

# BCS NEWS

30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

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

## Head's News

Those with beady eyes who read every article in last week's newsletter will have noticed a series of cake sales coming up on Friday afternoons to raise money for our link school in Tanzania. For many years now, pupils at Bishop Chavasse have been able to understand similarities and differences between the school experiences of pupils in Matongoro and themselves; we have been visited by the Bishop of Mpwapwa, seen photographs and sung songs the children sing each day. In turn, we have raised money and donated desks, support with water and toilet systems, made a whole school banner for the children there and sent short video clips of our worship.

I am excited to share with you that five members of staff from Bishop Chavasse will be visiting our link school in April over the Easter holidays, along with a group from St Stephen's church.

A visit is a wonderful way to establish or develop a link, to share your skills and learn new ones, understand more of the history and culture, challenges and joys of our friends in Tanzania. Time will be spent experiencing faith, worship and life in a different culture – it will undoubtedly be the experience of a lifetime. And just as our visitors from Matongoro have offered us, we will take to them what we can share; support and teaching input, friendship through collaboration and empowerment, donations to support their school infrastructure and gifts to teach them about life at school in England.

Those of us travelling are incredibly excited. Over the coming weeks, not only will we be raising money for much needed resources in Matongoro, but collating a gift from our school pupil community which we will share with you before we go.

## Key Dates

**Weds 4<sup>th</sup> February**  
9am KS2 maths workshop for parents

9.30am KAE parent course: supporting child's anxiety

**Fri 6<sup>th</sup> February**



**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> February**  
3.15pm and 4.30pm: cake sale for Matongoro  
**End of term 3**



*This morning, we were incredibly privileged to host Heather Olver, a world-renowned badminton player, Commonwealth games medallist, European champion and part of the GB Olympic team in Rio 2016. More on page 2...*

## In other news



### Great Athlete visit

There was great excitement at school today for Heather Olver's visit. In the hall Heather worked with every child to complete a sports circuit – helping develop important sporting skills before leading a whole school Q&A session for pupils to find out more about the life of an Olympian.

Meeting members of the wider community, offering children an opportunity to develop their knowledge of people and places, an understanding of different careers, the highs and lows of persevering to follow ones' dream is such a huge part of our children's social and cultural development. Such moments allow children to think about their own hopes and dreams, consider where their skills and talents are and how they can develop them and also about what might be out there for them when they leave Bishop Chavasse: moments underpinned by our school vision and curriculum to ensure our pupils are confident, resilient curious young people when they leave us, ready for the next chapter in their lives.



**Worship this week:** we have thought about Jesus being the light of the world, his meeting with his disciples and how his miraculous catching of the fish guides us to follow Jesus' examples.

### Thought of the week

*How can I help others feel they belong in our school community?*

## Parental code of conduct

We recognise how much parents care about their children and how important they are. Our school has an open-door approach, and we are always willing to listen and work together. We encourage open, calm and respectful conversations: taking a moment to pause and reflect can often help us be role models in the best interests of our children, especially when they are present with us. More guidance can be found in our [Parental Code of Conduct](#).

## Communicating by email

A reminder that all emails to the school should be addressed either to [office@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk](mailto:office@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk), marked for the attention of the teacher you are contacting or Mrs Hood, or to [dsl@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk](mailto:dsl@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk) or [sendco@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk](mailto:sendco@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk), as appropriate. As set out in our [Home-School communication policy](#), to ensure the wellbeing of our staff team, and to support with workload, staff may not be emailed directly.

## Netball match against Southborough

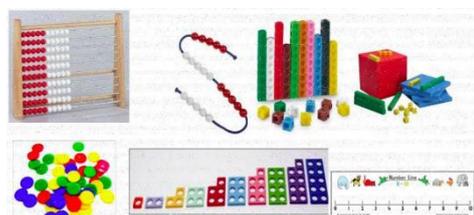
Earlier this week we played Southborough primary school. The netball match was close with the final score line being 5-4 to the opposition. It was a hard game because they were a more experienced as a team and had brilliant coordination. The 4 goals that we scored were scored by Raven with 2, one of them was a long-range goal just inside the D. The other goals were scored by Ella and the other goal was scored by Amalie. The player of the match was Owen. Overall, we played really well as a team.



