

BCS NEWS

27th March 2026

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

Head's News

I wanted to take a moment to thank you all for making this week's parent consultations such a positive and rewarding experience. It has been truly heartening to see our school hall filled with warm, thoughtful, and meaningful conversations about the children's learning. Throughout the week, there has been a real sense of partnership between home and school. Staff have shared how much they value the opportunity to talk with you about your child's progress, celebrate their successes, and discuss the next steps in their learning journey. Equally, it has been wonderful to hear your insights, questions, and support — these conversations make a genuine difference.

When children see their parents engaging positively with their school—attending meetings, having open conversations with teachers, and showing mutual respect—it sends a powerful message about the value of education and relationships. I am a huge advocate of building relationships with parents and know first-hand the enormous difference it makes to a primary school journey for a family, where everyone wants the very best for the children. This visible partnership helps children feel more secure and supported, reducing anxiety and building trust in the adults around them. As a result, they are more likely to approach staff with confidence, communicate openly, and seek help when needed. These strengthened relationships create a more supportive learning environment, enabling children to participate more fully, take academic risks, and ultimately reach their full potential. The atmosphere across both evenings was incredibly special: a hall full of rich discussion, smiles, and shared pride in the children. It reflects our strong community, where every child is supported to thrive.



A busy week for workshops and trips: see pages 2-3 for all the action!

Key Dates

Mon 30th March

9am: Easter service at St Stephen's church
11am: Year 4 Tonbridge park trip

Tues 31st March

3.15pm: Year 5 secondary school talk with Leigh & TWGGS headteachers

26 for 26 – Year 6 scoreathon



Weds 1st April

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



Thurs 2nd April

3.15pm: Early Years cake sale for Matongoro
END OF TERM 4

Mon 20th April

Start of term 5
Yr 3 Ancient Greece workshop

Weds 22nd April

26 for 26 sponsorship



In other news

Worship this week

In worship we have thought about and reflected on what Palm Sunday means for Christians, heard about the Last Supper and how the disciples' feet were washed, the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed and was betrayed and had an opportunity to celebrate our achievements in Friday's celebration worship.



Thought of the week

How could you trust God and show love in the way you treat others this week?

Clocks change this weekend

A reminder that the clocks go forward this weekend, so we will lose an hour in bed! Never a good thing at the end of term, when everyone is feeling weary. However, we hold on to the fact that this will bring brighter mornings, longer evenings and warmer more colourful days.

Parents to select lunches after Easter

After the Easter holidays we will be moving to a new way of ordering children's lunches: parents will make the selection for their child's lunch on Arbor. Pre-ordering your child's lunch choice will help parents manage dietary needs, encourage healthier choices and gives the chance to discuss food choices with your child, minimising food waste in the lunch hall. We will send out full instructions next week as to how this will work. Now would be a good chance to check you can access Arbor – if you are having difficulties please contact the office.



RHSE presentations

Every year, we offer parents and carers the opportunity to attend a presentation on the RHSE (relationships, health and sex education) lessons that we teach in school, using the [Jigsaw scheme](#). The 'Changing Me' modules will be coming up later in the summer term – teaching the correct names for body parts in the younger years and specific lessons in Years 5 and 6 about puberty and human reproduction. The presentations will be:

Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 and 6) - Tuesday 21st April: 2.45pm – 3.15pm

Early Years and Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) - Weds 22nd April: 9am – 9.30am

Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) – Weds 22nd April: 2.45pm – 3.15pm

Early Years Wonderdome

What a fantastic way to end our space topic this week with a visit from the Wonderdome. The children were completely captivated by the experience, watching in awe as they were transported into space. It was truly mesmerising, with some children even asking if they were really in space. They were fully immersed throughout, listening carefully to the information shared and asking thoughtful and sensible questions that showed just how much they have learned



during this topic. It was a wonderful experience for everyone.



Year 2 history workshop – Great Fire of London

The Fire of London workshop helped us learn about the Great Fire of London. We acted out what happened during the fire and pretended to be people living in London in 1666 by trying to stop the fire using water and very poor equipment. They did not have fire engines like we do today, so they had to use buckets and simple tools. This made it very hard to put the fire out. We also learned about Samuel Pepys. He wrote a diary about the fire and told us what he saw. We found out what his life was like and how he helped us understand what happened. The workshop helped us imagine what it was like to live during the Great Fire of London, and we learned lots of new facts in a fun way!



Year 1 history workshop

On Wednesday, Year 1 were visited by *Hands On History* with a workshop about Florence Nightingale and the Victorian Era. The children had lots of fun seeing Miss Adams and Ms Belliere dressed up, used bandages to help their friends and explored a range of different inventions discovered a long time ago such as a telephone.



Year 5 – Museum of Kent life trip

Year 5 had a fantastic time during their Viking Experience Day at the Museum of Kent Life. The children fully immersed themselves in history, learning about Viking life through hands-on activities, exciting storytelling, and interactive workshops. They explored traditional clothing, tried out ancient crafts, and even discovered what it was like to live as a Viking. It was a fun and educational day that brought their learning to life and created wonderful memories for everyone involved.



