



BCS NEWS

12th June 2026



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

Key Dates

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

Weds 24th June

Year 4 to Tonbridge mosque

Thurs 25th June

Year 3: Peshurst 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 service at St Peter and St Paul – Year 6 leavers

Thurs 17th July

END OF TERM 6

Head's News

Whether you are a football fan or not, the start of the FIFA Men's World Cup this week is unlikely to have passed anyone by. In worship this week, we spoke to the children about this global event, highlighting how one sporting competition can bring together people from many different countries and cultures. A worldwide event like this creates shared experiences and connections between people who speak different languages and live very different daily lives, all through one shared love of the game: football.

This reflection made me think about the similarities with our school community. We are a diverse community, made rich and vibrant by families with different ancestors, cultures and traditions, different first languages and home lives. These contribute to the unique character of our school and spark the children's curiosity about the wider world.

And it is not only because of our cultural diversity that we can draw comparisons. The World Cup is also a celebration of effective teamwork. Teamwork is an extraordinary gift that we see every day in our learning and play. Just like for the footballers on the pitch, it only works when we use it together. When we work as a team:

- We help each other – if one person is stuck, someone else can lend a hand.
- We share ideas like puzzle pieces: put them together, and we see the whole picture.
- We make things easier – many hands make light work, and it is more fun too.

Think of a football match: if only one player tried to score, success would be difficult. But when the whole team passes and supports one another, amazing things can happen. While millions of people around the world are captivated by this global event, here at Bishop Chavasse we can celebrate something just as special: our own thriving community. We are privileged to be a place where pupils flourish through teamwork and friendship. Every day, our children live out our school values of compassion, honesty and wisdom. They listen to one another, show kindness and encouragement, and celebrate everyone's efforts, not just the final result. They understand that together we can achieve far more than we ever could alone, and it is this spirit of unity in diversity that makes our school such a special place to belong.



6C flourishing through teamwork and friendship in Forest School this week

In other news

Worship this week

Worship has helped us think about our friends; courageous friends, faithful friends and inspired friends- we have talked about the meaning of these words to describe friends, how we see these qualities in our friends and how we can be courageous, faithful and inspired as friends to others.

Thought of the week

How will you be a good friend this week?

Football countries project

During our Picture News session in worship this week, we learned about the World Cup and how it is not just a football competition, but also an opportunity to learn about different countries, cultures, and communities. Following this, the children are very excited about the research project we have set them. Over the next few weeks, we invite them to research their participating country from the tournament. Their research could cover people and culture, geography, history, culture: art and literature, or everyday life. They can present their findings in any creative way they would like, such as a video, poster, leaflet, or PowerPoint presentation. This is an optional challenge, but we look forward to seeing any creations brought into school by 10th July.



Badgers – Algeria	3FW – Paraguay
Squirrels – Canada	4R – Cote d'Ivoire
1A – Argentina	4M – Uzbekistan
1BF – New Zealand	5N – Qatar
2F – Spain	5H – Panama
2A – Iran	6S – Paraguay
3A – France	6C – Egypt

Matongoro donations request

As we have thought so much about friendship this week, about teamwork and about different cultures coming together, our link with Matongoro and the friendship we share have been at the forefront of our minds. A small group of students and staff from Bennett Memorial School will be heading out to their link school in July and have kindly offered to take some gifts from us. If anyone has any of the following they are willing to donate to send out, please do drop them at the office during the course of next week, and I will pack them up and take them to Bennett:

- Shoes with some life in but may be destined to sit unworn in a cupboard otherwise.
- Tennis balls
- Jigsaw puzzles- complete but not wanted anymore
- A large old holdall/suitcase

Playground items

We are always looking for ways to enrich playtimes for our children, and one of the best ways to do this is through open-ended play with engaging resources. We are currently hoping to expand our provision outdoors, and would be incredibly grateful for any donations from home that you may no longer need. In particular, we are looking for:

- **Waterproof puddle suits** (4+) so that children can enjoy outdoor learning in all weather
- **Old tyres and plastic piping** to support gross motor development and outdoor play
- **Buckets and spades** for water and sand play
- **Legos**
- **Boxes of small world items** such as small figures, farm animals, dinosaurs etc.



