



# BCS NEWS

## 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026

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

### Head's News

After the exuberance and colour of last week's wonderful Book Week, school has felt noticeably calmer over the past few days. The excitement of costumes, characters and storytelling has gently given way to quieter classrooms where children have been settling back into their usual routines. Without the dressing up, there has been a renewed focus on learning, with pupils working hard to practise, revisit and commit new knowledge to memory. It has been a pleasure to see the school settle into a calm and purposeful rhythm again after last week's celebrations. This is testament to the children at how adaptable they are in their familiar surroundings of school.

We have also been fortunate to enjoy the welcome arrival of spring. The brighter mornings, blue skies and blossom appearing on the trees have brought a sense of freshness to the school grounds. Many children have even managed without their coats at playtime, which always feels like an important milestone in the school year! The sunshine and lighter days make such a difference to playtimes and lunchtimes, lifting everyone's spirits as the children run, play and chat with friends. We are keeping our fingers crossed for a little less rain in the coming days so that the field can dry out enough for us to reopen it. The children are eager to be back on the grass, making the most of the space as the season changes.



Year 6 enjoying Forest School this week

### Key Dates

**Tues 17<sup>th</sup> March**  
**St Patrick's Day:** wear something green

**Weds 18<sup>th</sup> March**  
6pm: Year 6 Heatree and SATS parent meeting

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> March**  
3.15pm Year 3 cake sale for Matongoro, Tanzania

**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

**Tues 31<sup>st</sup> March**  
3.30pm: Year 5 secondary school talk with Leigh & TWGGS headteachers

**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**  
26 for 26 sponsorship money due in



## In other news



### Worship this week

In worship we have thought about Zaccheus and how one says sorry, reflected on speaking words of love and celebrating through song.



Mrs Upton and baby Koa who is already 8 months old!

### Thought of the week

*What is one kind thing you can say to follow Jesus' example?*

### Upcoming events

Our school diary is rarely quiet; there hasn't been a week since January without a performance, a workshop, an opportunity for parents to come in to school or the children to go out and about in the local community. Recognising just how busy this makes your diaries, here are some pertinent highlights of events to come before the end of term:

**Weds 18<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm: Year 6 Heatree and SATs meeting** - not to be missed for Year 6 parents; the opportunity to find out about all the excitement and logistics when the children go on residential in July, and also a chance for support navigating SATs week with your child.

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March: Parent Consultations** for all parents from EYFS to Year 6. We strongly encourage all parents to book a slot to meet your child's teacher: an opportunity for you to hear about their progress and strengths, as well as understand any gaps in learning you might be able to support with at home.

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 9am: Year 3 church service** - our confident Year 3 pupils will be leading our Easter service at St Stephen's church. Parents of Year 3 children are welcome to join the congregation along with younger siblings.

**Tues 31<sup>st</sup> March at 3.30pm: Year 5 transition event** - we invite all Year 5 pupils and their parents for a Q&A session with the headteachers of Tunbridge Wells Girls Grammar School and Leigh Academy Tonbridge: a chance to hear about the different types of school and ask about the upcoming Kent Test registration and application process.

**Weds 1<sup>st</sup> April** - drawing our busy term to a close is the **KS2 Spring Concert**; a highlight of the BCS calendar where children from Years 4-6 will showcase their musical talent and raise the roof with awe-inspiring singing.



Thank you to [Wards Estate Agents](#) for donating £1,000 of PE equipment as part of their 'Get Moving' campaign

### Stream outside school

Some older children are playing by the stream outside the school gates before and after school; the stream is quite high and fast. Please remember that all children are the responsibility of their parent/carer outside the school gates.

## Social media

It is with sadness and frustration that once again I must address the use of social media by parents. Once again, Facebook has been used to criticise the school and question procedures.

I have repeatedly shared how damaging such unpleasant and vindictive these posts can be to the school, staff and community, particularly when they contain false information. They undermine the tireless work my team do to educate, support, nurture and care for each and every child, and in turn each and every family.

We are rigorous in following procedure and maintaining confidentiality at all times in line with statutory guidance and the practice at every local primary school. I must remind every parent that at the heart of these vicious false posts are young children, navigating their way in a big world they may not fully understand, children who come with their own very varied lived experiences that allow them to thrive but may also need careful support.

As adults in our children's lives, we have a moral responsibility to protect our children, to teach them about difference and how to manage sensitive and difficult situations with grace, dignity and patience rather than vexatious inflammatory interactions against the very adults you entrust the care of your children into every day. Should you have concerns about a situation or process, I have an open door - issues can be calmly resolved and parents reassured when this channel of communication is used appropriately.

I remind you of our school values: compassion, honesty and wisdom. We promote these every single day at school - they are a golden thread woven through everything we teach your children. I ask that, as adults, you demonstrate the same values and work collaboratively with us to enable your children to thrive.

