



# BCS NEWS

19<sup>th</sup> June 2026

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

## Head's News

Today, 19th June, brings with it a celebration of something that feels both simple and surprisingly challenging: World Sauntering Day - a day first put in the calendar in 1979 to remind people to **pause, slow down, and savour life**, rather than rushing through daily routines. When I first discovered this day in our calendar I instantly felt that "sauntering" seemed so out of step with primary school life. After all, our days are full and purposeful. From the moment the gates open, children and staff are actively engaged—learning, teaching, preparing, creating, collaborating, and socialising. Every minute matters, and our school sings with energy and enthusiasm. Beyond the school gates, life continues at a similar pace. Families move from one commitment to another—work, clubs, sports, music lessons, celebrations, and the many joyful but demanding responsibilities that fill our days. In such a busy world, I often wonder (and am often asked): when do we slow down? When do we allow ourselves the space simply to notice, to reflect, or just to be?

Sauntering is about creating moments to think, to wonder, and to reconnect with ourselves and the world around us; it is an opportunity for Spiritual growth; to notice the *wows, ows* and *nows*. It is a skill that needs nurturing. Giving ourselves permission to pause allows new ideas to form, emotions to settle, and perspectives to grow. These quiet moments can be just as important as the busy ones. Our school vision and the work we have done this year on Spiritual growth aligns so closely with World Sauntering Day. In seeking to instil curiosity, we encourage children to notice and to question—to be present with their thoughts rather than rushing past them. When we slow down, curiosity has room to flourish. In taking time to reflect, we practise honesty with ourselves and others. In creating space to notice how others feel, we grow in compassion. And in learning when to pause and consider, we develop wisdom. So today, on World Sauntering Day, or maybe if we extend it into the weekend, perhaps we might each find a small moment—to walk without rushing, to listen more closely, or simply to pause and remind ourselves that while busy lives are full and rewarding, there is equal value in stepping back, reflecting, and appreciating the world around us.



Early Years slowing down to enjoy nature at Bedgebury Pinetum this week – more on page 3

## Key Dates

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> June**  
Year 4 to Brighton

**Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> June**  
Year 6: Bluebell railway

**Weds 24<sup>th</sup> June**  
Year 4: Tonbridge mosque

**Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> June**  
Year 3: Peshurst Place

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> June**  
PTA Own Clothes Day:  
donations of bottles



**Sat 27<sup>th</sup> June**  
PTA Summer Fair



**Weds 1<sup>st</sup> July**  
Years 1&2: Wakehurst trip  
Year 5: Tonbridge School Community Day  
1.30pm and 5.30pm: Year 6 production performances

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> July**  
**SPORTS DAY**  
9.15am – EY and KS1  
11.45am – school picnic  
1pm – KS2

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> – Fri 10<sup>th</sup> July**  
Year 6 residential: Heatree

**Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> July**  
Whole school church service at St Peter and St Paul – Year 6 leavers

**Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> July**  
**END OF TERM 6**

## In other news



### Worship this week

We started the week at St Stephen's church for KS2, where we were given the opportunity to think about [kindness, faithfulness and goodness](#). Back at school children reflected on being an enemy or a friend and Christians as the body of Christ.



**Thought of the week:** how will you show kindness and work together even with people who are different to you?

### Matongoro donations

We are truly humbled by your generosity and now have shoes, suitcases and puzzles to send out and impact the lives of so many of our friends in Tanzania - thank you so much. If you have any more, there's still time to bring them in.

### Reporting changes to collection arrangements

We understand that sometimes things happen and you need to change your pick-up arrangements; we are here to work with you and ensure your lives can run as smoothly as possible around school. This is a polite request that should you need to change pick up arrangements at short notice, you endeavour to call by 2.30pm and follow up your call with an email making clear the change to your collection. The school day is extremely busy; staff rarely get a moment to stop and pause. The office receives hundreds of calls and emails each day along with visitors at reception. We want to ensure our provision meets everyone's needs, and so we just need a little collaboration as we amend our procedure slightly. [A reminder: call and email if reporting a change to collection arrangements.](#)

### Digital safety competition

In collective worship on Tuesday, Ms Fancett launched a digital safety competition around the three golden rules: keep personal information private, think before clicking, and tell trusted adults if needed. Children are invited to create posters, poems or comic strips showing how to stay safe online which should be bright, clear, and motivate others to deepen their understanding of online safety. There will be prizes including a certificate, House points and your work will be displayed in school. Please submit your entries via email to [office@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk](mailto:office@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk) or via the office to Ms Fancett by **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**.





