



BCS NEWS

1st May 2026

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

Head's News

What a glorious week we have enjoyed in school! The sun has been shining, the skies have been a brilliant blue, and there has been a real sense of energy and joy across our grounds. One of the biggest highlights for many of our Key Stage 2 children has been the return to the field, which is now finally dry enough for football to resume. It has been wonderful to see such excitement, teamwork and enthusiasm back in full swing.

With the arrival of these warmer days, our summer playtimes have taken on a special kind of magic. Children have relished the opportunity to enjoy packed lunches outdoors, create their own imaginative games, and simply spend time together beneath the warm rays of sunshine—watching clouds drift and change shape in the vast sky above. These moments may seem simple, but they are incredibly important. Downtime at school plays a vital role in children’s development. It offers space for reflection, supports spiritual growth, and allows young minds to focus on social connection, creativity and imaginative play. In a world that often feels busy and fast-paced, opportunities to slow down are more valuable than ever. What some children might describe as “being bored” can, in fact, be the starting point for creativity, problem-solving and meaningful interaction.

As a school, we are committed to nurturing this. We encourage our children to find joy in the small things: to talk, to laugh, to invent games, to build friendships, and to learn the important skills of turn-taking, adapting and collaborating. These are the moments where curiosity is sparked, confidence grows, and lifelong skills begin to take root. Summer brings more than just warmth and colour; it offers a rich opportunity for personal growth. It is a season where our school vision truly comes to life - filled with “wow,” “ow,” and “now” moments. Above all, it is a time that brings great joy to our entire school community. Wishing you all a wonderful, restful Bank Holiday weekend.



Springtime joy at the KS1 concert, Year 3 cricket tournament and Year 5 Forest School

Key Dates

Mon 4th May
Bank Holiday – no school

Weds 6th May
5N to Tonbridge School

Thurs 8th May
8pm: PTA meeting [online](#)

Mon 11th - Thurs 14th May
Year 6 SATs week

Weds 13th May
5H to Tonbridge School

Sat 16th May
1.45pm: PTA football tournament



Mon 18th May
Year 2 Owls workshop

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

Mon 1st June
Start of term 6

Fri 5th June
Class photos and individual Year 6 photos

Mon 15th June
9am: St Stephen’s church led by Years 4 and 5

Weds 17th June
EY trip to Bedgebury

Mon 22nd June
Year 4 to Brighton

Tues 23rd June
Year 6: Bluebell railway

Thurs 25th June
Year 3: Penshurst Place

Weds 1st July
Years 1&2: Wakehurst

Fri 5th July
SPORTS DAY

In other news

Worship this week

This week started by reading and talking about David and Goliath and was followed by worships allowing us to reflect on courage we can show and examples of courage for us all.

Thought of the week: What brave thing could you do this week, even if it feels scary?

KS1 concert

Joy filled the school hall on Wednesday evening as Years 1, 2 and 3 took to the stage to sing, perform and play their hearts out with courage and musicality. A huge thank you to Years 2-3 choir lead Mrs Ainger, Year 1 choir lead Miss Fancett, and to our Music lead Miss Clare for inspiring and leading the children. [Ensemble videos are on the website.](#)



School council

This week, the School Council took part in a litter pick around the school grounds and monitored the food waste bins. They noticed that food packaging is being thrown into the food waster bins: please don't forget that



Year 3 – cricket



On a glorious Monday morning, our first ever Bishop Chavasse Year 3 cricket team took part in the primary schools Dynamos Cricket Tournament at Tonbridge Cricket Club.

The team played superbly, with great enthusiasm, and won their last match by 60 runs. We hope to run before school cricket training at school in the near future for Key Stage 2 – watch out for communications!



Out of school achievements

Amas (1BF) cycled 75 miles from Hastings to Ramsgate over two days with his father (left)



Amy (2A) – passed stage 4 in swimming

Lucie (2A) – gymnastics certificates for Stage 5 and Stage 6

Jacob (Squirrels) – stage 1 swimming

Finley H (4R) – end of rugby season trophy

Ophion (1BF) – stage 4 in swimming

Zane (1A) – played in a football match with 'We Make Footballers'

Lucas (4M), Finley (4R), Grace (4M), James (5H), Noah (5N) and William

(5N) have all played with great determination and passion for Tonbridge Juddians Rugby Club this season. Between them they have competed at different rugby festivals across Kent and the Tigers Challenge against clubs from England, Northern Ireland and Wales. They have all won medals including Noah receiving the Most Improved Player Award.