## British Science Week Poster Competition

The theme of this year's British Science Week is 'curiosity about the future' and children are invited to think about what will make a 'good' or 'positive' childhood in future by creating a poster. Posters can be drawn, painted, collaged, or created digitally. You can either submit your child's poster online, or via your class teacher. The deadline is Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April; [click here](#) for more information.



## Year 1 fruit

Year 1's DT topic this term is Cooking and Nutrition. In order to plan creating their own smoothies, the children had the chance this week to try some different fruits and vegetables that they might like to put in them.



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

Badgers – Vihaan Squirrels – Oscar 1A – Henry 1BF – Heidi 2F – Karthik 2A – Amy 3A – Rory		3FW – Oliver 4R – Sam 4M – Leland 5N – Charlie 5H – Lily 6S – Phoebe 6C – Kaya
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### Times Tables Rock Stars – highest scores this week:

2F – Willow	4M – Darcy
2A – Orla	5H – Lucy
3A – Logan	5N – Seryn
3FW – Teddy	6C – Josh
4R – Hugo	

### Gold book

Arabella (5H) – excellent predictions and conclusions in science  
Mrunali, Chanakya, Sami, Hadi (6C) – superb WW2 poems  
Phoebe (6S) – superb fractions work plus WW2 half term project  
Ronan (6S) – geometry work in Maths and fascinating writing about the Blitz  
Swargeeya, Elsie, Donald (2F) – for progress and independence in writing  
Lewis, Nysha, Samaira, Fiire (6C) – exceptionally emotional and powerful WW2 poems  
Lewis (6C) – creative WW2 homework, including independent research, a museum visit and interviews  
Ziva (Squirrels) – impressive whole sentence writing about 'how to catch a star'

### Bishop Chavasse Shield winner



Well done to Jamie (6C) - he wins a £7 book token for reading so well to his buddy during the reading safari last Friday. Jamie is considering using his voucher to buy a couple more 'Mr Men' books after he gained a copy of 'Mr Bump' in last week's book swap shop.

### Attendance

In third place with 97.98% is 2A; in second place with 98.11% are Squirrels. In joint first place with a very precise 98.89% are **1BF and 3FW!**



**House points:** St Andrew – 205; St David – 218; St Patrick – 220; St George - 268 – this week's winners!  
The overall winners for the term will win an Own Clothes Day at the start of Term 5.

### Out of school achievements

Donald and Daisy (2F) – medals for learning the 13 and 12 times tables at church  
Willow (2F) – scoring two goals at her football club  
Eva W (3FW) – medal for gymnastics competition in Guildford  
Charlotte B (5N) - passed stage 7 swimming  
Esme, Austin and Phoenix (right) (Badgers) - graded up to new colour belts (orange and purple).



## PTA update

### 26 for 26

As Winnie the Pooh once said, “no one can be uncheered with a balloon” – he should have added bubbles too... what a wonderful time Early Years had with their bubble-a-thon, and Years 1 and 2 with their balloon keepie uppies this week! All in aid of the good cause of **26 for 26**. There’s plenty of time to submit your sponsorship money – the deadline is 22 April (after the Easter holidays) or you can bring it in

as the money is sponsored for your child’s event by dropping cash in a named envelope to the office, or by visiting our [Just Giving](#) page. Please include your child’s name on so we know to which class the money is being allocated in the competition to win an ice cream party!



Next **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March** it’s the turn of **Year 5**, with a football/netball score-a-thon – get practising, Year 5!

And on the theme of football... **SAVE THE DATE** for our first ever Bishop Chavasse PTA football tournament. More info coming out very soon.



As those who attended our latest **PTA meeting** on the evening of World Book Day will testify, we get through a *lot* of business when we meet! We always publish our minutes and financial reports on the [school website](#), but here for your reading ease are the latest minutes. If you spot anything here you may have expertise on, or an opinion, or can help in any way, please email [pta@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk](mailto:pta@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk) – we are keen to hear from you.

## Minutes: PTA meeting 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026



### 1. Treasurer's report

TC spoke to his report ([attached](#)). Figures compared with last year show more positive financial picture overall. PTA has £7,753 in the bank; taking into account committed expenditure of projects (see below) this figure is -£10,500. **Action:** structure of future budgeting to be presented around short, medium and long term funding streams.

### 2. Funding - projects

**a) Climbing walls:** PTA-funded £8,181 climbing walls are receiving really positive feedback.

**b) Minibus:** £2,000 now being progressed again. Mr Ley (business manager) checking staff willingness and ability to make this a reality.

**c) £500 for Forest School:** Mrs Kyte looking at Year 6 plans for extension of Forest School. PTA's £500 to go towards new pathways, plants and flowers to attract wildlife plus £1,000 from Tonbridge School together with labour at the Tonbridge Boys' community day in July. AW pointed out that any Forest School 'story' ticks publicity interest boxes; **action:** NS to tap into local media interest. LE highlighted World Bee Day, 20 May, for PTA to launch their involvement.

