



BCS NEWS

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*Fulfilling our potential, achieving excellence together
We are a Good school with Outstanding Early Years Provision*

Head's News

As I write this newsletter, the moon is still up and the stars are shining. There is no one else parked in the car park and no one else in the building. The corridors are silent. Some may yearn for those moments of peace, but there really is nothing like a school when the day starts and the pupils come flocking in: the sound of chatting and laughter in the corridors, the buzz of new learning taking place in the classrooms, the squeals of delight and cheering on the playground as new games are created or goals scored on the football pitch, tuneful song resonating throughout the building from worship, the clattering of cutlery and water bottles as children eat their lunch, the phone ringing without pause for breath in the office, the photocopier crying for just two minutes' rest, the tap, tap, tap of computer keyboards in classrooms, the plethora of post it notes being sent between classes searching for glue sticks or pencils, the radio calling down to Forest School searching for a lost glove or hat... when one tries to write down on paper the inordinate number of things that go on in a school day, I have often realised I could fill a large book, there are so many iterations; every day on paper looks so similar, but in reality is so different.

The days pass almost too quickly: a member of staff's to do list often remains untouched between 8.45am and 3.15pm so filled with the unplanned and unexpected that is every day. I'd challenge any member of the staff not to fulfil their daily steps before break time and I know that the need for a cuppa and biscuit can't wait until the clock shows it's time for elevenses.

Yet rooted in all this is the most beautiful awe inspiring experience; that of watching a community of children grow, be inspired and motivated to fulfil their own unique and extraordinary potential and achieve excellence, become curious and confident and they overcome challenges and hurdles that prepare them for their lives beyond Bishop Chavasse... and there is no member of staff who would swap their busy day to miss that.



Definitely a week for hot chocolate and marshmallows around the camp fire in Forest School!

Key Dates

Tues 26th November
Teddy Tuesday – donate preloved teddy and Pokemon cards

Friday 29th November
Own Clothes Day – chocolate, sweets

Tues 3rd December
3.30pm KS1 Maths

Weds 4th December
2.30pm KS2 Maths

Thurs 5th December
Donate cakes for the Fair (wear uniform)

Year 2 trip to Kent Life

Friday 6th December
PTA Christmas Fair

Thursday 12th December
Christmas jumper day – with school uniform

3.15pm Christmas crafts session for families

Friday 13th December
EY trip to St Stephen's

Monday 16th December
2pm performance of EY and KS1 nativity

Tues 17th December
9.30am morning performance of EY and KS1 nativity

6pm: KS2 carol concert, St Peter and St Paul

Weds 18th December
Christmas lunch + grotto + Christmas jumpers



Thurs 19th December
9am: church service at St Peter and St Paul
END OF TERM 2

In other news

Visit from the Bishop of Mpwapwa, Tanzania

We were very fortunate this week to be visited by Bishop Luzineth, who is the new Bishop of Mpwapwa. The Mpwapwa Diocese is located in the central highlands of Tanzania and has a beautiful landscape of mountains and plains.

Founded in 1991, Mpwapwa is one of the 28 dioceses of the Anglican Church of Tanzania. It has grown much since then - it now has 138 parishes, with 650 small church congregations spread across 13 deaneries. Our link school in Matongoro is located within his Diocese. He spoke to the children about the school day in Matongoro, his role and thanked our pupils for their amazing fundraising efforts and for the whole school song we filmed for them on Bishop Chavasse Day earlier this month. Our pupils showed intrigue and curiosity in abundance, asking a plethora of questions; one being the timings of the school day. Bishop Luzineth shared that the children arrive at 7am to clean the school building and classrooms before starting their lessons - I suggested we try the same here, but was met much disdain and booing in the hall, so I've taken it as a no, and assure all parents and carers I have no plans to change the time of the school day.



Big Bang at Rochester Cathedral



On Wednesday, a group of Year 5 Leaders of Light – Seb, Alyssa, Oliver, Jack, Xander, George, Jacob and Austin - went to Rochester Cathedral for a special day of learning about a range of topics including creation, climate change and considering some of life's biggest questions. Here is what they've written about the day:



"At Rochester Cathedral we learnt about science and Christianity and how they can go together. We got given a tin can to try and work out what was inside it, we never found what was inside - instead we learnt to always ask questions and remain curious.



During lunch we explored the cathedral and lit some candles in memory of people."

Anti-Bullying Week

Worship this week has focussed on anti-bullying. Mrs Taylor led a worship that facilitated discussion around Jesus and his friendships as we proudly sported odd socks in recognition of the fact we are all unique but live together in accepting and kind communities. Further assemblies and work have taken place to reinforce messages of the importance of being kind throughout the week, supported by an assembly led by the NSPCC.

Club pick ups in the afternoon

We are experiencing a growing number of parents and carers coming to collect children from clubs anytime between 3.30pm and 4.30pm. Unfortunately, unless this is pre-arranged, we do not have the staffing capacity to go and collect children from club. Many thanks for supporting our end of day arrangements.

Christmas crafts – free session for families

Kent Adult Education are running a **free Christmas crafts** for parents/carers to enjoy with their children at 3.15pm on Thursday 12th December. Please email office@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk if you would like to attend, with the name(s) of your children who will be joining you.



