

# BCS NEWS

6<sup>th</sup> February 2026

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

## Head's News

As we have journeyed through this term, and in fact our whole school year, much thought goes into the theme of resilience—learning how to stay strong, steady, and hopeful, even when things get tough, as we talk about what is really important. This ties beautifully into our Christian vision and the story of *The Wise and Foolish Builder*.

In this story, Jesus reminds us of the importance of building our lives on strong foundations—just as the wise builder built his house upon the rock, which stood firm through the wind and rain. In the same way, we want our children to build their foundations on values that last: compassion, honesty and wisdom. When challenges come their way, we want them to stand tall, knowing they can weather any storm, we want them to be able to dig deep and have hope, perseverance, and faith.

At school, we talk with the children about what “building on the rock” looks like in real life. It means trying again when something is tricky, listening carefully to advice, showing kindness when it's not easy, and trusting that mistakes help us learn and grow. Our worships and class reflections encourage pupils to think about relating this to how they are building in their friendships, approaching learning, and making everyday choices.

We remind our whole community, daily, that every child is unique and that our community grows stronger when everyone feels valued and included. Resilience isn't just about personal strength; it's also about supporting one another, celebrating differences, and standing together in faith and love.

As we continue through the school year, we encourage you to talk with your children about the “rocks” in their lives—what keeps them grounded and strong. We passionately promote working together with families, the importance of building positive, trusting relationships. Together, we are able to nurture our children to become wise builders with firm foundations who grow into confident, compassionate young people, ready to navigate the storms and face the world with courage and grace.



*Mission accomplished! 10 tonnes of bark are down: we have Tackled The Mud! More on page 2.*

## Key Dates

### Mon 9<sup>th</sup> February

9am: *Understanding your Child's Behaviour* – NHS Kent course for parents

### Tues 10<sup>th</sup> February

Safer Internet Day 2026

### Weds 11<sup>th</sup> February

9am: KS1 English workshop

### Fri 13<sup>th</sup> February

3.15pm and 4.30pm: cake sale for Matongoro  
**END OF TERM 3**



### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February

**HALF TERM**

### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

**INSET day – no children at school**

### Weds 25<sup>th</sup> February

9am: KS2 English workshop

### Fri 27<sup>th</sup> February

3.30pm: Year 6 Matongoro cake sale

### Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> – Fri 6<sup>th</sup> March

BCS Book Week

### Fri 6<sup>th</sup> March

3.30pm: Year 5 Matongoro cake sale

### Weds 18<sup>th</sup> March

6pm: Year 6 Heatree and SATS parent meeting

### Mon 30<sup>th</sup> March

9am: Easter service at St Stephen's church

### Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> April

**END OF TERM 4**

## In other news

### Worship this week

Worship this week has been closely linked to our school value of compassion with thoughts focussed on Jesus healing the leper and the paralysed man; we talked about how we can support, help and heal others by showing love, compassion and kindness.

### Thought of the week

*How can I help someone feel seen and included, just like Jesus did for people he healed?*

### Forest School



*Tackle the Mud: mission accomplished!* An incredible 10 tonnes of bark have been laid and we are excited to announce that Forest School can re-open next week! Thank you to our incredible parent community and [Tonbridge Round Table](#) for the donations, to our hardy [Bishop Chavasse Primary School PTA](#) Treasurer and the children of 3A, 4R and 5N for all the barrowing, to [All Loads Ltd](#) for the



great service and speedy deliveries, and of course our wonderful Mrs Kyte for tirelessly spearheading the whole operation. We are delighted that Forest School can resume next week: 3FW on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 4M on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February and 5H on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February.



### Ofsted

**A Tenax guide to**  
changes in school inspection

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Many of you will be aware that towards the tail end of last year, the new Ofsted framework was released. Ofsted has set out a renewed approach to education inspection that will give parents

better and more detailed information, is fairer on professionals, and – crucially – will help raise standards for all children. With this newsletter, I have attached a helpful guide to support parental understanding of the new framework produced by Tenax Schools Trust.

### Another 5 star food hygiene rating for our kitchen

Nourish chef Jackie and the team received an unannounced visit to the school kitchen from local council Environmental Health Officers this week.

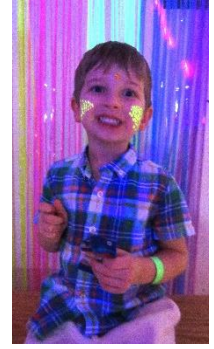
The inspection is carried out to ensure food safety laws are being met: food handling, and kitchen cleanliness are evaluated, and all the processes from preparation, cooking and serving of food watched. We are delighted to say that – again – the BCS kitchen received a 5 star hygiene rating: the highest possible score!