If you have any of these items that you would be happy to donate, please ensure they are **clean and in safe, usable condition**. Items can be brought into school and given to a member of the Early Years team.

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

Badgers – Zach
Squirrels – Henry
1A – Bonnie
1BF – Reuben
2F – Donald
2A – Orla
3A – Rory



3FW – Myles
4R – Hugo
4M – Adam
5N – Lily
5H – Ritanya
6S – Anopaishe
6C – Ljay



Times Tables Rock Stars – highest scores this week:

2F – Swargeeya
2A – Soren
3A – Olivia
3FW – Ted
4R – Leo
4M – Jess
5H - Oliver
5N – Amelia
6C - Jamie
6S - Leon

Gold book

Oliver (2A) – amazing Maths: times tables and dividing

Max (3FW) – wrote an incredible diary entry about Usain Bolt

Ivy-Rose (Squirrels) – mastered the ‘special friend’ sounds including the ‘qu’ sound in Squirrels!



Bishop Chavasse Shield winner

Well done to Thea (Squirrels) (above right) - she wins a £7 book token for beautiful singing in Collective Worship, knowing every single line. Thea plans to buy a Unicorn Academy book with her token 😊

Attendance

In third place with 98.87% is Squirrels; in second place with 98.92% is 5N and in first place with 99.49% is 2A – well done, 2A!



Out of school achievements

Chloe (4R) – completed her 50th park run – that’s an incredible 250km altogether!

Oliver T (2A) – ran the 5k Parkrun in 28 minutes and 11 seconds – wow!

Aodhan (2A) received his yellow belt in karate

Jack (6C) – scored highest possible 180 in darts

Samira (6C) – level 5 trampolining certificate



BBC series

Does your child love making new friends? The team behind The Dog House is making a brand new **BBC series about childhood friendship** and are looking for **kids aged 5 to 8** who are sociable and enjoy making new friends. If this sounds like your child – or someone you know – filming is in July/August 2026, and we would love to hear from you.

Apply at: <https://makingfriends.tv/>

BBC

Does your child love making new friends?

The award-winning makers of The Dog House are casting for a brand-new BBC series about friendship.

We are looking for children aged 5 to 8 from all over the UK who are sociable and enjoy making new friends.

If your child is interested (with no pressure to take part) please apply at:

makingfriends.tv

PTA update

Two weeks to go until the Summer Fair! Thank you so much for all the sweets donations this morning. Our next Own Clothes Day is the day before the Fair on Friday 26th June, when we will be very grateful for donations of bottles for the tombola table.

We are in need of just three more volunteers please: two for the tombola stall, and one for the toy table. Please email pta@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk or let anyone on the PTA committee know if you can help at any point!



A vibrant poster for the Summer Fair Donations. At the top, a large sunflower has a circular logo in its center that reads 'BISHOP CHAVASSE PTA'. Below the sunflower, the text 'Summer Fair Donations' is written in a large, white, rounded font. A yellow banner below this reads 'OWN CLOTHES DAYS'. Underneath the banner, two dates are listed: 'FRIDAY 12 JUNE SWEETS' and 'FRIDAY 26 JUNE BOTTLES'. At the bottom, there is a section for 'OPTIONAL DONATIONS' with instructions: 'Please drop off your donation on the day at school. *Sweets* must be nut-free *Bottles* can be alcohol, soft drinks or toiletries'. The poster is decorated with colorful bunting and balloons.

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The winners of the PTA online auction bid for a band session with Steve enjoyed rocking out this week playing in their band 'the Sting Keys'!

