



BCS NEWS

24th April 2026

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

Key Dates

COUNTDOWN

4 DAYS TO GO

TO OUR PTA ONLINE AUCTION
STARTING MONDAY
27th APRIL FROM 6 PM

READY STEADY **BID**

Weds 29th April

5.10pm for 5.30pm: Years 1-3 Spring Concert

Mon 4th May

Bank Holiday – no school

Mon 11th - Thurs 14th May

Year 6 SATs week

Sat 16th May

1.45pm: PTA football tournament

Thurs 21st May

9am: Whole school church service at St Peter & St Paul led by Years 1 & 2

Fri 22nd May

End of Term 5

Half term: Mon 25th –

Friday 22nd May

Head's News

With this newsletter I wish you all a warm welcome back to school and the start of the Summer term. The skies are blue, coats, hats and gloves have been packed away, mornings are bright and evenings long - this all contributes to the unique feeling of a Summer term at Primary School; so much learning to be had, opportunities to be seized, experiences to be marvelled at and challenges to overcome with strength and perseverance, yet all cushioned by that comforting feeling of warmth and light.

For our Year 6 pupils, their final long term with us always comes with mixed feelings for so many; final weeks to consolidate primary school learning, spend time with familiar friends and teachers, the anticipation, and then relief, of SATs, the insatiable excitement of residential and producing an end of term performance which so many look forward to for many years while they are with us.

It is guaranteed to be a term filled with a huge amount of joy and celebration for 62 pupils who have spent all or some of their primary school journey with us and we are committed to nurturing each and every one during these last few weeks, as natural apprehensions and curiosity also arises about their next chapters.

For our other year groups, the Summer term brings a time to consolidate their learning, cement friendships and be open to the blossoming of new ones, grow in confidence and curiosity, strengthen one's own sense of self and spirituality and enjoy the learning journey they are on. All staff are looking forward to a term where we always see a huge amount of growth in our young beacons of light, one where the children themselves recognise their growth and how to celebrate their successes. The Summer term is a joyous one, it is busy, but a very special term for so many. With your unwavering support, open communication, patience, compassion and understanding, the positive relationships we have as a community will bloom vividly across our school.



An incredible visit to our partner school Matongoro in Tanzania over the Easter holidays – see page 2 for more

In other news



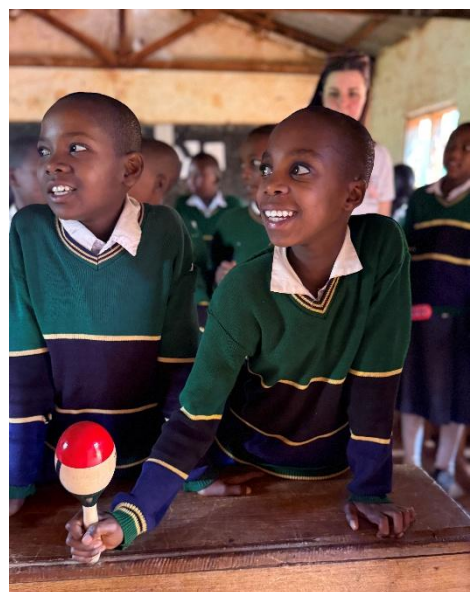
Worship this week

In worship this week we have thought about how everyone can be a carrier of hope.

Thought of the week: *how could you carry and share hope this week?*

Visit to Tanzania

Our recent visit to Tanzania was a truly inspiring experience for Miss Scott, Miss Fielder, Mrs Hood and Miss Clare as they visited our link school, Matongoro together with a team from [St Stephen's church](#). They were overwhelmed by the warm welcome that they received and, while it was difficult at times to witness some of the challenges the school faces, it was incredibly valuable to see firsthand how our fundraising can make a real difference. The staff enjoyed visiting other local schools, including Queen Ester's Boarding School (which is linked with Bennett Memorial) and Norini Primary School (linked to Chiddingstone Primary). Some unforgettable moments included visiting a classroom of 276 children taught by just one teacher and sharing lessons at Matongoro Primary using the resources purchased through last term's fundraising, including a parachute and musical instruments. A particular highlight was singing and dancing with the children in a downpour of rain — their joy and spirit shone through. We look forward to returning and continuing our fundraising to support projects including a new kitchen, classroom decoration, preschool posters, improvements to the garden area, and repairs to the water supply.



Thank you

You may have noticed I have been absent from school this week. Unfortunately I have not been well since my return from Tanzania and not been able to be on site. I have been kept up to date with the day to day by the staff. Thank you for your patience this week, where I have not been able to respond to emails or phone calls. I am truly grateful to my team who have kept the ship sailing proudly, particularly to Mrs Billing, who has done an exceptional job of leading in my absence. I shall be back next week and am greatly looking forward to seeing you all.

School car park

You will be aware that we frequently ask all parents, carers, visitors and staff to ensure the 5 mph speed limit in the car park is adhered to for the safety of all. Following a near miss at Bishop Chavasse just before Easter and an accident involving a child at another Tenax Trust school, we again ask that **everyone respects the 5mph speed limit**.

We know that sometimes it is easy to go over the limit unintentionally and so we are going to be undertaking more speed checks in the car park simply to raise awareness of speed and to hopefully embed a culture of safety. To further protect our community, access will be restricted to staff-only parking in the 'dog-leg' part of our car park at drop off and pick up to enable free flow across the pedestrian crossing into the school building.

On a slightly separate note, a number of parents have asked us to put in place a **no idling** policy in the car park – this is great idea and so we ask that when in the car park for any period of time, **please can engines be switched off** - this reduces harmful air pollution, protecting children's developing lungs and the local environment.

Lost Property

It wouldn't be a newsletter without a note on this; please please ensure every item of clothing and accessories are labelled. We cannot sustain the levels of lost property we have been over the last term. While we are supporting local charities with all our unlabelled items, we recognise there are many families having to replace costly lost items on a regular basis and this is so unnecessary. Labels can simply be a name in marker pen rather than a costly printed label. Any form of identification helps us reunite items with owners.

Year 3: Ancient Greece workshop





Ducklings

We were overjoyed to be visited by three 12-day old ducklings this week – with many thanks to proud new mum Mrs Hodges. The ducklings don't yet have names until they are two weeks old and it be ascertained whether they are boys or girls!

Attendance

As we enter the final two terms of the school year, every day in school matters. These months are an important time for children to build on everything they have learned so far, strengthen key skills, and grow in confidence before moving on to the next year group. Regular attendance plays a vital role in children's progress. Being in school each day helps pupils keep



up with learning, take part in exciting activities, and maintain friendships and routines that support their wellbeing. Even occasional absences can mean missing valuable teaching time and social times with their friends. The summer terms are often some of the busiest and most rewarding of the year, with school, performances, sports events, and transition activities that help prepare your children for the next stage of their school journey. Good attendance ensures that children can enjoy these experiences alongside their peers. We kindly ask all families continue to support strong attendance by ensuring children arrive on time each day, scheduling appointments outside school hours where possible, and taking holidays during official school breaks only.

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

Badgers – Annabelle		3FW – Josie
Squirrels – Faith		4R – Nevin
1A – Zane		4M – Finley W
1BF – Fletcher		5N – Conor
2F – Lucy		5H – Joshua
2A – Rocco		6S – Raven
3A – Seb L		6C – Alyssa



Times Tables Rock Stars – highest scores this week:

2F – Tom B	4M – Louis
2A – Oliver	5H - Ariya
3A – Hendrix	5N - Vritika
3FW – Oliver	Year 6 – Jamie M
4R – Harper	

Attendance

In third place with 98.41% is Squirrels; in second place with 99.62% is Badgers; and in first place with 99.63% is 3FW.

Out of school achievements

- Olivia (3A) – organiser award at Brownies
- Annabelle (Squirrels) - medal at gymnastics
- Lia (4R) – passed stage 5 in gymnastics
- Evie (2A) – carried the flag for Rainbows at the St George's Day parade
- Phoenix (Badgers) – swimming stage 1
- Ralph (1A) – stage 3 swimming
- Heather (Squirrels) – stage 3 swimming
- Chloe (4R) – stage 7 gymnastics
- Annabelle (Badgers) – St George's Day Rainbows parade and a dance show
- Caleb (4R) – passed grade 2 piano
- Bonnie (2A) - Garolou (Wolf) and Ted (3FW) - Ourson (Teddy Bear) with ESF ski school (above R)

Gardening club: rhubarb, strawberries, raspberries, garlic, sweet peas and Nasturtium are growing at school!



St Peter and St Paul church holiday club: tickets on sale this afternoon

This holiday club is incredibly good value, and sells out quickly – so don't delay if you'd like your child to attend.



PTA update

26 for 26

A huge thank you to everyone that has supported our 26 for 2026 campaign! You have helped us raise an incredible amount which will be going towards buying more playground equipment and also purchasing a second outdoor classroom. We hope that the children have enjoyed taking part in the school activities and also fundraising outside of school. **3FW together raised the most money** and will enjoy an ice cream party soon!

PTA Online Auction

This year's auction goes live on **Monday 27th April at 6pm until Sunday 3rd May at 9pm.**



We have been overwhelmed by the incredible generosity of staff and the local community who have donated amazing experiences, classes and items to raise money for our school. In our [auction catalogue](#) you will find exciting things like various wine and gin tours, tickets to various farms and wildlife sanctuaries, pottery, dance and art classes and many many more! Also on offer are yoga classes, beauty offerings, children's activity days and even a handy man for a day! Also there is a chance to be *Headteacher for the day!*

The [auction website](#) is hosted by

Jumblebee <https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/onlineauction2026#none>. Instructions on how to bid will be sent out on Monday.



Football tournament

Our hugely popular sports coach and semi-pro footballer Jordan visited the children in assembly this morning to tell them about the upcoming PTA football tournament on **Saturday 16th May, kick-off 1.45pm**. Bishop Chavasse's first ever family fun football tournament will be the warm-up to the World Cup we've all been waiting for!



Tickets will cost £3 per child or £5 per adult and will be on sale before and after school either from the PTA at the school gates or from the office: cash or card. You can also buy tickets on **Arbor** – if you choose to buy a ticket this way, please ensure you email pta@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk with the names and year groups of the children and/or names of adults.

Teams will be 6-side and allocated according to age: *kids vs kids* and *kids vs adults*!

Refreshments will be available to purchase for participants and spectators: cold drinks, ice creams, snacks - and face painting on offer too!

Tickets will be on sale until 4.30pm on Friday 8th May to enable Jordan to allocate the teams and to let you know which country everyone will be playing for – and so you can wear the colour of that country on the day!

FAMILY FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT WITH JORDAN

SAT 16TH MAY - ARRIVE FROM 1.30PM; KICK-OFF 1.45PM

World Cup themed group stages, then to quarter finals, semi finals and a grand final at around 4pm!

6 ASIDE TEAMS

Children will be allocated to teams according to age or can submit a team with friends; grown-ups in separate teams
Kids vs kids and kids vs mums & dads!

TICKETS: £3 per child, £5 per adult, or £10 for an adult and two children

TICKETS ON SALE: cash or card at drop-off and pick-up, or on Arbor, until Friday 8th May

DRINKS, ICE CREAMS AND SNACKS available throughout. Facepainting too! Bring a rug and a picnic and get ready to cheer!