

# BCS NEWS

27<sup>th</sup> February 2026

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We are a Good school with Outstanding Early Years Provision*

## Head's News

A very warm welcome back to you all after the February half term break. It has been a joy to see the children returning to school with such enthusiasm, especially as we begin to notice the lighter mornings and longer evenings that remind us spring is on its way. Term 4 is notoriously short, but at BCS it is certainly a busy and exceptionally exciting one. Our classrooms are already alive with new learning, alongside opportunities to revisit and strengthen prior knowledge.

One of the highlights of the term will be **Book Week** next week, when we come together to celebrate the awe and wonder of reading. Stories have the power to spark imagination, deepen understanding and open doors to new worlds. We cannot wait to share a range of exciting activities through the week that will inspire a lifelong love of books in our children.

Our **KS2 choir** also has some wonderful opportunities ahead. They will be performing at the Assembly Halls Theatre in Tunbridge Wells, as well as at the prestigious Royal Albert Hall and for Tonbridge Lions Club. There is no doubt these will be stunning moments for the children to shine on these special stages. For those who thrive on **sports**, our football team started the term with a sterling sporting performance at the local schools' annual football tournament in Tunbridge Wells, two gymnastics teams are busy perfecting their routines for the local schools' Gymnastics competition at the Angel centre in March and our netball team is working hard on building their skills and teamwork for an array of interschool matches including our first ever match on home turf.

Term 4 also brings our mid-year assessments and **parent consultation** meetings later in March. These are important milestones in the academic year. They offer a valuable opportunity for you to hear directly from teachers about your child's progress, celebrate successes, and identify any areas where there may be gaps in learning. Working together, we can ensure that every child receives the support they need to flourish.

We will round off the term with an **Easter church service**, coming together in reflection and gratitude for all the incredible opportunities, experiences, learning and personal development we strive to offer each and every one of our beaming little lights in our school community. There is certainly much to look forward to. As always, our aim is not only academic success, but the nurturing of compassion, honesty and wisdom in the lives of our young people. Thank you humbly and warmly for your continued partnership and support. I look forward to a joyful and productive term ahead.



Our new PTA-funded climbing walls are proving a huge hit with the children – see page 2

## Key Dates

### 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

### Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> March

World Book Day: children to dress up

8pm: PTA meeting on

[Teams](#)

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

1.30pm – Year 4&5 to Weald variety performance

3.30pm: Year 5 Matongoro cake sale

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

6pm: Year 6 Heatree and SATS parent meeting

### Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Early Years Wonderdome

### Tues 24<sup>th</sup> March

3.30pm – 6pm: parent consultations

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

Year 5 trip to Museum of Kent Life

### Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> March

4.30pm – 6pm: parent consultations

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

9am: Easter service at St Stephen's church

11am: Year 4 Tonbridge park trip

### Weds 1<sup>st</sup> April

Early Years Wonderdome

5.10pm for 5.30pm: Year 4-6 spring concert

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

**END OF TERM 4**

### Mon 20<sup>th</sup> April

**Start of term 5**

### Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> April

PTA 26 for 26 sponsorship money due in



## In other news

### Worship this week

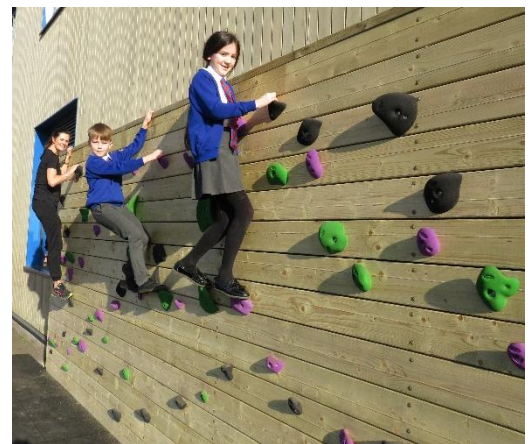
I opened worship talking about spiritual growth: how we encourage children to think about *wow*, *ow* and *now* moments in their lives, to help themselves flourish in their feelings about things bigger than them in the world. We also looked closely at how we can think about these moments through windows, mirrors and doors; reflecting on what we have learned, how it makes us feel and what we can take from the moments and learning into the world around us. We also touched on Shrove Tuesday - thinking about the meaning behind why so many of us had pancakes last week.

### Thought of the week

*What is one kind thing you could do this week to show kindness?*

### Climbing Walls

We are thrilled to have opened our new climbing walls this term. These exciting additions will provide children with opportunities to challenge themselves, build resilience and develop teamwork skills in a safe and supportive way. A huge thank you to the PTA for donating over £8,000 towards the walls. As with all equipment at school, we conduct a risk assessment to ensure the children are able to use them safely. We have given clear instructions to the children about how to use them and when. While we are delighted that children want to show you all at drop off and pick up, please can we ask that once you collect children from school, you do not stay and play in the playground; we cannot mitigate risk of children playing on the walls unsupervised and we also need to ensure the gates are closed at 3.30pm to keep those staying for after-school clubs safe.