Leon (6S) has cut off his amazing hair, and is donating 16 inches to [The Little Princess Trust](#) to go towards making a real hair wig for a child who has lost their hair through cancer or another childhood illness. We asked friends and family to sponsor his haircut, and so far his haircut has raised over £700 to go towards the charity!



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

Badgers – Wilf M Squirrels – Zita 1A – Archie 1BF – Cody 2F – Ismay 2A – Albie 3A – Dora		3FW – Teddie 4R – Chloe 4M – Olivia 5N – Ciel 5H – Ella 6S – Poppy 6C – Josh
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Times Tables Rock Stars – highest scores this week:

2F – Iyannah	4M – Darcy
2A – Lucie	5H – Evelyn
3A – Sara	5N – Ciel
3FW – Jess	6C – Ivan
4R – Teddie K	6S – Laurie

Gold book

Arabella (5H) – excellent predictions and conclusions in science
 Donald (2F) – made a spider out of clay
 Nico (5H) – wrote about a farmer using high level English skills including personification and metaphors
 Lily (5H) – edited her spellings using a word bank
 Philip (5H) – amazing personification in his poem
 Ivy (3A) – independent writing using amazing vocabulary
 Eloddie (2F) – writing using punctuation, particularly speech marks
 Jamie M (6C) – made particularly impressive improvement in his Maths
 Christiana (3FW) – setting description using evocative language
 Olly and Ivy (3A) – impressive pieces of writing
 Archie – wrote about the funny characters from his class book
 Ruby (3FW) – amazing writing
 Marlie Ann (1BF) – wrote about the monkey stealing bananas from her class book
 Caleb, Sam and Teddie K (4R) – comparing the characteristics of two cats from Varjak Paw
 Nysha (6C) – informative science work, including the amazing fact that a human's veins would stretch two and a half times around the world!
 Meredith (3A) – mastering her fractions work in Maths
 Kiah (3A) - vivid setting description
 Seb (3A) – incredibly advanced times tables including the 18x table!
 Oliver (3FW) – informative work about how volcanoes erupt
 Shradda (Squirrels) – three superb sentences about Jack and the Beanstalk
 Tobias (3A) – extraordinary writing. **Tobias is the very last entry in the current Gold Book which has been running since 2022!** A new Gold Book is on the way...



Bishop Chavasse Shield winner

Well done to Amy (2A) - she wins a £7 book token for tidying up chairs without being asked.

Attendance

In third place with 98.92% is 6C, in second place with 98.99% is 2A and in first place with 99.63% is Squirrels – well done and happy birthday today to the Squirrels birthday boys!



PTA update

PTA online auction



Online Auction 2026 – amazing prizes available to be won, plus many more!



ENDS SUNDAY AT 9PM.



There are **3 days left** to get your bids in on our online auction. We have a mix of 63 different donations made by incredibly generous local businesses, BCS staff and members of the PTA. There are family tickets to various farms and zoo's, lots of activities for children to keep them busy and to make amazing memories! For the adults there are wine tours, fitness classes such as yoga and paddle boarding, an afternoon tea cruise and 2 whole chickens that caused a bidding war last year!

Staff and PTA members have donated experiences such as pizza making and pancake making parties, slime making and a chance to be **HEADTEACHER FOR THE DAY!**

There are still a few items that have no bids so please go through the website to see if there is any experience or item that you may like to try and win. Our aim is to try and raise as much money as possible so that we can purchase further playground equipment and also a second outdoor classroom. Bidding closes at 9pm on Sunday 3rd May!

Head to [Jumblebee](#) to bid.

PTA Football tournament

Your last chance to buy tickets will be next Friday 6th May, after which Jordan will be putting the teams together and allocating everyone to their country to play for on the day. You can buy tickets just for your children, or any parents/carers can join in too – actual football skills not necessary!

And of course any family and friends can come along on the day to enjoy the matches, refreshments, facepainting and glorious sunshine (fingers crossed).

Tickets can be bought on Arbor (don't forget to email pta@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk to let us know who's taking part) and the PTA will be selling every afternoon next week too.

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