

BCS NEWS

22nd May 2026

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

Head's News

And in a blink of an eye, Term 5 draws to a close. While it has been an uncharacteristically short term, it feels as if it has been longer than the 8-week Autumn term we had leading up to Christmas. Perhaps that is the side effect of being such a busy school, where every day is packed with new learning opportunities, exciting events and workshops, opportunities to learn off site or develop play and problem solving out on the playground? Or perhaps it was simply the side effect of the longing for brighter sunshine, warmer days and a feeling of summer?

Whichever one chooses to attribute that feeling to, half term without a doubt has come at the right time. Hot on the heels of Year 6 pupils sitting their end of key stage exams, just before Year 4 sit their Multiplication check and Year 1 complete their phonics screening check at the start of next term, a week away from the busy environment of school is a welcome opportunity for everyone in our community to stop, pause and reflect on their journey over this school year before embarking on the final term.

For everyone, I hope those reflections bring about a huge sense of satisfaction, celebration and pride; in their own spiritual growth and confidence in one's own ability to understand their own emotions and confidence to experience the world in their own unique way; in their learning and the resilience they have built deep within themselves to navigate the challenge of really understanding something new; and in their friendships and relationships- things that sometimes take thought, time and compromise to ensure they are successful, trusting and immensely positive and bring much joy to one's lives.

I say this, not just because I am writing a newsletter, but because these are the reflections we often have as educators when thinking about the growth of our pupils during the school year; we don't just think about their academic growth in progress and attainment, we think about the growth of the whole child and what we can do to enable every child to fulfil their potential in their own unique way. And at this point in the year, we feel the pride in our pupils for their journey so far has been awe-inspiring. And so, with that, I wish everyone a peaceful, joyful half term.



Key Dates

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: Peshurst Place

Sat 27th June
PTA Summer Fair



Weds 1st July
Years 1&2: Wakehurst trip

Year 6 production
performances

Fri 3rd July
SPORTS DAY

Mon 6th – Fri 10th July
Year 6 residential trip to
Heatree

Thurs 16th July
Whole school church
service at St Peter and St
Paul – Year 6 leavers

Thurs 17th July
END OF TERM 6

In other news

Worship this week

Our focus has been on encouraging the children to think about patience this week; patience with circumstance, with ourselves and with others, ending with a memorable service at St Peter and St Paul led by Years 1 and 2 drawing our attention to the fruits of the spirit, joy and peace.

[Videos of the songs](#) are on the school website and well worth a watch, and more [photos are on our Facebook page](#).



Farewell to Mrs Lanksford

At our church service on Thursday, we took a moment to bid a fond farewell to Mrs Lanksford, who has been a Teaching Assistant at Bishop Chavasse for over five years. Mrs Lanksford has supported so many children through the school and watched many of our eldest children grow from Early Years all the way through to Year 6. We shall miss Mrs Lanksford's calm and compassionate demeanour and wish her well in her new chapter.

Emails and phone calls

As we break for half term, our office will be closed for the entire period and the email inbox and voicemail will not be monitored.

The DSL inbox will be monitored intermittently, but should not be used if a child is at imminent risk of harm. If a child is in immediate danger, call the emergency services using **999**. If you are worried about the safety of a child please call Social Services Out of Hours on **03000 41 91 91**.



RSHE – Jigsaw: Changing Me

Next term, our RSHE (Relationships, Sex and Health Education) lessons will focus on the Jigsaw topic, *Changing Me*. This unit helps children understand and talk about the changes they may experience as they grow, in a way that is appropriate for their age and stage of development. The lessons will explore topics such as growing up, understanding how our bodies and feelings can change, and learning how to care for ourselves and others with respect, confidence, and kindness. Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our recent RSHE information meetings, where we shared an overview of the curriculum and explained the learning that will take place. We understand that families may have questions about this topic and want to ensure you feel informed and supported. Parents and carers in Years 3-6 can access a set of supportive questions on the *Letters and Documents* tab of their child's class page to help encourage open conversations at home and support children in reflecting positively on their learning. If you would like to discuss the content further or have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher, who will be happy to help.



Year 2 – Owl workshop

Year 2 were enthralled to meet Zazu (pictured left), Bindi and Eileen (right) earlier this week in a fascinating workshop hosted by the brilliant and knowledgeable [Kent Owl Academy](#).



5H Science afternoon

Year 5 enjoyed an incredible and fascinating afternoon at Tonbridge School, where they had the exciting opportunity to use real microscopes to explore the intricate details of minuscule creatures, including cockroaches and mosquitos. 5H were also incredibly fortunate to watch a spectacular demonstration by the Tonbridge boys all about the Fire Triangle. The engaging and interactive show brought science to life and was a fantastic way to deepen the children's understanding of how fire works. It was a memorable experience that inspired curiosity and enthusiasm for science throughout the afternoon.



Year 6 definitely enjoyed their postponed SATs celebration in Tonbridge park on Thursday!



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

Badgers – Louis
Squirrels – Nico
1A – Alaiya
1BF – Marnie
2F – Cecilia
2A – Braydn
3A – Phoebe



3FW – Ted
4R – Bea
4M – Esme
5N – Lily
5H – James
6S – Nathaniel
6C – Hadi



Times Tables Rock Stars – highest scores this week:

2F – Willow
2A – Soren
3A – Seb
3FW – Euan
4R – Danny
4M – Lucas
5H – Ella
5N – Ciel
6C – Zach

Gold book

Jonah – stunning piece of artwork

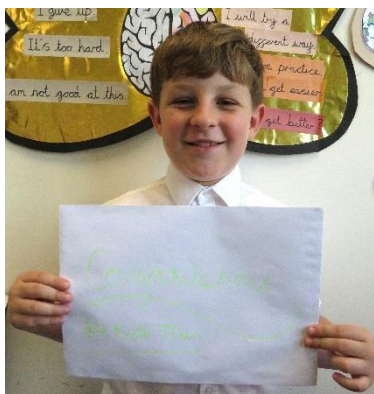
Favour – thought about actions in teamwork in really thoughtful way

Ablon, Keira and James – amazing work about cosmic neighbours in space using incredible vocabulary

Edith – drew a plan as to how she was going to make a unicorn, then made it!

Kenisha, Alex and Nysha – wrote very impressive speeches about their achievements imagining they had won

Olivia (4M) – wrote a really vivid description at home using high quality vocabulary



Bishop Chavasse Shield winner

Well done to Mason H (4R) - he wins a £7 book token for helping a teacher on the playground. He plans to buy a Marcus Rashford book with his token.

Attendance

In third place with 96.11% is 1BF. In second place with 97.22% is Badgers and in first place with 97.78% is 5H!



House points: St George win the House points competition with 1,915 points – they'll have an Own Clothes Day on Thursday 4th June.

Out of school achievements

Annabelle (Squirrels) – hand spring and a cartwheel at gymnastics

Faith (Squirrels) – gymnastics certificate

Grayson (3FW) – medal for improvement and stamina in swimming

Isobelle M-S (4R) – 5k crazy obstacle course

Teya (5H) – her Tonbridge Juniors Football Club team came second in the league.

Swimming Success



A huge congratulations to our swimming team who secured a fantastic 3rd place in the Tonbridge Interschool Swimming Gala this week; our swimmers demonstrated teamwork, perseverance and determination in every race as they sped through the pool, supporting each other with energy and compassion throughout the entire afternoon.



PTA update

Mix it up day

Thank you to everyone who chipped in for the wonderful and creative styles we've seen around school today – the children and staff have had a lot of fun, and today has raised £343.



PTA football tournament

Congratulations to the sporting efforts of all 110 children including BCS alumni, teen siblings, mums and dads, huge thanks to our incredible sports coach Jordon for designing and refereeing the whole tournament, to [First Class Football](#) for lending us the goals, to the 14th Tonbridge Sea Scouts for the shelters, and to the amazing support from all the spectators. Massive congratulations to Germany for taking home the gold 🇩🇪! They played brilliantly and we have to tip our hats to the Ghana squad too for a sterling final.



QUARTER FINALS	
PITCH1 QF1	ENGLAND v GERMANY 1 WIN ON PENS 3-0
VS	
PITCH2 QF2	SOUTH AFRICA v MEXICO 0
VS	
PITCH1 QF3	1 JAPAN v BRAZIL 1-0
VS	
PITCH2 QF4	2 GHANA v CANADA 2-1

WE NEED YOU!

HELP MAKE OUR Summer Fair THE BEST YET!

Volunteers are the ones who make events happen.

Stalls, BBQ, games, drinks and more all depend on people giving just a little time where they can.

So far this year, you've helped the PTA raise around £10,000.

These events are not just about raising money, but also about building the school community.

Many hands make light work.

OUR SUMMER FAIR IS ON SATURDAY 27 JUNE AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!

THIS YEAR, WE'RE RAISING MONEY FOR A NEW OUTDOOR CLASSROOM A SPACE TO LEARN, GROW AND THRIVE - TOGETHER

CAN YOU HELP? SIGN UP HERE!

Summer Fair – Saturday 27th June

Thank you to everyone who has put their names forward to help at the Summer Fair. We will need a few more volunteers for the BBQ, facepainting, craft, tombola and toys. Any time you can offer will be a huge help!

Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to sign up:

