



BCS NEWS

11th September 2026

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

Head's News

Our school year has definitely found its rhythm with classrooms bustling with activity, the spines on workbooks showing creases from regular use and the playground alive with the creation of imaginative games using a variety of equipment. There is a definite sense of drive and determination in lessons and a real sense of vibrancy around the school. As a school, supported by faith, we strive establish firm foundations for our children to become resilient, curious, confident, community minded courageous advocates who flourish and thrive. We are committed to building on and support the development of the whole person in a safe, happy Christian environment. We are passionate about inspiring everyone to **fulfil their potential** through our high expectations and a broad, creative and inspirational curriculum; rich in opportunity to develop culture capital, have fun and partake in adventures.

We have started as we mean to go on; building firm foundations in fostering secure open and trusting relationships between pupils, families and staff. Year 3 and 5 enjoyed an energising, muddy day out at Carroty Wood this week; carefully planned by staff to facilitate team building and bonding for the children who are now in their newly mixed-up classes; a multitude of new friendships showed signs of budding, with children finding new common interests. Back at school the relationships we are so proud of nurturing between school and home couldn't have been more evident than on Sunday at the exciting Dragon Boat racing event and on Wednesday evening when the hall was full to the brim of parents eagerly waiting to meet their children's new class teachers to hear what the year ahead will hold.

What a privilege and a treat to reflect on a week centred on establishing secure relationships sprinkled with adventure, challenge and inspiration.

Below left: Year 5 singing around the campfire at Carroty Wood; below right: our amazing PTA Dragonboat team. Turn to page 2 to meet our new Year 6 leadership team!

Key Dates

Tues 15th September
PTA AGM



Friday 25th September
INSET DAY – SCHOOL
CLOSED

Mon 28th September
Flu immunisations at
school

2.15pm and 6pm: parent
meeting regarding Trust
consultation with Trust
CEOs

Mon 5th October
Harvest service: Early
Years, Years 1, 2 and 6 to
St Stephen's Church

Friday 16th October
Matongoro fundraising
cake sale – Year 6 to bring
END OF TERM 1

October Half term: Mon
19th – Fri 30th October

Monday 2nd November
START OF TERM 2



In other news

Worship this week

Worship has also been a time to think about relationships as we talked about and listened to readings from Nehemiah that focused our minds on community: how we can build and encourage a community.

Thought of the week: what can I do today to help someone feel they belong and are encouraged?

New school leadership team

Our Year 6 children were invited to write an application letter over the summer holidays setting out why they would like a leadership position and what they would bring to the role. It has been incredibly hard to decide, but after much deliberation we are excited to announce:



Head girl – Evelyn Woods

Head boy – Elon Leung

Deputy team – Charlotte Beard, Lily Rouse, Duru Gozacan

House captains (photos will feature in next Friday's newsletter):

St George - Amelie and Leo

St Patrick - Mary and Azad

St Andrew -

Nikita and Eoghan

St David - Ritanya and Meaghan



Kent Test

Thursday gave many of our Year 6s the opportunity to demonstrate their focus and resilience as they sat the Kent Test; the start of their journey which will help decide which secondary school they will go to. We are all incredibly proud of how the children upheld themselves with a steely determination to do their best; and that they did. We are blessed to live in part of the country where we have a huge variety of secondary schools to choose from; grammar schools are just one, but every school locally offers a truly aspirational educational provision for young people. The only way to truly find out where your children will thrive in their next chapter is to spend time visiting the schools and deciding on the best fit: grammar, comprehensive, faith, single sex or mixed. We are posting information about Open Days on our [Year 6 transition page](#), which also features the [Year 6 secondary schools destinations for 2026](#).

Meet Miss Sidaway, Family & Inclusion Mentor

I'm delighted to introduce myself as your new Family and Inclusion Mentor here at Bishop Chavasse Primary School. My name is Gemma Sidaway, and my role is to work alongside you, your children and our school community to ensure every family feels supported, valued and connected. I aim to offer:

- A listening ear for any concerns, big or small;
- Practical advice and emotional support for family challenges;
- Guidance in accessing local services, activities and resources;
- Supporting during times of change or difficulty; and
- Workshops and coffee mornings

You can contact me by catching me at the gate or via email on:

family@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk. I believe that by working together we can help every child thrive both in and out of school.



