



BCS NEWS

21st March 2025

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

Head's News

'It's all the extras' is a phrase that popped into my head this week when I was reflecting on our school... and looking at the diary. We are a school that really do pack the school diary full of extraordinarily amazing rich lived experiences for the children and our community, and it is abundantly clear that the children flourish because of them.

Following a quieter week after Book Week, the diary filled up rapidly this week; here are just a few of the amazing events that have been going on. On Tuesday we sent a group of students to represent us at the Diana Award conference; The Diana Award Anti-Bullying Programme raises awareness of bullying behaviour and supports schools and young people to tackle it across the UK and beyond. You can find out more about the day later on in the newsletter. The school netball team demonstrated fantastic team spirit when playing this week. Whether we win or lose, seeing the children come together as a team, and support each other before, on and after the match is testament to their inherent understanding of how a team should work together for success.



Our Key Stage 2 Musical Moments performed at the Tonbridge Lions annual school choir concert to raise money for charity. The children sang their hearts out, raised the roof, had parents tapping their toes and wiping their eyes in front of five other school choirs and their families. Today has been Crazy Hair and wear something red day to remind us of our role as courageous advocates and think about others who may be less fortunate than ourselves. It was uplifting and energising to see the sea of red throughout the school, peppered with a huge variety of crazy hair dos.



Key Dates

Tues 25th March
Year 5 science workshop

3.30pm – 6pm: parent consultations

Thurs 27th March
Early Years space day and Wonderdome

4.30pm – 7pm: parent consultations

Mon 31st March
8.45am: whole school Easter service at St Stephen's church – led by Year 3

Year 4 trip to Tonbridge Park

Weds 2nd April
Year 3 Ancient Greece workshop

5.45pm Spring Concert: Years 4, 5 and 6

Fri 4th April
END OF TERM 4

Tues 22nd April
START OF TERM 5

Weds 23rd April
5.45pm Spring Concert: Years 1, 2 and 3

Mon 28th April
RHSE presentation
2.45pm – Years 1 and 2

Tues 29th April
RHSE presentation
2.45pm – Years 3 and 4

Thurs 1st May
RHSE presentation
2.45pm – Years 5 and 6

Mon 19th – Sun 25th May
PTA online auction



Eight Year 6 children have spent three days at Beechwood School, participating in an interschool Enterprise experience. The children have had to design and make a roller coaster, following a design brief, to sell to local businesses and present their ideas to a panel using a Powerpoint. They are yet to complete the task as the newsletter goes to press, so watch this space for more next week.



And of course, in school, there is no better way to bring the whole school community together, to celebrate the start of Spring and to see the very first moments of new life, than by hatching our very own school chicks. The excitement and caring curiosity throughout the school has been truly heart-warming to witness and be a part of. Every child has wanted to stop and watch the chicks emerge from their eggs, take their first breaths and move, become fluffier and fluffier as the day has gone on and decided on whether it is a boy or a girl. Every child has had the opportunity to name a chick and these were pulled out of a hat in worship today. Please meet the new additions to our school community! Next week, all the children will have the opportunity to hold the chicks if they want to and feed them.



*Orla (1A):
Chicky Egg*



Reggie (3A) and Marcus



Gustas (4R) and Flappy



Charlotte (4W) and Sunny



*Skylar (6S):
Jade*



Mrs Waugh and Bertie



Nella (1A) and Crystal



Joshua (4R) and Bob the Builder



Atticus (6C) and Nick the Chick



George (2BC) and Little Fluffy

And all of this has happened while also engaging in exciting, creative and inspiring learning, carefully planned by a team of staff who exude dedication to ensuring your children are getting the very best enabling and enriching primary education possible and can do so because alongside them, there is an army of equally dedicated, caring and nurturing professionals at the helm of every wheel that keeps the cogs of the school turning. It is a team who make all of these amazing things happen and they are a truly fantastic one!

In other news

Worship this week

The focus in worship this week has been a continuation of last week, reflecting on Glimpses of the Kingdom. The children listened to readings from Matthew and Galatians to support their understanding and learning.

