



BCS NEWS

14th February 2025

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

Head's News

And all of a sudden, we are half way through the school year. It really does feel like just yesterday we opened our doors in September to welcome children to new year groups and teachers, and to be reunited with friends. This term is traditionally a relatively quiet term, time for children to pull concepts and ideas together before learning new material, but as always, here at Bishop Chavasse, rich immersive experiences have littered the weeks for many year groups by way of trips, events and workshops. Progress has shone brightly throughout the classrooms, where the dull winter days have left us bereft of sunshine and natural light. Your children continue to wow, delight and amaze us with their talent, commitment, energy and charisma and as a team, we recognise how blessed we are to take your children on their primary school journey.

Writing is an area of the curriculum where your children have, quite simply, been magnificent in their attitude to learn, to develop as authors and to engage and evoke emotion in an audience. Our corridors dazzle with examples of every child's writing, with visitors to the school commenting on the quality, content, rich vocabulary and unique turns of phrase. Writing offers one the opportunity to entertain, inform, persuade and express feelings through words in every area of the curriculum - it opens a plethora of doors for people when they are able to write effectively with an intended purpose and we are incredibly proud of the pieces of writing your children are producing across the curriculum. It was the most incredible privilege to share the writing journey your children have been on so far this year with an external auditor who spent the day with us to review our writing curriculum and provision, and commented on the wealth of writing opportunity and purpose. Perhaps over half term, children can find a quiet time to share their skill with you and write a piece about something they have seen, heard or taken part in to demonstrate their creative and engaging writing.



This week: Year 4's church service on Kindness; the Great Fire of London in Year 2; Forest School for Year 3



Key Dates

Fri 14th February
END OF TERM 3
Mon 17th – Fri 21st Feb
HALF TERM
Mon 24th February
Start of term 4

Fri 28th February
St David's Day at school:
wear something yellow



Mon 3rd – Fri 7th March
BOOK WEEK

Mon 3rd March
5pm – PTA meeting in school and on Teams

Thurs 6th March: World Book Day

Fri 21st March
6.30pm – 9pm: PTA Taskmaster evening



Tues 25th March
3.30pm – 6pm: parent consultations

Thurs 27th March
4.30pm – 7pm: parent consultations

Weds 2nd April
5.45pm Spring Concert: Years 4, 5 and 6

Fri 4th April
END OF TERM 4
Tues 22nd April
START OF TERM 5

Weds 23rd April
5.45pm Spring Concert: Years 1, 2 and 3

In other news

Medicine in school

We are becoming increasingly busy at school administering over the counter medicines to pupils throughout the school day. We do have a clear policy to ensure pupils are cared for and looked after, but also still able to engage in learning if they are well enough to be in school.

Please read the [Administering Medicines policy](#) carefully so that as parents/carers you are clear about our responsibility and policy at school, particularly when it comes to administering over the counter medication such as Calpol.

We have copied the most pertinent part of the policy into the newsletter here for you to read. From after half term, in line with our policy, we will not be able to administer over the counter medications during school time unless agreed by a senior member of staff.

Introduction

The school recognises its general duty of care towards pupils, however the administration of medicines remains the responsibility of parents/carers.

The school aims to support children with long term medical conditions and those with short term illnesses that may require medication during school time, **however we strongly urge parents to administer medicines at home. Time-release medication can be requested from GPs to facilitate this.**

In general terms **if your child has to be administered medication four or more times a day, we are then happy to administer one dose or more. If the dose is three times or less a day, we suggest for example a dose before school, a dose after school and a dose at bedtime.**

If your child is unwell at school, you will be contacted and asked to collect them.

Procedures for medicines in school

- 1. Written agreement/forms** – written permission and clear instructions are required for all medicines. A form is available at the school office.
- 2. Storage of medicines** – medicines are kept in the school medical room and a locked 'medicine safe' is available for use where appropriate. Medicines which require storage at a particular temperature/refrigerated can be administered in school and will be stored in a specific medicine fridge.
- 3. Asthma** – inhalers are kept in the individual classrooms for all pupils needing one. All pumps and refills must be named and pupils must only use their own pump and medication. A medical form must be completed by parents.
- 4. Regular and short term prescription medicines, prescribed by a doctor** must be handed in at the school office or to breakfast club staff in a named original medicine container. An [administration of medicines form](#) must be completed and signed and handed in with the medication. This form can be found on our website or copies are held in the office. Please make your child aware that they need medicine and at what time so that they can help to remind staff if necessary. Medicines will be administered by a trained first aider.
- 5. Emergency medicines** such as epi-pens and antihistamines are kept in the school medical room and require a medicine form to be completed.
- 6. Over the counter medicines are generally not encouraged and should be administered at home.** Where an over the counter medicine is necessary e.g. travel sickness pills, short term pain killer for toothache etc. the procedures outlined above for other medicines must be followed.
- 7. Long term medical needs – where a child has a long term/more serious medical need such as diabetes, an individual written Care Plan will be agreed** and completed with parents/carers and where appropriate medical professionals. Care Plans are reviews with parents/medical professionals regularly, according to individual need.

Wednesday after school drama club

We are delighted to announce that local drama company [The Talentz](#) will be taking on our Wednesday after school drama club after half term. The Talentz is an award winning musical theatre company based in Tunbridge Wells, and the classes promise to be a lot of fun. There is one space in the club remaining until Easter so do sign up on Arbor or send an email to the office.