Carroty Wood

An action-packed day for Years 3 and 5 at Carroty Wood: the children loved the challenges of the (muddy!) low ropes, toasted marshmallows and sang around the camp fire, tackled the orienteering course and played games. Thank you [Rock UK](#) for a fantastic day.



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

1F – Faith 1R – Esme 2BF – Annabelle P 2A – Noah 3S – Ismay 3BC – Digby		4UW – Teddie L 4G – Sadie 5N – Reggie 5R – Josh 6S – William 6C – Josh H
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Times Tables Rock Stars – highest scores this week:

3S – Cecilia	5N - Reggie
3BC – Albie	6C – Teya
4G – George	6S - Hugo
4UW – Ruby	
5R – Lia	

Gold book

Teddie L (4UW) – amazing and imaginative writing about a comet landing on a football field
Keira and Ruby (4UW) – excellent and accurate Maths, presented beautifully
Aoife (4UW) – writing about a girl going on a journey, with excellent grammar and punctuation
Teddy R and Iona (3BC) – exceptional writing in class
Ted and Keira (4UW) – superb Maths work on partitioning
Ivy (4G) – demonstrating really impressive writing every day this week
Josh (1R) – very impressive letter formation
Poppy (1F) – writing using capital letters, finger spacing, excellent hand writing

Bishop Chavasse Shield winner

Well done to Evelyn (6C) – she wins a £7 book token for her incredible support and facepainting at the PTA Dragonboat race. She plans to buy the next in the 'Murder Most Unladylike' series

Class celebration

This year we are introducing a new weekly award to the class which has achieved something extra special this week such as showing our school values, producing some collaborative work or demonstrating excellent behaviour.
This week, for their excellent collaboration, teamwork, positivity, willingness to get stuck in with all the activities at Carrot Wood: **Year 3 and Year 5!**



Out of school achievements

Children will celebrate their out of school achievements in class this school year. Please continue to send in your child's trophies, medals and certificates to their class teacher.

Any out of school achievements (with a photo if possible) that you would like to have published in the newsletter please email office@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk.

Emily (2A) passed her primary ballet exam

Amy (3BC) (below) had sewing lessons in the summer holiday and made a lined tote bag



Seb (4G) and Alice (Squirrels) passed their levels 6 and 1 in swimming



PTA update

Tonbridge Lions Dragonboat race

It was a fantastic day last Sunday at the iconic Dragonboat race – we had perfect weather combined with a very charged and motivated team who gave every ounce of energy, enthusiasm and power to every race rowed. Thank you – and improve with every race. Everyone had so much fun and really got into the spirit of the day. The parents and children who came to the PTA gazebo and supported our team along the river: you were the drive that we needed and pushed us to the finish line!



Farewell from the Chair

After two fantastic years, the time has come for me to step down as Chair of the PTA. I am so proud of all we have achieved as a committee since we set up our PTA two years ago which is now an integral part of our vibrant school community. A massive big thank you to my fellow trustees (Sarah, Thanasis and Nicola) as well as every school staff member, including Mrs Hood, parents/carers and volunteers working to make our PTA a success.

YOUR PTA NEEDS YOU!

WE NEED NEW LEADERS AND VOLUNTEERS TO HELP OUR PTA THRIVE!

CHAIR	DEPUTY	COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Lead, inspire and make a real difference	Support, step up and help shape the future	Be part of the team, share ideas and support our school community

Your school. Your community. Your PTA. Could it be you?

Full training/mentoring will be given by our friendly team

AGM TUESDAY 15 SEPT AT 7.30PM AT SCHOOL

Email pta@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk or call 07872 324692 for more info

It is my pleasure to share our [annual report for 2025/26](#) that will be presented at our AGM on **Tuesday 15th September at 7.30pm** at school. Please do come along to the meeting; refreshments will be served. Please take a look through the annual report as it is a great reminder of all the fun activities our children experienced over the last school year while we fundraised at the same time.



We always need more committee members to continue our work, so if you are interested, please join our meeting next week, or email us on pta@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk. I wish the new chair and their committee success for the future.

Annemarie Roberts