## Maths workshops

Thank you so much to all the parents who joined our KS1

Maths workshop earlier in the week. It was wonderful to see your enthusiasm and support in helping your children



develop their Maths skills. We hope you found this session useful for continuing learning at home. If you missed this session, the presentation is on the [Curriculum/Maths](#) section of the website. There will be another workshop next Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 9am, this time focussed on how we teach Maths in KS2. We look forward to seeing you there! Again, the presentation will be posted on the school website afterwards.

## School council meeting

This week the school council had their first official meeting of the year where they discussed ideas for future school council activities and also some environmental plans they have. They took their first steps on the [Eco Schools](#) programme by putting food waste bins next to all of the rubbish bins in the playgrounds, so that now all of the children's food waste from snacks can be taken away and made into compost. They have all been given official



'School Council' badges, so look out for them around the school and be sure to put any concerns or topics to them to be discussed in our regular meetings.

## Forest School – mud update

We have had an incredible response to our campaign to line the ground in Forest School with eco-friendly bark and wood chippings to soak up the mud and enable Forest School to resume. Thank you so much to every parent who has so generously contributed, to the Tonbridge Roundtable for their wonderful donation of £500, and to local suppliers who have been able to donate some bags.

We are in the process of ordering and getting the wood chippings

in place but we will need to keep Forest School closed for another week. This means that 3A, 4R and 5N will have indoor activities in place of Forest School next week and should come to school in their PE kit.



## Headteacher Heroes – winners this week for showing this month's value of CREATIVITY:

Badgers - Tobias Squirrels - Heather 1A – Bonnie 1BF – Ophion 2F – Dolcie 2A – Soren 3A – Scarlette		3FW – the whole class for imaginative fables work! 4R – Freya 4M – Adam 5N – Henry 5H – Evelyn 6C – Alex 6S – Archie
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## Times Tables Rock Stars

3A – Kiah  
3FW – Teddy  
4R – Tommy  
4M – Julia

5H – Nico  
5N - William  
6S – Pournami  
6C - Jamie

## Attendance

In third place with 96.79% is 3FW; in second place with 97.08% is 2F; and in first place with 98.75% is 5H!

## Gold book

Zachary (6C) – amazing progress in his handwriting

Evie G (4R) - used irony to write about Pompeii

Rhys and Lucy (5H) – superb Maths work: division, beautifully presented

Phoebe (6S) – a lot of progress in her Maths using the four functions

Jessica LL (3FW) – amazing piece of writing about a fable

Charlotte R (3FW) – piece of writing about life in the Indus valley

Keira and Eva W (3FW) – collaborated on their Maths work using divisions

Chloe (5H) – history work with beautiful illustrations

Austin D-B (6S) – incredible progress in the presentation of his work

Meryem, Ismay, Daisy, Jamie (2F) - excellent independent writing using expanded noun phrases and superb vocab.

## Out of school achievements

Evelina (6C) took part in the UK Open Dance Festival in Bournemouth. Evelina performed beautifully and finished in the Top 12, reaching the semi-finals among world-class competitors.

Heather (Squirrels) – badge for skiing

Kenisha (6S) – certificate for dance performance

Huda (1BF) – stage 2 swimming

Evangelina (2A) – diving trophy

Joshua H (6C) – diving, swimming and gymnastics awards

Naysa (6S) – created an app for 11+ learning

Oliver T (2A) – running a personal best in a 5k at Battersea Park in 29 mins 40 seconds



PTA update

**ONE WEEK TO GO UNTIL OUR GLOW DISCO!!!!**

Don't forget to wear white for ultimate glow-tastic time!

**The deadline to buy tickets is next Weds 4<sup>th</sup> February at 4pm** after which no more sales will be possible as we will be compiling the final safety plan and purchasing yummy snacks and drinks.

*Don't miss out – get your tickets on Arbor or bring cash to the office.*



**St Peter & St Paul church** is holding a pancake party on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February from 5pm – 7pm, £5 per child. You can sign up your child here:

[Pancake Party \(17-Feb-2026\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)



📅 Tuesday, 17-Feb-2026

🕒 5:00pm - 7:00pm

📍 St Peter & St Paul