Year 5 transition meeting

Thank you to all parents who attended the meeting about transition to secondary schools. Choosing which secondary your child will move on to is an extremely important decision for families to make. The meeting allowed me to share information with parents about choosing the right school for your child, the dates and deadlines, and detail of how we as a school, have worked to produce a nurturing, supportive curriculum of learning and events to ensure children leave us ready for the next stage in their lives, with fond memories of primary school. If you were not able to attend, please see the slides on the [transition page](#) on our website.

Anti-Bullying training

On 18th March we went to the Delce Academy for [The Diana Award](#) Anti-Bullying Ambassador training in Rochester. Once we got to where we were going to do the training, we were given a sheet and we had to write what we wanted to learn. We arrived at 9am.

After that, we learnt more about bullying and how to identify it in a sensible way (don't call someone a 'bully') because you need to give them more space to change so we call it 'bullying behavior'. Bullying is REPEATED behaviour, NEGATIVE behaviour and INTENTIONAL behaviour. If it is not all three of these behaviours it cannot be classed as bullying behaviour. We wrote lots of ideas to do with anti-bullying, and we were given a lot of scenarios of how to act and help. I ended up thinking about lots of ideas, how we can develop our ideas in school. You need to have lots of qualities to be an anti-bullying ambassador like: being helpful, kind, creative a good listener who never promises to keep a secret, but share concerns with a trusted adult.



In the afternoon, we went back in to the hall to carry on learning about how to stop bullying and the different types of bullying. There are 3 different types of bullying: verbal bullying, indirect bullying and physical bullying. All of types of bullying are very harmful so you should not do any of them (words are as hurtful as physical things such as punching and kicking). Three golden rules of what to do if someone tells you that they are being bullied are: say thank you for sharing, then you ask what has been going on, then you ask what they want to do about it so they are in control. At the end of all of that, we prepared to go on a 40 minute drive back to school after we got our badges and went to the minibus.

By Lewis Hopkins (5N)

After-school clubs next term

Next term's April - July 2025 timetable for after-school enrichment clubs is on our [website](#).

- **Drama club** on a Wednesday for Years 3-6 will be run by [The Talentz](#) for all of next term. If your child would like to try Talentz Drama club, they can come along next Weds 26th March or Weds 2nd April as a free taster - please contact the office to book!

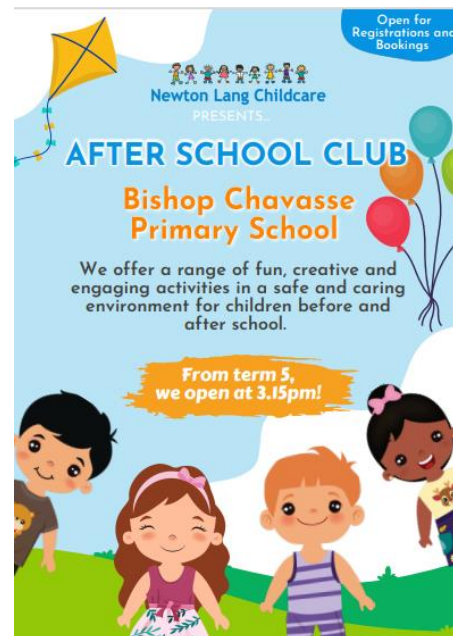
- New **Multisports club** on Thursday will be open to all years, and include fun versions of sports such as athletics, tag rugby - adapted according to the children attending, run by [Pure Sport coaching](#).

- **KisKlay pottery** on a Friday is bookable for Terms 5 and 6 separately - the booking form is on [our website](#).

- Details for **Newton Lang's** new club are also on the website.

- **Pupil Premium** children are entitled to one free club per week.

Enrichment clubs and Breakfast Club bookings will go live on Arbor at 6pm on Monday 24th March.



