



BCS NEWS

17th July 2026

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



Head's News

It is hard to put into words the feeling in school on the last day of the academic year. Emotions are high; pupils, parents and staff are weary. Classrooms are an organised chaos of endings and beginnings, corridors are stripped of the colourful displays that celebrate our children, the school kitchen is cleaned and pristine, and the playground lies empty for the last time before summer. It is a day that invites reflection. In September, we welcomed children into new classes, with new teachers, new learning and new opportunities ahead of them. Now, as we reach the end of the year, those relationships are strong, learning is firmly embedded, friendships have deepened, and our children have grown immeasurably. They shine even more brightly than they did in the autumn, showing compassion, wisdom, honesty and resilience. They are children of whom we are immensely proud. We have said an emotional goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 cohort. Freshly returned from their residential in Devon, they leave us having truly flourished. Their support for one another, ambition, humour and determination have inspired our whole community. They are exceptional role models and embody the resilient, confident, curious and community-minded young people we strive to nurture at Bishop Chavasse. They are more than ready for their next chapter.



The growth we see in our children is a testament to the strength of the partnership between home and school. Thank you for your trust, support and encouragement throughout the year. Together, we share the same desire: to help every child thrive and fulfil their unique potential. I am also incredibly grateful to our wonderful staff team. Whether in the classroom, office, kitchen or around the school, every member of staff plays an important role in helping our children flourish. Their care, dedication and commitment bring our vision to life each day, and we are so fortunate to have them. And now, it is time to close the doors for a little while, reflect on all that has been achieved, and embrace a slower pace over the summer weeks.

Thank you for entrusting us with the privilege of guiding your children on their primary school journey. Every child is a blessing and a source of great joy. To our Year 6 pupils: embrace all that lies ahead and never stop believing in yourselves. To those returning in September: we look forward to welcoming you back and watching you continue to grow, flourish and shine.

Key Dates

Tues 1st September
START OF TERM 1 26-27
New finish time: 3.25pm.

Sun 6th September



Weds 9th September
Yrs 3 & 5: **Carrotty Wood**
5.30pm: **Meet the Teacher**
for the whole school

Tuesday 15th Sept
7.30pm PTA AGM: voting
new Chair & Deputy Chair

Fri 25th September
INSET DAY – no children

Fri 16th October
END OF TERM 1



Year 6 leavers

We held a resounding send off for our Year 6 pupils both in church and at school this week - the children reflected poignantly on their time with us through the recital of a poem *Looking Back, Looking Forward* in church as staff also shared quotes about the unique light each pupil has brought our school. [The videos, including the beautiful first day/last day video, are on our website.](#)

Here at school, the children were treated to a joyful, upbeat rendition of our Leaver's Song. Tears flowed, smiles beamed and many moments of laughter were to be had throughout school as shirts and books were signed.



At the opening of 'Paradise Woods', our new section of Forest School officially opened this week



Finally, we are proud to announce that the **KS2 SATs** results have just come in, and Bishop Chavasse has surpassed the national average in every subject – we are so proud of our Year 6s!



For those staff leaving us; an assembly held in their honour, words of thanks and good luck wishes shared, ensuring the professional growth and memories of Bishop Chavasse won't be forgotten.



Miss Duncan and Mrs Everest

Poem for Mrs Ley

There are people who pass through a school,
And people who leave their mark.
Then there are those like you, dear Sal,
Who become its beating heart.

The children knew you had their backs,
No matter what the day.
You never took the slightest stick,
Yet loved them anyway.

You saw the child behind the tears,
The worry and the fear.
You gave them hope, you built them up,
And whispered, "I'm right here."

But Sally, it wasn't only them—
You carried all of us.
The place we'd go for honest words,
For wisdom we could trust.



Year 3 farewell poem

So here's to new adventures, wherever you may go,
We hope you're so proud of all the little seeds you've helped to grow,
From every child at Bishop Chavasse, we simply want to say,
Thank you Mrs Askey and Miss Fields – we'll miss you every day!

Year 5 song (to the tune of Danny Boy)

Oh Miss Hume, Canterbury is calling,
From Tonbridge now you'll journey on your way.
Though we are sad to see you leave our school now,
We know you'll shine there every single day.
You've shared your kindness, laughter and your wisdom,
You've helped us grow in all we say and do.
We'll keep the happy memories that you've given—
Oh Miss Hume, Oh Miss Hume, we'll miss you so.



L-R: Miss Hume, Mrs Ley, Mrs Askey and Miss Fields

A listening ear, a knowing smile,
A hug when days were tough.
You always found the time to give,
As though your heart was enough.

We'll miss your laughter, strength and warmth,
Your kindness shining through.
And though our school won't feel the same,
We'll always carry you.

School awards

Winners of the Early Years and KS1 awards earlier this week, including Governors' Cup winner Sofia, and KS2 the Governors' Cup winner Owen.



Attendance cup winners for the year!

Congratulations to KS1 winners 2A, and KS2 winners 5H for achieving the best overall attendance this school year.



Contacting the school over the holidays

A reminder that school will be closed for emails, visits and phone calls during the holidays. The office inbox will not be monitored. Should you feel a pupil or member of our school community is at risk of imminent harm, please contact the emergency services and/or the Front Door as [outlined on our website](#). The office will be back to normal office opening hours on Tuesday 1st September.

New school day timings

Don't forget that from 1st September, the school day will start as it currently does at 8.45am, and end at the later time of **3.25pm**.

THE BIGGEST THANK YOU FROM THE PTA

£24,000 raised this year!

BISHOP CHAVASSE PTA

PROJECTS COMPLETED:

- ✓ 2 climbing walls
- ✓ Forest school expansion contribution
- ✓ Playground equipment for KS1
- ✓ A second outdoor classroom (to be built October 26')
- ✓ Library books contribution

We couldn't have done this without you - our amazing school community!!

What an incredible year we've had! Thank you so much to every parent, carer, child, relation and member of staff who have helped in so many different ways – we couldn't have achieved this without you. Now it's over to you: **would you like to take on the baton from our current Chair and Deputy Chair in September?** Trustee vacancies are opening up and nominations can be made for any of the four committee roles including Treasurer and Secretary. We will be holding our AGM on **Tuesday 15th September at 7.30pm** at school and would really welcome anyone who would like to stand for the committee or to come along and vote. If you'd like to be considered, please ensure a nomination is sent directly to the Chair at pta@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk, marked FAO Chair. If you'd like more information about the different roles, you can visit the [Parentkind website](#). And if you're curious about what the roles involve or want a confidential chat before deciding, please feel free to speak to our current Chair, Annemarie, or Mrs Hood. They'll be very happy to talk things through.



Free ice pops for everyone during movie time yesterday!