



BCS NEWS

5th June 2026

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

Head's News

Welcome to the final term of the academic year. I hope you all enjoyed a gloriously warm and summery half-term break and have returned feeling well rested, refreshed and ready for the exciting weeks ahead. This week has been particularly special as we welcomed our newest families into our school community. It was a pleasure to meet a new group of parents who are joining our vibrant and supportive school family, bringing with them children who will undoubtedly add even more brightness, energy and joy to our community.

There is always something humbling about finally putting faces to the names I have seen for months on spreadsheets and admission lists. One of my favourite moments is watching our Welcome Evening gradually transform from a formal meeting into a social occasion, as conversations begin to flow, children start to connect and new friendships begin to blossom. It is heart-warming to see parents getting to know one another while their children, who may have arrived as strangers, quickly find common ground and begin building relationships of their own. For some of these families, this welcome meeting may mark the very beginning of lifelong friendships, relationships that will be filled with countless joyful memories in the years ahead. Creating opportunities for these connections to flourish is something we value deeply and strive to nurture throughout every child's journey with us.

As our newest families begin their story with our school, our current Year 6 pupils and their parents are carefully reflecting on the chapters they have already written. Together, they are compiling a Memory Book filled with photographs, messages and treasured moments from their time here. This precious keepsake will serve as a lasting reminder of the friendships, experiences and achievements that have shaped their primary school years and will, we hope, be something they and their families will cherish for many years to come. As we begin this final term together, I look forward to the many celebrations, achievements and memorable moments that still lie ahead.



Rain never stops play down at Forest School!

Key Dates

Fri 12th June

PTA Own Clothes Day
Donations of sweets



Mon 15th June

9am: St Stephen's church
for Key Stage 2 only 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: Penschurst Place

Fri 26th June

PTA Own Clothes Day:
donations of bottles

Sat 27th June

PTA Summer Fair



Weds 1st July

Years 1&2: Wakehurst trip

Year 5: Tonbridge School
Community Day

Year 6 production
performances

Fri 3rd July

SPORTS DAY

Mon 6th – Fri 10th July

Year 6 residential: Heatree

Thurs 16th July

Whole school church

In other news

Worship this week

In worship this week we have used stories and readings to reflect on how Jesus can be with us in different ways in our lives: Jesus ahead of us and beside us, helping Christians to know wholeheartedly that Jesus is always with us.

Thought of the Week: how could remembering that Jesus is always with you help you this week?



Swimming

We have been really fortunate, since Bishop Chavasse started, that Somerhill Schools have offered us the use of their pool, staff and minibuses free of charge for swimming lessons. Unfortunately, with the rising costs of energy bills, pool and minibus maintenance and salaries, Somerhill are no longer in a position to offer us their facilities free of charge. Over recent months, we have spent considerable time investigating our options, committed to our statutory duty to ensure, to the best of our ability, that [all Year 6 pupils leave primary school able to swim 25m](#). To this end, we are left in the difficult situation of having to implement a charge for swimming. In line with other local schools, we will now be asking parents for a voluntary contribution, effective from 1st September 2026. The amount is to be confirmed. We are in the process of mapping out which Year 6 pupils (in September) will be having swimming lessons in conjunction with the swimming teacher and will communicate this as soon as we are able.



SEND support

KCC has shared with us a couple of useful links. Their [newsletter](#) contains articles about supporting early years, transition to primary school, coping with exams, two new emotional wellbeing services, support for ASD/ADHD, Family Hubs, webinars for parents and support for mental health.

From Kent Family Hub, a [video series](#) for families with young children about how they can support their children's growth, confidence and wellbeing.

Miss Hume's trek for Alzheimer's Society

Miss Hume is taking part in the Jurassic Coast walk tomorrow, Saturday 6 June, in memory of her grandfather and raising money for Alzheimer's Society. We wish her all the best, particularly as the sky doesn't look as though it will be quite as blue as pictured left tomorrow!



Miss Hume would be grateful for any donations via her [JustGiving page](#). Alzheimer's Society is working towards a world where dementia no longer devastates lives. They do this by giving help to those living with dementia today and by providing hope for the future by campaigning to make dementia the priority it should be and funding ground-breaking research.



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

Badgers – Louie
Squirrels – Makayla
1A – George
1BF – Freddie
2F – Digby
2A – Oliver
3A – Toby



3FW – William
4R – Jack
4M – Aaron
5N – Darcie
5H – Ariya
6S – Olivia
6C – Aarav



Times Tables Rock Stars – highest scores this week:

2F – Louis
2A – Lucie
3A – Alex T
3FW – Eva
4R – Harper
4M – Finley M
5H – Lucy
5N – William
6C – Samira

Gold book

Iona (2A) – for making an African house out of clay and leaves
Emily (1BF) – for writing a very informative fact file about giraffes
Olivia (3A) – excellent writing about Usain Bolt
Leo (5H) – for writing a really effective poem about Sherlock Holmes
Amber (Badgers) – for excellent independent writing about caterpillars
James (Squirrels) – designed a ferry to go to the Isle of Wight!
Heather (Squirrels) – for reading a story fluently to the class – amazing reading for an EY pupil
Kellyann and Poppy (Squirrels) – for amazing addition and subtraction work using a dice
Katalin (6S) – for writing a captivating short story based on a film

Bishop Chavasse Shield winner

Well done to Orla - she wins a £7 book token for excellent learning in RHSE.

Attendance

In third place with 97.14% is 5N; in second place with 98.08% is Badgers, and in first place with 98.7% is 2F – well done 2F!

Out of school achievements



Elijah (1A) (left) completed his first 3k Cancer Race For Life in honour of his grandad who passed away last year. He raised £200 for Cancer Research and got his first medal!

Nella (2A) (right) has passed her stage 5 swimming

Willow (2F) – awarded a medal for scoring 20 goals in a football match

Sofia (2A) – Stage 2 gymnastics

Annabelle (Squirrels) – double handspring in gymnastics

Meredith (3A) – trophy for singing at drama club

Jessica (3A) – passed stage 3 swimming

Lizzie (3A) – passed stage 3 swimming



BISHOP CHAVASSE PTA

Summer Fair Donations

OWN CLOTHES DAYS

FRIDAY 12 JUNE SWEETS **FRIDAY 26 JUNE BOTTLES**

OPTIONAL DONATIONS
Please drop off your donation on the day at school.
Sweets must be nut-free
Bottles can be alcohol, soft drinks or toiletries

PTA update

Roll up, roll up! It's that time of year when we gather the stock, games and treats for the PTA Summer Fair. Next Friday 12th June is an Own Clothes Day so please bring optional donations of sweets to school for drop-off at Breakfast Club or the gates or the office. All children can wear their own clothes, regardless of donation.

We would still love a few more volunteers – email pta@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk or [click here](#) to sign up.

Play 'n Grow Childcare Ltd.

For children 2-11 years old

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB!

Bishop Chavasse Primary School, Tonbridge

DATES
Monday 20th July to Friday 14th August
Open: 8am - 6pm

EXCITING ACTIVITIES

- Arts & Craft
- Cooking
- Nerf Guns
- Bubble Football
- Dance Workshops
- And lots of other fun activities!

LOTS OF FUN ALL SUMMER LONG!

BOOK NOW!
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