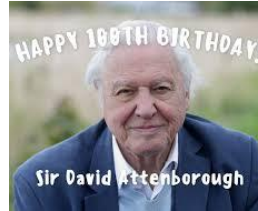


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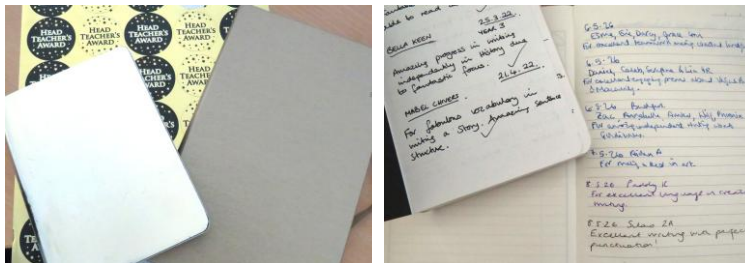
8th May 2026



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

Head's News

The Gold Book is one of our treasured methods of celebrating children's achievements here at school. Most days, I am treated to a gentle knock on my office door and through the glass, I see a child or a small group of children beaming, clutching some work. These moments truly are the highlight of my day. Excitedly the children step into my room, placing their work on my desk with the brightest of smiles. Thereafter follows a few minutes of talking about what is so special about a piece of work that their teacher has sent them to share with me, quiet time for me to read the work and also an opportunity to look back at their books - for the children this brings gasps of 'wow, haven't I made progress' or 'oh my goodness look how my handwriting has changed' - a moment for the children to see their progress and the learning journey they have been on in the last few months. Taking pride in one's own work and being able to absorb one's own brilliance is spiritual growth in its entirety; recognising one's own uniqueness and contribution to one's own wisdom and knowledge. Stickers are given; the children choose whether they want to wear them on their jumper with pride, or remember their gold book moment forever by sticking it on the work. For staff, the gold book represents a tangible history of how brightly our children shine in writing. No pictures, just headteacher scrawl.



This week, the first ever Bishop Chavasse Gold Book found its place on a bookshelf alongside other historic documents as the final entry filled the last page. Started in 2022 by my predecessor, it ended last week with a group of year 3 children who had completed some extraordinary writing. This week our new Gold Book began: 4M girls (below) proudly taking that first entry. It stands ready to record the achievements of our incredible pupils and I am very much looking forward to filling the pages.



Key Dates

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

Weds 13th May
5H to Tonbridge School

Sat 16th May
1.45pm: PTA football



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

Sat 27th June
PTA Summer Fair



Weds 1st July
Years 1&2: Wakehurst

Fri 3rd July
SPORTS DAY

In other news

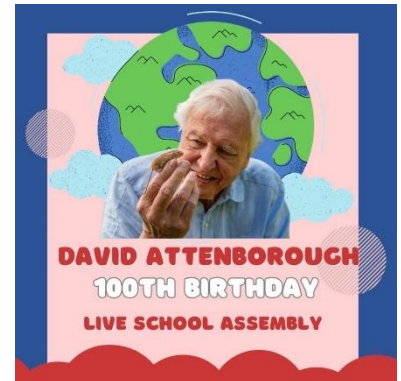
Worship of the Week

Time has been given to reflect on and worship love as an action through song, bible verses and actions.

Thought of the Week: How will you show love to someone this week?

Celebrating Sir David Attenborough

Today marks Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday; a remarkable man. Sir David Attenborough is a famous British broadcaster, natural historian, and author who has spent many years teaching people about the natural world. He is best known for creating and presenting wildlife documentaries that show amazing animals and habitats from around the planet.



Sir David's programmes, including Planet Earth and Blue Planet, have inspired millions of people to care for wildlife and protect the environment. He has received many awards for his work and was knighted for his services to broadcasting and conservation. Even in his later years, Sir David continues to encourage people to look after our planet for future generations.

Today the children have spent the afternoon thinking about his work and learning more about him followed by attending a live online celebration of his life and work led by Picture News. Perhaps, this afternoon and learning will inspire some of our children to follow in his footsteps? Perhaps we will one day celebrate the 100th birthday of one of our pupils, renowned for their work as a broadcaster and natural historian?



SATs

Next week sees the start of the Statutory Assessment Tests for our Year 6 pupils. The children have worked exceptionally hard to prepare for these and should be so very proud of themselves. These assessments and timetables are statutory and as a school we must adhere to the administration and arrangements given to us. It is important that the tests start promptly each morning next week and the children have a quiet environment around them. Tests will be taking place in different rooms in the school. All the children will be reminded to respect the slight changes to their timetable next week.

As parents and carers, please can I ask that you **refrain from staying on the school site beyond 8.55am** in the car park and office area unless you have a scheduled meeting with a member of staff or there is an emergency. As all class teachers and senior leaders have a role to play in the appropriate administration of the tests, they will therefore not be available to meet first thing unless there is an emergency.

