



BCS NEWS

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

Head's News

As we end our school year, I would like to take this opportunity to share a heartfelt thanks to all our parents and carers for your continued support and encouragement of all our pupils here at Bishop Chavasse CE Primary School. I feel exceptionally proud and privileged to be able to lead such a special community filled with compassion, honesty and wisdom. I am committed to securing the very best possible outcomes for our children and successes in all we do, to ensure we live by our motto: fulfilling our potential, achieving excellence for all. We have gained many families over the year, families who have brought so much joy to our school and who we are so grateful to have welcomed into our community.

Over the year I have witnessed pupils grow not just in their academic ability, but as young people who have developed skills and talents in a wide variety of areas of life, have participated in a rainbow of immersive experiences, developed positive relationships with teaching staff, volunteers and friends and laughed and smiled in abundance. The corridors have been alive on a daily basis with rich learning opportunities carefully crafted by skilled teachers who are driven to imparting knowledge in a creative and engaging manner. Progress and attainment have been closely monitored throughout the year with adaptations made continuously to meet the needs of all our pupils. Evidence based training has been put in place to ensure our teachers are equipped and skilled to deliver a broad rigorous curriculum, carefully tailored to each individual pupil. The growth, determination and perseverance of all our pupils to succeed has been overwhelmingly wonderful to witness.



Early Years and KS1 prize winners at our first ever Bishop Chavasse awards ceremony

We are confident in and proud of our first ever Year 6 cohort, who not only have achieved highly but have demonstrated that they are ready for their next step in their schooling and lives. They will be hugely missed by a team who are so fond of them, recognising that they paved the way for so many generations of children behind them and have inspired so many of our younger pupils. What an exceptionally unique position to be in: the first ever leavers. We wish them well and know they will shine brightly in the future.



Since taking over as Headteacher in September, I have been privileged to lead a staff team who consistently demonstrate an unrivalled dedication and passion for high quality, rich education underpinned by an ethos based on nurture and the desire to enable every child to flourish. Not a day passes when this isn't evident, and when I have reflected on the year that has been, the number of events, performances, visitors, workshops and trips that are highlighted on the calendar, coupled with excellent progress in every year group is testament to the hard work of the team and their understanding of what it takes to make a school 'great', to give a large school a family feel and to ensure that, as our vision statement says, our children grow into confident, curious, kind individuals, able to weather all storms and thrive.



We are hugely grateful for the support from our link churches, St Stephen's and the church of St Peter and St Paul, in enabling us to worship at their churches and permeate our Christian ethos, bringing it alive above and beyond our Collective Worships each day at school.

Our Governors have risen in profile over the year, fostering a strong, positive and thriving relationship between another part of our community. For this, we feel blessed and thankful, as it strengthens the foundations of our community even further.

As always, I must thank the Tenax Schools Trust for their constant support. They provide a sounding board for all members of staff in a compassionate and nurturing manner, and the work they facilitate with other Trust schools provides us with more opportunities and experiences for our whole community.

As the school gates close, I feel exceptionally grateful to each and every one of you for your support for the school and excited to see the next year develop, embrace more opportunities, share evolving plans with you all, develop local partnerships further and engage in a plethora of exciting enriching learning experiences throughout the year which will further enable your children to continue to flourish.



Meeting our new Tenax CEO Mark Cole this week

A letter from our Chair of Governors

Dear Parents, Carers, Guardians and Children,

As we come to the end of the school year it is time to say well done and thank you. The children's success this year has been due to the strong partnership being built between school and home, with the celebration of individual achievement and the nurturing of each child's unique personality underlining the school motto "fulfilling our potential and achieving excellence together".

I have been fortunate enough to attend a number of events this year, church services led by various year groups, music concerts, forest school, classroom walks, alongside SATS monitoring and walking the corridors of the school looking at all of the work on show, I want to say your children are truly amazing.

The immense hard work that Mrs Hood and all of her staff have done this year, ensuring that each child can thrive is a testament to how much they truly care for each and every child.

I want to wish each and every Year 6 child all the very best in your new schools and future lives, I also want to wish those teachers that are leaving continued success in your new roles.

Finally, I would like to thank all of you for playing your part in supporting your child's academic journey, for helping the school be the best it can be putting your faith in the school's leadership team to deliver the very best outcomes for all of our pupils. Wishing you a great summer holiday, stay safe and we look forward to welcoming you back in September.



Yours Sincerely, Chris Hammond – Chair of Governors

Chris with Bonnie (6S), winner of the inaugural Governor's cup

Goodbyes

As well as wishing our Year 6 cohort a sad farewell, we also said goodbye to much valued members of our staff team in two perfectly poignant worships, highlighting their valuable contributions to our school. We wish all our leaving staff all the very best for their new chapters and will miss them here at Bishop Chavasse.



