. Keep soaring, Haygin - your future is sky-high!



London Trip

Our Year 9 and 10 History students recently had a fantastic trip to London, packed with learning and adventure. From visiting iconic landmarks like Big Ben, Tower Bridge, and Buckingham Palace, students gained valuable insight into the nation's capital and its incredible past.

They explored key historical sites, expanded their understanding of British political and royal history, and saw first-hand the places they've studied in class. It was a wonderful way to deepen their curriculum knowledge in a real-world setting, and of course, there was plenty of fun along the way!



LEAP Dance Festival

We are incredibly proud of our Dance Club, who recently took part in the LEAP Schools' Platform in Liverpool - a vibrant and inclusive event that celebrates young dancers from across the region.

Our students showcased their talent and hard work through a stunning performance that truly demonstrated their creativity, dedication, and teamwork. Their choreography reflected not just technical skill, but also confidence, passion, and storytelling through movement.

A huge thank you to Miss Woods for her guidance and commitment with our dancers!





Wonderful Roman

We are beyond proud to share some incredible news from the world of film and the performing arts — Year 7 student Roman is starring in the upcoming film WONDERWALL, directed by Róisín Burns, which will have its World Premiere as part of the prestigious Critics' Week at the Cannes Film Festival!

This is a phenomenal achievement for Roman, who at just 12 years old, is already stepping onto one of the biggest stages in international cinema. Critics' Week at Cannes is known for showcasing bold, new talent and compelling storytelling, and to have a student from Birkenhead Park School featured is something truly special. We wish Roman and the entire WONDERWALL team the very best of luck in Cannes and beyond. We can't wait to see where this journey takes him next!

Coffee Morning

We will be holding our "English as an Additional Language" Coffee Morning on Monday 30th June, from 9:30-10:30am.

It is the perfect opportunity to connect, share experiences and find out how we support your child's learning and wellbeing at the school.



New Year 7s

We are holding our Year 6 Induction evening for all parents/carers of new students joining us in September 2025, on Monday 30th June from 4:50pm.

This will be held prior to the students Transition Day, which all students attend on Wednesday 2nd July 2025 at the school.

It is an important part of creating a smooth transition from primary to secondary school for all of our students.



Year 11 Intervention and Exams

Our Year 11 students are currently in the middle of their GCSE exams. Our intervention sessions are still ongoing throughout the May half term, and following weeks. Please see our website or Miss Clarke for more information.

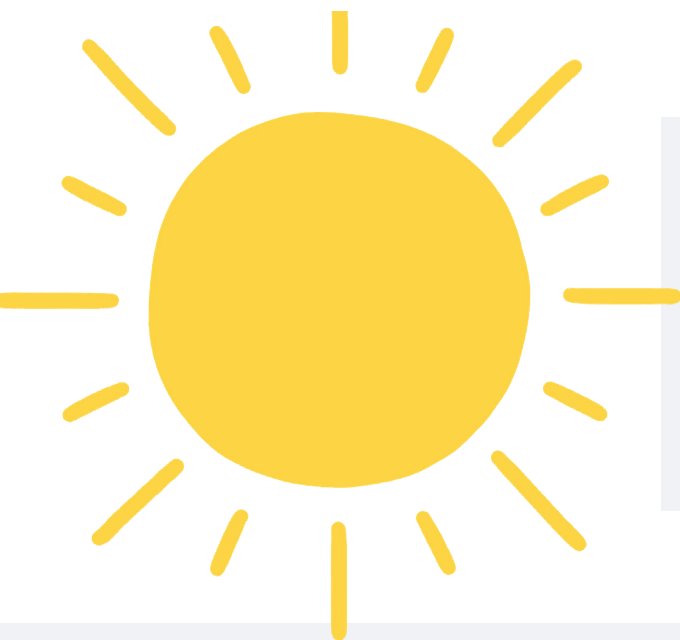
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Upcoming Summer 2025 events...

Below are important key dates for students:

- Year 11 Leavers Assembly: 18th June 2025
- Year 11 Prom: 20th June 2025
- Year 6 Induction evening for Parents/Carers: 30th June 2025
- Year 6 Transition Day: 2nd July 2025
- DofE Practice Expedition: 3rd July 2025
- Activities day: 4th July 2025
- Sports Award Evening: 10th July 2025
- DofE Expedition: 9th-10th July 2025



A huge well done to all our incredible students for their amazing achievements this term! Your hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm continue to impress us all.

Have a restful May half term – we look forward to seeing you back, ready for the next exciting term!