Sporting Events this week

What an exciting start to term it has been for sport at Bishop Chavasse School! This week, in particular, has been a whirlwind of activity, determination, and team spirit as our students have embraced the joys and challenges of competition and sport!

On Monday, our girls' football team stepped onto the pitch for their first ever game against Woodlands Primary School. While the score line read 5-0, the effort and teamwork displayed by our players were truly remarkable. They showed resilience, perseverance, and unwavering commitment right until the final whistle. A huge congratulations to all the girls for representing our school so brilliantly – the start of what promises to be a bright future in girls' football!



On Tuesday, a group of children joined Miss Scott and Mrs Clarke for a thrilling climbing adventure at Chimera



Climbing. Scaling the walls with ease, the children (and Mrs Clarke!) showed fearlessness and determination, reaching the top in record time. Miss Scott, however, found herself being cheered on by her much braver students – a moment of hilarity that added to the fun!

A big thank you to Chimera for hosting such an engaging and memorable experience.



We wrapped up the week with a chilly but exciting Year 5 and 6 football tournament at Tonbridge Angels. Braving freezing temperatures, we entered two teams into the competition, both of whom gave it their all:

Bishop Chavasse United (Bears): Won 3, lost 3 – a fantastic effort!

Bishop Chavasse City (Chasers): Won 1, drew 3, lost 2 – showing great determination!

The students demonstrated teamwork, sportsmanship, and resilience, representing our school incredibly. Special thanks go to: **Mrs Waugh**, for keeping us warm with hot chocolate and hot water bottles, supporting us throughout the tournament, **Mrs Reynolds**, our ever-enthusiastic cheerleader lifting everyone's spirits, and **our amazing coaches from [First Class Football](#)**, who ensured the day ran smoothly and provided our teams with expert guidance.



Miss Scott has been incredibly proud of all the children who have represented our school this week in various of competitions and activities and know how sport and physical activity plays such a vital role in our school community. It is such a joy to watch them grow, gain confidence and flourish through these experiences.

Online safety

The final article in our series on online safety for children: **advice for first time tablet use**




For many children today, their first experience of the internet is through a tablet or smartphone device. If you are considering purchasing a tablet for your child, or your child already has one, there are a few things to consider.

Decide and agree on what you are happy for them to use it for. For example, are they allowed to play games? Search online? Talk to other people online? Download apps?

Ensure the tablet is child-friendly before your child starts using it and become familiar with how the device works, reporting tools on sites and safety modes. Use child-friendly websites and search engines, for example, YouTube Kids or CBEEBIES. For information on how to ensure a tablet can be child-friendly: [Online safety - How to set up parental controls \(webwise.ie\)](#) and for further information on using a table with children: [Internet safety advice for parents for first time tablet use \(webwise.ie\)](#)

Headteacher Heroes – winners this week for showing WISDOM:

George – Squirrels Fletcher - Badgers Dolcie – 1PU Archie – 1A Arthur – 2F Kamila – 2CS Evie – 3A		Harper – 3LT Chloe – 4R Philip – 4C Nathaniel – 5H Gabriella – 5N Oakley – 6S Millie P – 6C
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Times Tables Rock Stars – KS2 highest scores this week:

3A – Grace	5N - Rocco
3LT – Bea	6C – Katie
4R – Mary	6S – Abrielle
4C – Arabella	
5H – Rhys	

Attendance cup: congratulations to the winners with 98.08% - 4C! In second place is 6S with 97.85% and in third place is 5H with 97.22%.



Bishop Chavasse shield winner

Well done to Rhys K (6C) (right) for dealing with a tricky game maturely - he wins a £7 book token.



Golden book

Olive and Aoife (2F) – wrote a setting description using high level adjectives
Bobbi, Mayle and Caleb (3LT) – setting descriptions based on the Iron Man, superb vocabulary and personification
Willow (1PU) – excellent subtraction in her Maths book
James R-L (4C) – amazing collection of poems, beautifully written
Elizabeth, Connie-May and Rhys (6C) - great scores on a tricky spelling test

Out of school achievements

Lia (3LT) – passed Stage 3 in swimming

Shashwath (2CS) – Kumon Maths level 3

Henry (1PU) (right) – awarded a special wristband for completing as many Park Runs as a half marathon

Olivia W (2CS) – Stage 1 swimming certificate

Teya (4R) – purple badge for indoor bouldering - free climbing with no ropes



PTA update



Bookings are open now on Arbor to sign your child up for Santa's grotto as part of our Christmas fun day on Wednesday 18th December!

Thank you so much for all the donations of bottles and pre-loved Christmas jumpers. Next up is Teddy Tuesday on Tuesday 26th November – please bring in any pre-loved teddies or soft toys for the Christmas Fair, and/or any spare Pokemon cards for the ever popular Pokemon stall.

TEDDY TUESDAY

Please bring a preloved soft toy
and/or Pokémon cards

Tuesday 26th November

We'll be collecting outside the corner of the Hall
at drop-off in the morning.

There will be collection boxes in Breakfast Club
and the office too. Thanks for your generosity.
Every donation makes a difference, big or small.