### Early Years trip to Bedgebury

The children had a fantastic time taking part in the activities in the Pinetum and thoroughly enjoyed exploring the beautiful surroundings. We were so proud of how well behaved they were throughout the day. To make the trip even more special, we even met The Gruffalo!



### KS2 cricket trip

60 children from Years 3-6 travelled to the St Lawrence Ground, Canterbury to watch the Kent's Men's First XI take on Middlesex on Day 1 of their County Championship match, as part of the 174th Canterbury Cricket Week. They had the opportunity to take part in activities including quick fire cricket, to go on to the pitch during the lunch break to play games, and to practice rebounder catching, diving catching and cornhole (target throwing)! Our children behaved so well watching the cricket match that they received a special round of applause from the spectators when they went to leave for their next activity.



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

Badgers – Josh

Squirrels – James

1A – Hope

1BF – Gideon

2F – Eloddie

2A – Lucie

3A – Louis



3FW – Alex M

4R – Lia

4M – Darcy

5N – Seren

5H – Snigdha

6S – Ronan

6C – Alyssa



### Times Tables Rock Stars – highest scores this week:

2F – Henry

2A – Soren

3A – Olivia

3FW – Ruby

4R – Lexi

4M – Darcy

5H - Lucy

5N – Meaghan

6C - Hadi

6S - Zander

### Gold book

Ritanya and James (5H) – wrote a 'horror' story which had Mrs Hood on the edge of her seat!

Willow and Teddy (2F) – designed a beautiful prayer mat as part of a lesson about how Muslims pray

Lucy (2F) – rewrote an extremely well composed and impressively lengthy story

Cici and Ronnie (2F) – excellently written narrative about the Great Fire of London

Alfie, Maneet, Ariya, Danyatha and Teya (5H) – cliffhangers with excellent description and vocabulary



### Bishop Chavasse Shield winner

Well done to Christiana (3FW) - she wins a £7 book token for being such a lovely friend; she plans to buy a comic novel like Bunny vs. Monkey.

### Attendance

In third place with 98.51% is Squirrels, in second place with 98.92% is 5N and in first place with 99.63% is 3FW!

### Out of school achievements

Tom B and Ronnie (2F) – Tonbridge Juniors Football Club tournament medals



Charlie (2A)- stage 4 at swimming

Henry (5N)- winning 'most improved player' of the season at Tonbridge Juniors Football Club



PTA online auction winners in 3FW had the chance to make pizza at school this week!

## PTA update

We held our [final PTA meeting of the year last week, and the minutes](#) and [lookahead for 2026-27](#) are on our website. Please take a read to see what we've been up to and what's coming up.

ONE WEEK TO GO until the Summer Fair! The children had a sneak preview of one of the games at the Fair this morning in Celebration Worship: 'Poo on the Loo' – not to be missed!

Our final Own Clothes Day is the day before the Fair next Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June, when we will be very grateful for donations of bottles for the tombola table. Tokens now on sale before and after school every day until the Fair!



**Summer Fair**

**TOKEN PRE-SALE**

**WE'LL BE SELLING TOKENS AT SCHOOL  
DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP EVERY DAY FROM  
FRI 19 JUNE UNTIL FRI 26 JUNE**

Tokens cost 50p each and will be sold in bundles of 10 for £5.

Tokens can be paid for by cash or by card.

All tokens are non-refundable.

You can also buy tokens at the fair itself.



**Summer Fair**

**EVENT LINE-UP**

**11 AM**  
CHOIR OPENING

**11:15 AM - 12:45 PM**  
LIVE MUSIC - STEVE'S BANDS

**12:45 PM - 13:15 PM**  
CHARLOTTE'S DANCE TROUPE

**13:15 PM - 14:00 PM**  
LIVE MUSIC - STEVE'S BANDS

**14:00 PM**  
FAIR CLOSES

FOOTBALL FUN WITH JORDAN,  
WELLY WANGING, PIMMS,  
ICE CREAM, FACEPAINT & GAMES GALORE

**ENJOY BBQ & CHIPS  
FOR LUNCH**