Farewell to Mrs Clarke

In Celebration Worship today we bid farewell to Teaching Assistant Mrs Clarke, who has been with us for two years and is taking time to spend with her children and dogs as her husband works in the military. Mrs Clarke has worked with children across the school, and particularly in Year 6, and will be very much missed.

And finally

As we close our doors this afternoon for a week long break, on behalf of myself and the team, I wish you all a restful half term spent taking the days at a different pace with friends and family. Please look after yourselves and we look forward to welcoming all our pupils back on Monday 24th February at 8.45am.

Visit from Nurse Adams – Early Years ‘people who help us’ topic

Squirrels and Badgers received a fascinating insight into life working in a hospital when Ward Manager Jack Adams (Miss Adams’ brother) visited us today from the Royal Alexandra Children’s Hospital in Brighton. He told the children all about his work on the ward treating poorly children, the different staff who work on a children’s ward, the equipment used, why patients come to hospital and the different kinds of treatment including play therapy. Jack answered lots of interesting questions, including how to encourage children to take yucky tasting medicine (disguise it in yoghurt!), and what it’s like to ride in an ambulance.



Year 4 church service on Kindness

Year 4 led a beautiful service on the value of Kindness at St Stephen's Church, re-enacting the story of the Good Samaritan and demonstrating ways in which we can show kindness to others. Videos are on our website:

<https://www.bishopchavassesschool.org.uk/kindness>.



Year 2 – Great Fire of London history topic

Year 2 concluded their history topic on the Great Fire of London with a striking demonstration of how quickly the fire would have spread in 1666 as we burned their home-made Tudor houses (preceded by a talk on fire safety, and with buckets of water and hoses at the ready!)



Headteacher Heroes – winners this week for showing COMPASSION

Joshua – Squirrels
Amias - Badgers
Sienna – 1PU
Arthur – 1A
Elliott – 2F
Eva W – 2BC
Julia – 3A



Mayle – 3LT
Jasmine – 4R
Leo – 4W
Laurentiu - 5H
Fiire – 5N
Izzy – 6S
Olive – 6C



Times Tables Rock Stars – KS2 highest scores this week:

3A – Aarnaa	5N - Fiire
3LT – Hanani	6C – Jayden
4R – Ella	6S - Danny
4W – Favour	
5H – Angel	

Bishop Chavasse shield winner

Well done to Dolcie (1PU) - she wins a £7 book token for being so helpful.

Golden book:

Jack C and Millie P (6C) - huge improvement in vocab in English.

Bella (6C) – artwork as part of RE

Nathaniel (5H) – impressive multiplication handwriting

Laurentiu (5H) – amazing improvement in his writing content

Austin (5H) – synoptic task on the Vikings

Nella and Sophia (1A) – artwork in the style of Picasso

Ivan (5N) – outstanding improvement in writing

Christiana, Charlotte M, Arthur, Dora and Sara (2F) – writing using standard noun phrases, adverbs and conjunctions.

This term's House points

St George – 1472

St Andrew - 1061

St Patrick – 1404

St David - 1491 points – the winners this term! They will have an own clothes day on Friday 7th March.

Attendance cup: congratulations to the winners with 97.35% - Squirrels! Second place this week goes to 6S with 97.12%, and in third place with 96.62% is 1PU.



Out of school achievements

Jess (6S) – walking 30 minutes every day

Isabelle H (6S) – stage 5 swimming

Emily W (1A) has passed Stage 1 in swimming

Adam H (6S) (left) - competed in the South East fencing regionals on Sunday and has qualified to take place in the British youth fencing championship finals in Sheffield in May.

PTA update

It's Taskmaster time!

Announcing the first ever Bishop Chavasse School PTA Taskmaster Evening, a tremendous evening of tantalizingly tricky tasks! Teams of eight will compete against each other to win praise, admiration and prizes!

To take part, assemble a team of the sharpest minds and quickest wits from your friends and family, and email pta@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk to secure a table. A number of tables have already been booked, so do get your reservations in. Teams of eight, £10 per person. There will be pizza, there will be a bar selling a variety of drinks, and there will be oodles of fun!



TASKMASTER EVENING

Join us for a fantastic evening with parents, carers, staff and friends!

Teams to consist of 8 players.
Tables are £80 (£10pp) including snacks

There will be a wood fire pizza van selling 12 inch pizzas from £10

A bar selling alcoholic drinks at £2.50 and soft drinks at £1

Start getting your team together!
Email pta@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk to reserve a table and for payment details

Come and join us!
Friday 21st March
6:30 - 9 PM

see you there!



GLOW DISCO 2025

FRI 28 FEB

TICKETS: £4
LIMITED AVAILABILITY

BUY ON ARBOR OR WITH CASH
AT THE OFFICE. INCLUDES SWEETS,
POPCORN & DRINKS.

ON SALE, MON 27TH JAN, 18:00.

EY, Y1 & Y2	Y3 & Y4	Y5 & Y6
3.45-4.45 PM	5.15-6.15 PM	6.45-7.45 PM

Not long now to **book tickets for the disco** – they have nearly sold out so do sign up on Arbor or pop into the office!

Last chance to complete [our PTA survey](#) - it should only take about 5 minutes. Your responses will be anonymous - unless you want to leave your email address.

PTA survey - February 2025

