



BCS NEWS

29th November 2024

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

Head's News

Classrooms and corridors have been a little quieter than usual as children have engaged in assessment week throughout the school. This important part of a school term offers pupils a chance to demonstrate all their learning and progress and also for teachers to assess whether there are any gaps in children's learning that they can revisit before the end of term to ensure all pupils are fulfilling their potential.

The children have risen to the challenge and worked extremely hard all week- we are all incredibly proud of their progress and end the week with a good idea of where our learning journeys will take us in the next few weeks.

Whilst this week has been quiet, the weeks to come will be quite the opposite: advent begins on Sunday, and we have an incredible calendar of exciting Christmas events up.



It's just one week to go until our PTA Christmas Fair. Thanks to your wonderful donations over the last few weeks, every spare corner of the school is heaving with toys, sweet treats, gifts, and bottles. If you live close to the school, listen out for our Year 6 choristers on Tuesday evening singing carols around the estate. If you can arrive for 3.30pm next Friday, our school choirs will be opening the Fair with festive singing, and then you're in for a host of treats. There will be a café serving hot food options, cakes, hot and cold drinks and mulled wine, dozens of games including the infamous Stocks and shopping stalls, featuring the Secret Shopping Room and a phenomenal raffle with prizes including £200 to spend at local pub restaurants and VIP tea on City London Cruises. We really hope to see you and your family there.

Key Dates

Tues 3rd December
3.30pm KS1 Maths presentation

Weds 4th December
2.30pm KS2 Maths presentation

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

Year 2 trip to Kent Life



Friday 6th December
Own Clothes Day
PTA Christmas Fair
3.30pm – 6.30pm

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

Worship this week

This week in worship we have thought about how David trusted God for his choices, with a focus on David and Goliath, King Saul becoming jealous of Goliath and how David and Jonathon were an example of great friendship.

Parent Survey

A huge thank you to all parents who completed our parent survey focusing on our school vision and values. We are still in the process of looking at the results and will use the newsletter to share successes and areas we will reflect on and perhaps change, to ensure our vision and values are firmly embedded throughout the school community.

Footballs

Please can I kindly ask that children do not bring in balls and footballs from home. There are numerous reasons behind this: too many balls on the playground can create a hazardous playtime environment, they carry a risk of being broken or lost, and I have received complaints from neighbours about children kicking balls against their walls.

The Big Writing Challenge

Calling all budding authors – the Big Writing Challenge 2024

By encouraging students to unleash their imaginations and wield the power of the pen, the [Big Writing Challenge](#) cultivates a profound love for literature and creative expression. Participating in the challenge enhances students' writing abilities, boosts self-confidence, and opens up new avenues for communication and self-expression. Children from Year 1 – Year 6 can:

- Write or record a piece of creative writing in 500 words or less - based on the subject "a wonderful world"
- Their creative piece can be about their own world, a far away place, outer space, an imaginary land, a piece of nature or a time in history, in fact, anything at all - the choice is theirs!
- It can be a traditional story format, a poem, a comic strip or any other way of expressing their work to us!
- Follow this link for more information on how to enter [The Big Writing Challenge - Social Enterprise Kent](#). The deadline for entries is 31st December 2024.

Miss Gill

It is with much sadness that we say goodbye to Miss Gill today. Miss Gill has supported children across the school in her time here at Bishop Chavasse and formed so many wonderful relationships with pupils and staff. Miss Gill will be missed very much as she starts a new teaching assistant role at a school closer to home having made the hour-long commute to us every day while she has been with us. We wish Miss Gill all the very best in her new chapter.



Maths presentations next week



In order to help parents understand our approach to teaching Maths further, and to give some ideas of how to support their children at home with the different maths unit topics and strategies, we would like to invite you to attend a Maths workshop at school led by our Maths leads Mrs Cochrane and Mr Neville.



KS1: Tuesday 3rd December at 3:30pm in 2CS

KS2: Wednesday 4th December at 2:30pm in the hall



Fun this week in Forest School

Headteacher Heroes – winners this week for showing WISDOM:

Henry – Squirrels
Reuben - Badgers
Arthur T – 1PU
Orla – 1A
Olive – 2F
Ivy – 2CS
Poppy – 3A



Evie G – 3LT
Ella – 4R
Charlotte B – 4C
Rosie – 5H
Lewis – 5N
Danny – 6S
Isla – 6C



Times Tables Rock Stars – KS2 highest scores this week:

3A – Jessica
3LT – Zach
4R – Alfie
4C – Brooke
5H – Owen

5N - Raven
6C – Millie P
6S – Jess



Bishop Chavasse shield winner

Well done to Hendrix (2CS) for holding the door open for many other children - he wins a £7 book token.

Golden book

Elliott (2F) – wrote a really engaging chapter story at home with four chapters

Isabelle H (6S) – created a beautiful wooden star

Charlotte B (4C) – for her letter about a gymnastics performance, using amazing language

Teddy R (1PU) – for his amazing tale using superb vocabulary



Attendance cup: congratulations to the winners with 96.67%: 6S! In second place is 3LT with 96.71% and in third place is 3A with 95.47%.

Out of school achievements

Lia M (3LT) – completed a Go Ape course at Leeds Castle in the dark

Lily P (5N) – completed her first Brownie sleepover and was awarded a badge



Oakley (6S) (right) won Gold in his kickboxing competition, and Seryn (4R) (left) won bronze in her sparring for Taekwondo last weekend. Both did brilliantly in front of a huge crowd and tough competition from the opposition!



CAKE DONATIONS



Thursday 5th December



Please can the optional cake donations be nut free, in original packaging or with the ingredients listed, thank you! There will be collection boxes in the office. Thanks for your generosity. Every donation makes a difference, big or small.

Children need to wear their uniform.

OWN CLOTHES DAY

Friday 6th December



We're counting down the days now until the Christmas Fair next Friday – and there's just one more set of donations to make! We would be really grateful for any **cake donations next Thursday 5th December** – the day before the Fair. Please bring nut-free cakes to the office – if home-made with ingredients labelled.

Please note this is not an Own Clothes Day – normal uniform to be worn – but Own Clothes can be worn on the day of the Fair itself!

With all the fun of the Fair coming up, don't forget to sign your child up on Arbor for Santa's grotto as part of our Christmas fun day on Wednesday 18th December.

SANTA'S GROTTO

WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER

£5 (PAYABLE VIA ARBOR)

A CHANCE TO MEET SANTA AND TAKE HOME A PHOTO AND A GIFT

CAROLS AND FESTIVE POPCORN AROUND THE CAMPFIRE

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE DAY

WEAR A CHRISTMAS JUMPER!



Tonbridge and Malling HAF Activities

Do you receive Free School Meals?

Scan the QR to register for our FREE events.

First 150 families to apply can request a Christmas hamper.

Tonbridge Panto
Thursday 3rd Jan
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Supporting Your Child's Anxiety (Virtual Course)

Would you like to:

- Increase your understanding of anxiety in children?
- Meet up with other parents and carers?
- Discuss your experiences of anxiety?
- Learn new ways to help your child manage their anxiety?

(Aimed for parents of children under 10 years old)

This course is for you!

Online Course

Date: 12th December 2024

Time: 09:30 – 11:30

Book your place today!

Email: tonbridgeandmallingsh@kent.gov.uk or call: 03000 418008

We want you to enjoy learning with us. To help us provide the best possible experience for you, please let us know if you or your child have any disabilities or particular support needs.

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