Left: Year 2 bidding Miss Lambert farewell



Clockwise from top: Miss Lambert, Mr Manning, Miss Warwood, Ms Sui, Mrs Hales, Mrs Bunting, Miss Palacio and Ms Belliere.



Year 6 and Year 4 poems performed for Mr Fenton at this afternoon's final Celebration Worship

Majestic Fenton, you may be small but you know it all

Raising the staff room, in search of a chocolate bar and a diet coke

Fantastic Fenton who is always late to matches

Everything that a student could want in a teacher

Nothing is better than Mr Fenton's fist pump that always brings a smile to our faces

Time will tell what you become but everyone knows you'll always be fun.

Obviously you're the best teacher ever and you are going to be amazing in your new school.

Never change because you are one of a kind! WE LOVE YOU MR FENTON.



Mr Fenton is a great teacher,
Respect and friendship is his feature.
Fulfilling his role in this school,
Ending his job to work somewhere else.
Neat and tidy aren't his thing,
Tall (compared to some children).
Optimistic and always kind,
Never forgotten from this time.

Looking backward, looking forward: poem written by Year 6 and performed at the church leavers' service

In Year 6 at Bishop Chavasse we stand,
With memories dear, hand in hand.
From reception days when the school was new,
We were the first, the pioneering crew.

The school was being built, brick by brick,
And our spirits were high, eager and quick.
From the playground games to classroom cheers,
We grew together through the formative years.

Remembering the days of spelling and sums,
Of art projects and beating drums.
Assemblies that filled the hall with song,
With every moment, our bond grew strong.

Then came the days when the world seemed to halt,
COVID-19 brought challenges, a sudden jolt.
Learning from home, through screens we'd connect,
Yet our spirit of unity, we did not neglect.

Zoom classes and virtual hugs got us through,
With perseverance and strength, our friendships grew.
We adapted, we thrived, and learned to be strong,
Together we journeyed, where we all belong.

Our teachers guided us with patience and grace,
Helping us find our own unique place.
We learned to read, to write, to dream,
To solve problems and work as a team.

Sports days, field trips, and science fairs,
Crafting, exploring, and countless dares.
The friends we've made, the laughs we've shared,
All these moments, so precious paired.

From that first shy smile to now, so bold,
We've written our story in threads of gold.
In Year 6 we cherish the journey we've made,
As we step forward, our fears start to fade.

Looking Forward to Secondary School

As we look ahead to what's in store,
Our hearts are eager to explore.
Secondary school, a new frontier,
With fresh adventures, it's finally here.

We'll step into halls we've never known,
With confidence from how much we've grown.
New faces, new teachers, and subjects to find,
We'll carry our lessons, leave doubts behind.

Excitement mingles with a touch of fear,
But we've faced new challenges every year.
From reception's start to Year 6's end,
We've learned that courage and growth transcend.

We'll miss our days at Bishop Chavasse,
But we're ready to shine, to learn, to surpass.
With dreams in our hearts and knowledge in mind,
Secondary school is where our futures unwind.

New clubs to join, new sports to play,
More books to read, new roles to portray.
We'll make new friends and keep the old,
With stories of our past, proudly told.

So here's to the journey just begun,
With gratitude for all that's been done.
As founding children, our legacy's strong,
To secondary school, we'll carry it along.





In other news

Bishop Chavasse chickens

One of our highlights of the year was the hatching and growing of our lovely chicks.

Dotty, Izzy, Jackie and the others are now happily settled in their new home and all grown up!



Sponsored music practice prize



Miss Clare set a challenge in May to our musicians in school to see how much practice they could complete, and sponsorship money they could raise, towards our music department.

Congratulations to Caleb (2L) (right) for completing over 8 hours of practice, and to the runners up (left).



Year 5 Rainforest workshop

Out of school achievements

Amelie W (3FP) was awarded ESAA bronze award for her 50m sprint at her athletics club.

Evie W (1AM) was awarded ESAA 3 star award for her 600m endurance race at her athletics club.

Meredith received 2nd place Silver Medal for her age group and Trophy for 1st Place for Floor Gymnastics. Her Tigers team were so impressed as this was her first ever competition.



Thank you to everyone who helped, came along, spent money and had fun! We raised an amazing

£2,070 for the school!

Have a wonderful summer break, and we hope to see you on Sunday 1st September at the [Tonbridge Lions Dragonboat race](#). We have a phenomenal boat of hardy parent rowers lined up and we will be there with a stall hosting facepainting, glitter tattoos and other treats from 10am.

BISHOP CHAVASSE DRAGON BOAT RACE RECRUITMENT

**Sunday 1st September
8am - 4pm at Tonbridge Castle**

