



# BCS NEWS

26<sup>th</sup> June 2026

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

## Head's News

Resilience, perseverance, flexibility and adaptability are just some of the adjectives that spring to mind when I reflect on this week, while also acknowledging just how bathed in gratitude the school community is feeling. Where we are not accustomed to such high temperatures, the children have truly demonstrated their personal strength and acceptance of keeping going this week and each and every one deserves to feel extremely proud of how they have navigated the mini heatwave. As we followed guidance, put in place reasonable adjustments to keep children as cool as possible, adapted our curriculum, lunch offer and play spaces with the flexibility that was needed, not once did we see children without their usual joyful and bubbly demeanours. For the children, it was absolutely 'business as usual'- time to do some learning in the classrooms and to nurture friendships. For some, new friendships developed as different play spaces were opened and created, leading children to different pastimes and the creation of new games and playground use. Far from being a week where everything has been written off, it has brought growth, flourishing and the development of problem-solving skills. We are extremely proud of how well the children have managed. I am incredibly grateful to my entire team, who have also showcased their flexibility, adaptability and compassion towards one another to ensure they too remained hydrated and as cool as possible. adaptability and compassion towards one another to ensure they too remained hydrated and as cool as possible the week. And to our wider community, parents and carers: a huge

thank you for the support by email and on the gate, in passing and on the phone: getting it right this week has been hugely important - the stream of comments, conversations and smiles has been a welcome recognition of the careful meticulous planning that has gone into ensuring everyone continued to thrive. As the thermometer drops to more normal English summer temperatures, I wish you a restful weekend, ice cream and lolly filled, hopefully to feel cooler, sleep more soundly and come along to our amazing PTA Summer Fair - and feel proud of the week that has passed.

## Key Dates

Sat 27<sup>th</sup> June

11am -2pm: Summer Fair



Mon 29<sup>th</sup> June

Year 3: Penshurst Place

Weds 1<sup>st</sup> July

Years 1&2: Wakehurst trip

Year 5: Tonbridge School

1.30pm and 5.30pm: Year 6 production

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: Heatre

Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> July

**KS2 church service** at St

Peter and St Paul – Year 6



## In other news

### Worship this week

The theme this week felt so apt in light of the heatwave and the resilience we needed to draw on from deep within- We have spent time thinking about being able to do something despite challenges, being able to do anything and navigating the race of life.

### Thought of the week

Again, never a more perfectly placed thought to reflect on each day- despite plans being made back in April- How will you persevere and keep going this week?

### Staff changes

This afternoon you will be notified about your child's new classes and teachers for the next academic year. This is often an exciting time of year for many, but can also bring some apprehension. The children have been carefully nurtured through the process of finding out who their teacher will be and I have thought carefully about the staffing picture for next year.

This is always also a bittersweet time of year for schools. Like in all professions, teachers may stay for their entire career in one place, while others move on for different reasons; relocation, family commitments or promotion. This year you will notice a number of new names on the teaching staff list at Bishop Chavasse and we are extremely excited to be welcoming new faces to our team- teachers who bring a wealth of experience and are extremely excited to get to know our community.

We are delighted to welcome **Mrs Howard** to Early Years, **Mrs Ray** to Year 1, **Mrs Barden** to Year 3 for term 1 before Mrs Cochrane returns from maternity leave or term 2, **Mrs Smajljaj** (pronounced 'Smiley') to Year 3, and **Miss Gumbley** to Year 4.

With sadness, at the end of this term we will be saying farewells to Mrs Askey and Miss Fields, who are moving on to new schools, and Miss Hume who is relocating to a school closer to home. We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Ley, who, after many years supporting children and families in schools, is hanging up her 'Behaviour Mentoring hat' to spend time in her very exciting new role as a grandmother. The children will have the chance to say special goodbyes at the end of term.

### Lost Property

We had a fantastic start to term 6 with Lost Property - almost none! But this week we are back to unlabelled clothing, lunchboxes and water bottles left strewn around the school. Please check the table outside the school entrance if you are missing anything. Everything will be donated to the PTA shop and charity that is not claimed.

### Year 6 trip on the Bluebell Railway

On Tuesday, Year 6 had a fascinating and immersive experience into life during World War II. The children became evacuees for the day and took part in lots of different World War II themed workshops. At the Bluebell Railway station at Uckfield they saw different working steam trains and their engines. A particular highlight was meeting real evacuees from World War II. The children found it amazing to experience something real evacuees.



## Year 4 trip to Brighton

We had a brilliant trip to Brighton. At the SeaLife Centre we saw so many different sea creatures including turtles and sharks being fed (not together), and there was a bug area with tarantulas and a scorpion (who was hiding); there were quite a few fat bellied seahorses too. Our favourites were the sharks, the stingrays and the octopus whose . We learned that sharks don't actually want to eat humans – to them we taste like a mouldy sandwich – they don't want to eat us! After the Sealife Centre we went to the beach – we sat under the pier where it was shady and had the chance to play with the pebbles and do a scavenger hunt to look for rocks and shells. It was a bit of an adventure when the coach broke down on the way back but we were well looked after and were given water to survive and got to go on a luxury coach when they closed a lane on the M25! *By Emre and Bea*



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

Badgers - Kelyanne  
Squirrels - Ayanah  
1A – Elijah  
1BF – Josh  
2F – Sienna  
2A – Aodhan  
3A – whole class!



3FW – Kamilla  
4R – whole class!  
4M – Finley M  
5N – Meaghan  
5H – Amelie  
6C – Jamie  
6S – George



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

2F – Sienna	4M – Lucas
2A – Evangelina	5H – James R-L
3A – Mark	5N – Vritika
3FW – Arthur	6C - Hadi
4R – Harper	6S - Leon

### Out of school achievements

Lia (4R) – silver medal in TaeKwondo (right)  
Seb (3FW) – Goal of the season and Max (3FW) – Manager's Player at Tonbridge Jnr FC (left)  
Caleb, Daniel and Bea (4R) – Player's Player for their Tonbridge Jnr FC teams  
Leni (6C) – UK aerial championships 1<sup>st</sup> place in double hoops and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in silks



PTA update

See you tomorrow – but if you can't make it, there's still the chance to donate to our effort



# Today's Summer Fair

is helping to raise the funds  
towards a

## second outdoor classroom!



We have **£14k** already raised  
with **£5k** left to go!



← For an  
extra donation  
please use  
the QR code

⇒ **Have fun** ⇒  
and thank you  
for coming! ❤️