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

Badgers – Sophie
Squirrels – Kyra
1A – Olivia
1BF – Eli
2F – Tom B
2A – Arion
3A – Meredith



3FW – Grayson
4R – Emre
4M – Evie
5N – Frankie
5H – Philip
6S – Maddie
6C – Olly

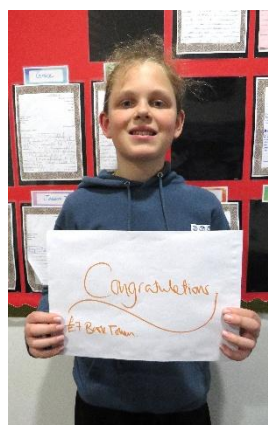


Times Tables Rock Stars – highest scores this week:

2F – Ismay
2A – Rocco
3A – Sadie
3FW – Charlotte
4R – Jack
4M – Kevin
5H – Oliver
5N – Charlotte
6C – Alex
6S – Kenisha

Gold book

Henry (1A) – RE and artwork with Jesus' cross and a sunset
Zach (6C) – beautifully presented A3 project about WWII
Kyra (Squirrels) – independent writing at home
James R-L (5H) – homework writing about a team building exercise
Antonia (Badgers) – a book about her adventures with Lucy the Badger
Lucas, Arlo, Austin, Wilf (Badgers) – answering some really tricky questions about space – they knew more than secondary school pupils!



Bishop Chavasse Shield winner

Well done to Owen - he wins a £7 book token for picking up all the litter from the back field. He plans to buy an adventure book.

Attendance

In third place with 96.25% is 3A; in second place with 96.66% is 5H; and in first place with 98.10 is 5N!

Out of school achievements

Joshua – came third in a Kent squash competition
Meaghan and Chloe – Under 10s Tonbridge hockey tournament
Lucie – stage 5 swimming (right)



Amy, Evie M, Sofia, Daisy, Willow, Evie, Charlotte B, Evie W, Darcie, Cecilia – Tonbridge schools gymnastics competition (below)

Kamila – passed piano prep test

Patrick – scored 10 goals in a football match!

Amelia M – three Brownie badges

Bea – Stage 6 swimming

Lia – yellow belt in Taekwando

Leni – aerial certificate

Alyssa – water safety

Teddie L – electric guitar performance

George – stage 3 swimming

Netball match – our netball team played their first match 'at home' against Sir Henry Fermor school. They played really well as a team and won 13-2!



PTA update



26 for 26: we're down to the final few events in school for 26 to 26: Year 4 flexed fast fingers battling for the highest possible score in 26 minutes – with 4R winning. On Thursday, Year 3 showed some amazingly imaginative moves during their 'move-a-thon' such as the worm, building human towers, ballroom dancing, gymnastics and breakdancing! Next week, Year 6 will get competitive in a score-a-thon.

Sponsorship is open until 22nd April – you can donate via [JustGiving](#) or bring cash to the office. We still have a way to go to meet our target!





PTA



UPCOMING EVENTS 2026

MAR	APR	MAY
<p>Launch £26 for 26</p> 	<p>Mon 27th Online Auction</p> 	<p>Sat 16th  Family Football Event</p> <p>Fri 22nd Making the rules day</p>
JUN	JUL	SEP
<p>Sat 27th Summer Fair</p> 	<p>Fri 3rd Sports Day</p>  <p>Fri 10th & 17th Ice pole Fridays</p> 	<p>Sun 6th Dragon Boat Race</p> 

If you would like to volunteer for any of those events, please email us at pta@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk for more information.

Play 'n Grow
Childcare Ltd.

For children 2-11 years old

HOLIDAY CLUB!
EASTER

Bishop Chavasse Primary School, Tonbridge

★ Tuesday 7th, Wednesday 8th and Friday 10th
★ Monday 13th, Thursday 16th and Friday 17th April

Open: 8am - 6pm
Arts and craft, Unstructured fun and games such as Lego, Barbies and role play

Cooking for Life workshop Tuesday 7th and Monday 13th April

Arts and craft
Unstructured fun and games

Thursday 16th April - Amazing Animal Encounters

Sports

BOOK NOW!
<https://playngrowtholidayclub.ipalbookings.com/>



GOOD FRIDAY

FAMILY SERVICE

(pre school and primary school aged children particularly welcome)



3RD APRIL, 10AM

ST SAVIOUR

TONBRIDGE TN10 3BJ

Tonbridge
Parish Church

EASTER EGG HUNT

ST PHILIP'S CHURCH, SALISBURY ROAD, TONBRIDGE, TN10 4PA

SATURDAY 4 APRIL

REFRESHMENTS AND HOSPITALITY FOR ALL BETWEEN 10AM-12PM

TO BOOK A PLACE ON THE EASTER EGG HUNT PLEASE BOOK VIA QR CODE (OR WEBSITE)
(SO WE HAVE ENOUGH EGGS) AND COME ALONG TO START ANYTIME BETWEEN 10-11.30AM.