**d) £1,500 for SEN walls:** evolving SEN situation at school; ideal solution tbc. Commitment remains but funding can be released for other approved causes as the PTA must not be seen to hold onto funding unnecessarily.

**e) KS2 outdoor classroom:** SPU looking at quotes for octagonal wooden shaded gazebo of £15-£18k of which £5k costs for installation. Either 6 metre (up to 50 children) or 7.5 metre (up to 75 children). Best quote from Pentagon Play from Cheshire who have installed at local primary schools. **Action:** SPU to share quote(s) with PTA committee.

**f) Ping pong tables:** £1,000 each; solid metal. **Actions:** BH to consider placing e.g. back of the building or side strip. PTA to commit circa £1,000 for one table (plus and subject to installation) to see how well it works. SPU to provide final costs on one table, paddles and balls, including option for 'one now, one later' for approval by circulation.

### g) MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area) or astro pitch.

The school's back field is waterlogged and so out of use for 4-5 months of the year. Costs £100-120k plus ~£20k planning and research; likely to take up to 10 years. An enormous, long-term investment which current children at the school will not see; parents would need to understand the benefits and challenges and sign up to a PTA long-term funding stream.

**Benefits:** it would be transformative for the school and local community, a major selling point for the school. It would bring in additional income through evening and weekend hire. Grants could be applied to support with the funding.

**Challenges:** The residents' views would need to be taken into account due to noise and light levels. Lighting solutions are possible (making them lower) and noise reduction measures (fencing on one or more sides). AW pointed out the risks of spending many thousands of pounds on an exploratory design and permissions and then potentially rejecting.

**Actions:** BH to share lessons from primary school headteacher who completed the project over 10 years. PTA committee members to carry out initial exploratory work; start a business plan setting out the costs, timelines and risks; check for possible alternatives to a full-blown MUGA.

**h) Library:** currently 2,000 books short to ensure the library is high quality and meets the needs. LE proposed setting up standing methods for people to donate e.g. list of books on the PTA page of the website; CY suggested a pictorial thermometer. School has an account with substantial discount: parents can't buy books directly. **Actions:** BH and AR to articulate an ongoing funding stream; NS to capitalise on Book Week videos with how parents can buy books.

### **3. Events – SPU lead:**

**a) Disco** – went well; KS1/EY, Years 3-4 popular; Years 5-6 less so. **Lessons learned** for next year: move facepainting to the hall next year due to queues. dismissal for children will need to be strictly implemented for safeguarding, volunteers must sign out their children before taking them home. Reduce from three to two disco sessions with limited tickets.

**b) 26 for 26** – 10<sup>th</sup> March EY bubble popping; 12<sup>th</sup> March KS1 balloon-a-thon. Just Giving initial influx now need to increase efforts. **Action:** SPU upping social media publicity.

**c) Online auction** – 10 staff members have provided experiences, 35 companies have contributed. To go live 27<sup>th</sup> March. Further companies likely to donate. A smaller auction than last year but nonetheless expected to prove profitable.

**d) Football tournament – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May:** SPU and NS working with Jordan. Round robin format with different countries: KS1 and KS2. Tbc teams to enter themselves and/or Jordan to compile the teams. Ice creams and refreshments on offer. Potential to be a sociable, flagship event for the BCS community; price to be pitched to enable everyone to take part e.g. family price. **Actions:** SFC to produce save the date poster. NS to gauge likely numbers through poll.

**e) Break the Rules event** – LE outlined the idea: 50p per rule, nothing too rebellious e.g. hair accessory, nail varnish, odd socks. **Action:** BH to revert with a date; LE to lead.

### **4. Comms**

LE raised voting for school projects cf. tokens at Waitrose to increase sense of involvement; NS mooted the option of mini polls to engage parents on quick win projects. Tom Tugendhat, our local MP, will be coming in the summer term – we will want to make the most of his visit.

**Actions:** NS to produce comms piece with status of PTA projects, including the library, and how people can donate on an ongoing basis. Trial WhatsApp polls to engage the parent community.

### **5. AOB**

**Uniform shop** – opening regularly on a Thursday. Suffered a small damp problem during the wet spell, now sorted, but need to monitor in future. **Action:** NS/SFC to publicise summer dresses.

**6. Date of next meeting:** 8pm, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026



**Kent Family Hub**

# Easter HAF Activities

## Tonbridge & Malling

For children aged 5-16 who are eligible for Benefit Related Free School Meals

7th April 2026 - 17th April 2026

Clip & Climb Tonbridge

Kent Life Maidstone



Please note that HAF codes for each child will be needed for booking

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