Tenax parent survey

A reminder to fill in the Tenax parent survey to feed in your views about our school. It should take no more than 5 minutes to answer the confidential and anonymous questionnaire per child. There is the option to submit a further survey(s) if you have more than one child at the school. All questions are based on the new Ofsted "Parent feedback survey"; the link is: <https://survey.tenaxschoolstrust.co.uk/>. The survey closes on **Tuesday 12th May**.

Midday supervisor – vacancy at school

We are looking to appoint an energetic and caring member of staff as a Midday Supervisor to assist in the lunch hall and out on the playground. The hours are 12 midday – 1.30pm, Monday to Friday, pay equates to approx £4,027 per annum. The closing date is next Friday 15 May. More details are available on our website: <https://www.bishopchavassesschool.org.uk/vacancies> or you can email recruitment@bishopchavassesschool.org.uk or call 01732 646040 for more information and an application form.

Year 5 Science afternoon at Tonbridge School

5N thoroughly enjoyed a science afternoon at Tonbridge School, where we had the opportunity to take part in a range of exciting hands-on activities. The children were fascinated to learn about different skulls and discover how their shapes and features can tell us about animals and their diets. They were also very enthusiastic when using microscopes to closely examine tiny objects and living things. One of the highlights was exploring microscopic creatures and learning about the hidden world that exists beyond what we can see with our eyes. The experience sparked great curiosity and helped the children develop their scientific understanding and investigative skills.



Forest School this week



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

Badgers – Freddie
Squirrels – Seb
1A – Leo
1BF – Heidi
2F – Ronnie
2A – Dieko
3A – Amelia



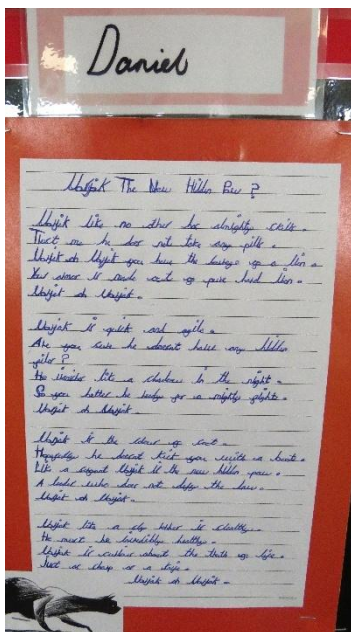
3FW – Flynn
4R – Mason H
4M – Julia
5N – Megan
5H – Ritanya
6S – Isobelle
6C – Fiire



Times Tables Rock Stars – highest scores this week:

2F – Digby
2A – Soren
3A – Elliott
3FW – Braw
4R – Emre
4M – Finley W
5H - Lucy
5N - Ciel
6C – Jack

Gold book



Darcy, Evie, Grace and Esme (4M) – incredible costal land form in art
Daniel (left), Caleb, Serafina and Lia (4R) – poems about Varjak Paw
Zach, Annabelle, Amber, Wilf and Phoenix (Badgers) – amazing writing about Goldilocks
Paddy (5H) – a really excellent setting description in his creative writing
Silas (2A) – wrote about a secret son using perfect punctuation
Aiden (Squirrels) – made a bear's head in art

Bishop Chavasse Shield winner

Well done to Elizabeth (3A) - she wins a £7 book token for showing compassion to her classmates. Elizabeth plans to buy the sequel to *How to Roller-Skate with One Leg* by Ella Dove: *How to Do Paris with One Leg*.



Attendance

In third place with 98.7% is 2A, in second place with 99.52% is 3FW, in first place with 100% is 1BF.



Out of school achievements

Heather (Squirrels) ran her 21st junior parkrun – a total of 26.3 miles - and was awarded with a marathon wristband.

Adam (4M) climbed to the summit of Merrick Hill in Scotland, 2,766 feet above sea level (right)

Amias (1BF) – stage 2 swimming



PTA update

PTA online auction



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

PTA Football tournament

Ticket sales at school are now closed, but you can still **buy on Arbor up to midnight tonight!** Don't forget to email pta@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk to let us know who's taking part if you've bought a ticket on Arbor.

Watch out next week for which country you'll be playing for, and instructions for the day itself.

Mix it up day – Friday 22nd May

MIX IT UP DAY - FRI 22 MAY

WEAR YOUR UNIFORM PLUS 50P PER STYLE - CASH OR CARD ON THE DAY

- HAVE CRAZY HAIR
- HAVE COLOURED HAIR
- WEAR A HAT IN THE CLASSROOM
- NAIL VARNISH
- COLOURED SOCKS
- TEMPORARY TATTOO
- TRAINERS INSTEAD OF SCHOOL SHOES
- FACE/GLITTER PAINT

BE AWESOME

We are excited to announce our first 'mix it up day' on the last day of this term: children can wear uniform together with any number of wacky and crazy twists for 50p per addition or accessory!

BISHOP CHAVASSE SCHOOL

Summer Fest

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY 27 JUNE
11 AM - 2 PM

FREE ENTRY FOR EVERYONE

LIVE MUSIC - ICE CREAM - BBQ - FACE PAINT AND GAMES GALORE