### School Disco

The corridors and classrooms are alive with excitement, glow in the dark clothing and sequins are at the ready, children are chattering about their outfits and the dance moves they will be showing off as the tunes and bright lights bring the hall to life after school this evening. I think the staff are as excited as the children and we

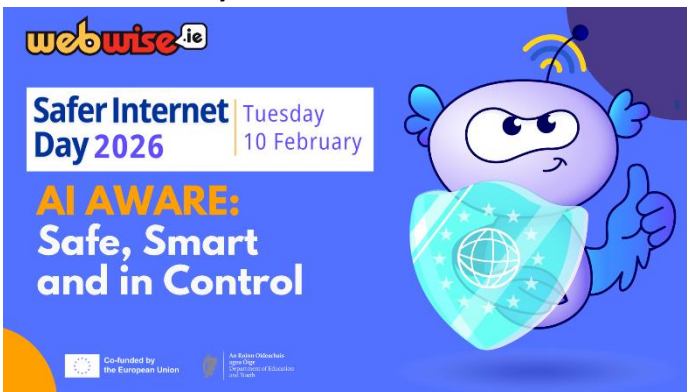


are truly grateful to our wonderful PTA for bringing such joy to the school community. I am in no doubt that all those attending will sleep well tonight!

### Maths and English workshops

A huge thank you to all the parents who attended our KS2 Maths workshop earlier this week. It was great to see such positive engagement and commitment to supporting your children with their Maths learning. We hope the session gave you helpful ideas and confidence to continue supporting learning at home. For those who were unable to attend, the PowerPoint is available on the [Maths section of the website](#). We will be holding an **English workshop** next week at **9am on Weds 11<sup>th</sup> February**, this time exploring how reading and English is taught in KS1. We would be delighted to see you there!

### Safer Internet Day 2026 – Focus on Safe Tech and AI



Next week, we will be marking Safer Internet Day 2026, with this year’s theme: Safe Tech. The focus is on artificial intelligence (AI)—a technology that is becoming part of many aspects of our children’s lives, from apps and games to homework tools.

On Tuesday, the children will be exploring AI in more depth. They will discuss where AI can be found, how it is used, and how to decide when it can be trusted. This is a great opportunity for them to learn not just about technology, but also about thinking critically and safely in a digital world.

We encourage parents to talk with your children about AI at home too—asking questions like, “How do you know this information is trustworthy?” or “Which apps use AI and how?” can help reinforce the lessons from school. Together, we can help children use technology safely, responsibly, and with confidence.

### Lost Property

Despite best endeavours here at school from staff to support children to look after their uniform and possessions, we are still battling overwhelming amounts of lost property. Mindful that everything that gets left on the playground, in corridors and the hall cost money, please can we draw on parental support in embedding the importance of looking after one’s own belongings at school in our children. We do our best to reunite labelled items with their rightful owners but the amount of lost property we are dealing with does not always make this possible as it is not a valuable use of staff time.

### Attendance Counts

At this time of year we have been noticing an increase in absences at school. Some illnesses cannot be helped such as flu, sickness and chicken pox. However, we do encourage children with coughs and colds to still attend school as not to miss out on key learning and their social time with their friends. While we always want children to rest when they are truly unwell, experiencing and managing minor illnesses at school can be an important part of developing independence and resilience.

Many children will rally with paracetamol (e.g. Calpol) or ibuprofen given in the morning before school and be well enough to attend the school day. If children do develop worsening symptoms then the office will ring home for a top up of medication or to be sent home.

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

Badgers – Phoenix		3FW – Olive
Squirrels - Jacob		4R – Caleb
1A – Annabelle		4M – Olivia
1BF – Josh		5N – Bella
2F – Elsie		5H – Teya
2A – Sofia		6C – Lewis
3A – Evie		6S – Nathan



### Times Tables Rock Stars – highest scores this week:

2F – Sienna	4M – Josh
2A – Amy	5H - Paddy
3A – Alex T	5N - Seryn
3FW – Max	6S – Archie
4R – Harper	6C - Emma

### Gold book

Louie, Lucy, Arthur (2F) – descriptive English about Paddington  
 Hendrix, Olly and Alex T (3FW) – calculations correct in divisions with remainders  
 Savannah, Evelyn and Grace (5H) – informative, factual guide to surviving in the jungle  
 Amy, Dieko and Iona (2A) – eye catching collages based on the work of a famous artist  
 Seb L (3A) – research into arctic foxes and wrote an info-guide at home  
 Ted (3FW) – fantastic, independent piece of writing using variety of resources

### Bishop Chavasse Shield winner

Well done to Arthur (2F) - he wins a £7 book token for helping Miss Fielder in the classroom.

### Attendance

In third place with 97.06% is 6C; in second place with 98.5% is 5H, and in joint first place with 100%: 1BF and 2A – congratulations!

### Out of school achievements

Ophion (1BF) – climbed 311 steps to the top of the Monument in London, built to commemorate the Great Fire of 1666.

Please email [office@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk](mailto:office@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk) with your child's achievement and a photo (if available) for publication in the newsletter.



### Early Years: people who help us

Postman Tim came into teach Badgers and Squirrels all about Royal Mail and our postal system. Together with Lenny the Letter (well done, Mrs Willingale!), the children learnt about the different vehicles that deliver our post, including drones and electric buggies, and how long it takes a letter to journey to Australia and Santa at the North Pole!



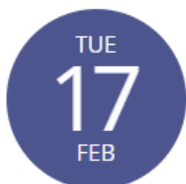
## PTA update

Coming soon... our biggest fundraiser yet – 26 for £26! Watch this space...



**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