### Scooters and Bikes

A polite reminder that scooters and bikes **MUST NOT** be ridden on school site when coming into school or leaving. The pathways are very busy and a number of parents, carers and younger children are being knocked into, cut in front of abruptly or hurt by children riding in and out of school.


### Chinese new year



Years 1 and 5 were treated to a visit from parents Mrs Leung and Ms Cheung today, learning all about Chinese Lunar New Year. It's now the year of the horse – and the children created their own horse puppet crafts.



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

Badgers – Jack		3FW – Eva
Squirrels – Ivy-Rose		4R – Shiloh
1A – Hunter		4M – Jessica
1BF – Theo K		5N – Duru
2F – Teddy A		5H – Alfie
2A – Rocco		6S – Nathaniel H
3A – Evie W		6C – Jacob



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

2F – Lucy	4M – Louis
2A – Nella	5H - James
3A – Kiah	5N - Owen
3FW – Max	6S – Rosie
4R – Leo	6C - Josh

### Gold book

- Emily (2A) – beautifully produced poster about brown bears
- Mira (5H) – excellent written account about her visit to Ipswich zoo over half term
- Max (3FW) – practicing his reading with superb results
- Olivia T (6S) – a fantastic story about a WW2 evacuee called Mabel
- Max (5N) – amazing progress in his times tables
- Olivia (3A) – great progress in all her written work
- Laurentiu (6S) – superb research project about Stan Hollis, WW2 hero
- Archie (2A) – wrote three short stories independently
- Poppy (6S) – excellent writing



### Bishop Chavasse Shield winner

Well done to Ljay (6C) - he wins a £7 book token for helping Year 4 in PE.

### Attendance

In third place with 98.52% is 4R; in second place with 99.21% is 1A, in first place with an unassailable 100% is 4M!



### House points

- St Andrew – 292: this week's winners
- St David – 285
- St George -242
- St Patrick – 236

### Out of school achievements

- Heather (Squirrels) - passed 3A in swimming
- Marcus (Squirrels) – completed enough park runs to add up to a half marathon
- Emily (2A) – passed stage 2 in swimming
- Fletcher (1BF) – mastered butterfly stroke in his swimming
- Kiah (3A) – half way grading in karate

- Lizzie (Squirrels) - 1st level alpine ski (Snowflakes level)
- Nico (3A) - 1st level alpine ski under 5 (Teddy bear level) (both right)

### Year 6 football team

Well done to our Year 6 football team who played in a tournament against five different teams in a primary schools' tournament at St Gregory's school in Tunbridge Wells, showing perseverance and excellent teamwork in inclement weather conditions.



## PTA update

### PTA meeting – Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm

Next Thursday, as you pack away the World Book Day costumes for another year, make a cup of tea and join us for our termly PTA meeting at 8pm on Teams. We will be discussing the many exciting events coming up, including the online auction and a parents/kids' football tournament on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May. A number of fundraising projects are on the agenda, including a minibus for the school and a possible BIG project in the pipeline to discuss. Please join us to have your say, or just tune in and listen.

### Microsoft Teams meeting

Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/34075128661780?p=NanbNqyOVJMba9TGS4>

Meeting ID: 340 751 286 617 80

Passcode: Bz6Rv9AX

A reminder that we are moving the opening of the **PTA pre-loved uniform shop** to Thursdays – before and after school. If you need a specific item of second hand uniform outside of these hours you can email [pta@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk](mailto:pta@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk).

We hope everyone's underway with their '26 for 26' fundraiser. More sponsorship forms are on the [PTA page of the website](#).

**The first event in school will be Early Years' bubble-a-thon on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March!**

We can't wait to see what the children do to raise their £26 – please send any photos in to [pta@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk](mailto:pta@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk) for us to publish.



**£26 FOR 2026**  
**RAISE £26 FOR OUR SCHOOL**

**Be creative – think 26!**  
(chores, reading, washing cars, baking, or a sponsored challenge)

**Year Group Events**

- EYFS: Bubble-a-thon
- Year 1 & 2: Balloon Challenge
- Year 3: Move-a-thon
- Year 4: TTRS Marathon
- Year 5 & 6: Score-a-thon / Keepie-uppies

Donations can be made via JustGiving or by sending cash to the school office in a named envelope. Sponsorship forms have gone home.

**Donations due: Wednesday 22nd April**

A prize will be awarded to the class that

- raises the most money.

Thank you for helping us make a difference!

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