Headteacher Heroes – winners this week for showing FORGIVENESS

<p>Orla – Squirrels Josh - Badgers Malaysia – 1PU Amy – 1A Dora – 2F Amiya – 2BC Grace – 3A</p>		<p>Zachary – 3LT Danyatha – 4R Arabella – 4W James - 5H Rocco – 5N Best – 6S Bella – 6C</p>
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Times Tables Rock Stars – highest scores this week, now also featuring Year 2:

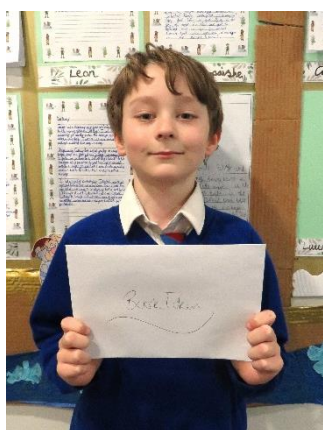
2F – Phoebe	4W - Gustas
2BC –	5H - Junior
3A – Grace	5N - Jamie
3LT – Lia	6C – Bella
4R – Darcie	6S – Ben

Golden book

Archie A (4R) – amazing progress in his Maths

Angel (5H) – incredible fractions work

Nathaniel H and Tiger (5H) – writing about the Hound of the Baskervilles



Attendance cup: congratulations to the winners with 99.64%: 6S! In second place with 96.46% is 1A and in third place with 96.3% is 2BC.



Bishop Chavasse shield winner

Well done to Tiger (5H) - he wins a £7 book token for being an amazing friend to his Early Years buddy. He plans to buy a Dogman book with his token.

Out of school achievements

Ben (Badgers) – football certificate

Leni (5N) – aerial showcase certificate

Jess C-P (6S) – completing her marching app goal

PTA update

The Bishop Chavasse School PTA is very excited to announce that we will be running our first ever **Online Auction**, to take place **19th – 25th May 2025**.

Over 40 amazing local businesses (and even businesses further afield) have already kindly donated an item or an experience for the Bishop Chavasse school community to have the chance to bid on such as a cut, blow-dry and conditioning treatment at Toni & Guy and a Wine Tour and Tasting at Squerryes vineyard. We will also have a number of fun experiences for the children to enjoy with the staff here at school, including Headteacher For The Day, a Super Mario gaming lunch hour, and a karaoke hour in class! The auction will all be online with chances to keep an eye throughout the week on the 'lots' you would like to bid on... A bidding war may even commence!

We hope that this will be one of our biggest and most successful fundraisers of the year and will raise money towards our ambitious goals as a PTA to raise money for books for the school library and exciting new playground equipment. However, as always, we need your help and support to achieve this! We are therefore asking whether you or anyone you know might be able to donate a prize or a 'promise'?

- Can you offer a few hours of gardening, lawn mowing, decorating or DIY skills?
- Do you have a skill you can share – how to knit, draw, sing or play an instrument?
- Can you offer dog walking or an animal experience?
- Could you offer a holiday rental or accommodation?
- Do you have links with restaurants, pubs or cafés? Could you offer a meal or afternoon tea?
- Can you offer a round of golf, a trip on a boat, a drive in your classic car?
- Can you contribute something to a pamper hamper?
- Can you offer a language lesson or a tutoring session?
- Can you offer a wellbeing or exercise session for individuals or a group of friends?

These are just a few ideas – any suggestions are welcome! The more 'lots' we have, the more money we can raise for our wonderful school - so all donations will be very gratefully received. At the same time, we understand how challenging times have been for many families and businesses so please only give if you are able.

In return for your donation, we will help to promote your business to our community, both through website links and info on the auction website and through 'shout outs' on our social media pages. We will also be putting together an Auction Catalogue, where auction lots will be advertised.

The auction will launch online on **Monday 19th May at 6pm**. Bidding will be open to everyone, so we will be keen for the site to be shared with family, friends, neighbours and colleagues. The auction will close on **Sunday 25th May at 9pm**.

If you can donate a prize or if you have an idea you would like to discuss further, please email Sarah Pullen-Underhill: pta@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk. Please could donations be given by **Tuesday 22nd April**.

Many thanks in advance for your support!

PTA Online Auction

LET THE BIDDING COMMENCE!

AUCTION GOES LIVE

MONDAY 19TH MAY AT 6PM UNTIL

SUNDAY 25TH MAY AT 9PM

Do you have a prize, experience or skill you could offer? Please email pta@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk

