



BCS NEWS

28th March 2025

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

Head's News

Where staff and parents came together to share the amazingness of your children: Parent Consultations make for one of the most fruitful and uplifting events of the school calendar for staff, parents and pupils. We are blessed to see the incremental progress your children make every day at school, those eureka moments, where suddenly things fall into place in a child's understanding, or when the purpose of learning a certain concept becomes a reality in their schema. But, with four children of my own, I am only too familiar with the conversation that often happens in the evening where parents, eager to hear about the rich broad inspiring learning their children are engaging in ask the familiar question 'how was school today? What did you get up to?' and the child, blissfully engrossed in some after school downtime simply replies 'nothing'. Parent Consultations offer the 'second best' opportunity to find out about the progress your children are making in their learning, celebrate their successes and come away with hints and tips to support them at home. It is a wonderful enlightening feeling to find out about one's child's progress; see just how much they are able to do and remember - often there are gasps in awe at the level and depth of learning at every stage 'wow, I didn't realise they would be able to do that now, at this age' is a frequent phrase that echoes around the hall. Being made aware of gaps in your children's learning is all part of the process too; all children will have some gaps, or areas they can consolidate their skills: teachers are the very best in identifying those and sharing them with you to ensure we are supporting all children to flourish, so take those away and use them to underpin any work you do at home- closing any gaps is the key to children building on the learning they have done with meaning and positive impact. If you didn't manage to book an appointment, please do let the office know and the team will arrange a telephone call with you or a meeting after Easter. Positive open relationships with parents underpinned by respect and a mutual desire for all children to thrive is the key to a successful time at school for your children.



Highlights of the week: EY Wonderdome; Year 5 science workshop, the slack line in Forest School

Key Dates

Mon 31st March

8.45am: whole school Easter service at St Stephen's church

Year 4 trip to Tonbridge Park

Weds 2nd April

Year 3 Ancient Greece workshop

5.45pm Spring Concert: Years 4, 5 and 6

BISHOP CHAVASSE
SPRING CONCERT

WEDNESDAY 2ND APRIL 5:45 PM
MANY GROUP AND SOLO PERFORMANCES
YEAR 4 / 5 / 6

WEDNESDAY 23RD APRIL 5:45 PM
MANY GROUP AND SOLO PERFORMANCES
YEAR 1 / 2 / 3

DRINKS AVAILABLE FROM THE PTA TABLE

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM

NO TICKETS NEEDED; ENTRY LIMITED TO TWO ADULTS PER FAMILY

Fri 4th April

END OF TERM 4

Tues 22nd April

START OF TERM 5

2.30pm Year 5: headteachers talk

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

Thurs 22nd May

End of Term 5

Fri 23rd May

INSET DAY – no children

Mon 26th – Fri 30th May

Half term

Mon 2nd June

START OF TERM 6

In other news



Worship this week

Every worship comprises 4 key stages to ensure it is inclusive and invitational; we **gather**, led by our school liturgy, **engage** in a reading or story, **respond** as individuals or as small groups of children and **send**; offering children and staff something to take away from the worship to think about or act on. This week we have continued to think about Glimpses of the Kingdom in Worship this week, using readings from Matthew.

Don't forget it is our **Easter service at St Stephen's church** on Monday morning (31st March) – please drop off at the church at 8.45am. Breakfast Club will be in the community centre on Waterloo Road. Year 3 will be leading the service and have been rehearsing hard (left)!

Headteacher Heroes

Every Friday Celebration Worship is an opportunity to celebrate the whole child; from exceptional learning in class enabling the receipt of the Gold Book accolade, out of school achievements and Chavasse Shields which recognise the demonstration of our school values, to attendance, birthdays and House points. Headteacher Heroes is one of these celebrations where each week a pupil is celebrated for exuding the Fruits of the Spirit in their learning or social behaviours. Each month of the calendar year is dedicated to a different fruit and a child is chosen by their class teacher for being role models in this area. At Bishop Chavasse we recognise the value in celebrating everything about a child; not just excellent work and to that end, our Friday worship can take a very long time to ensure that learning, behaviour and attributes are celebrated for children throughout the school.



Staffing news

We are delighted that Mrs Taylor is now well and will be back teaching in Year 3 on her usual working days after Easter, sharing the class with Miss Fields who will be joining our team. I am incredibly thankful to Mrs Abdullah and Mrs Watts for being a fabulous teaching team who have enabled the children to make great strides in their learning this term.

It is with both sadness and pride that I share with you that Mrs Abdullah has been successful in acquiring a promotion to Assistant Head at another school and will be leaving us at the end of the summer term. Mrs Abdullah has been at Bishop Chavasse for almost five years and has worked alongside many families offering professional guidance and support - her enthusiasm, empathy and diligent approach to SEND will be sorely missed but we are incredibly proud of her growth and recognise she is well deserving of her promotion. From Easter, Mrs Abdullah will be spending two days a week at her new school and three days a week with us to ensure our families continue to be supported with regards SEND needs and enable us to have a smooth, detailed handover to her successor.

Year 6 Hoodies

Our eldest cohort in the school received their leavers' hoodies today. This was a stark reminder we only have a few weeks left with this amazingly talented and passionate group of children before we send them on their way to Secondary School. The children looked so proud as they put them on, and we hope they feel a true sense of pride when they wear them out and about. A huge thank you to Year 6 parents Mrs Horner, Miss Mills, Mr Horn and Mrs Case for their organisation. During school time, as with last year, pupils can wear their hoodies on PE days and celebratory own clothes days, but not during other times; hoodies do not replace school jumpers for the rest of the week.



Office

As you will know, in January we made some changes to our office hours. A reminder that the office is open from 8.15am until 4pm daily, except on a Friday, when the office closes at 3.30pm. Please note that outside of these hours, the office team will not be able to take telephone calls or respond to families knocking on the window or shutter as they have time critical tasks they need to finish before going home. Many thanks for your understanding.

Year 5 Science workshop

This week Year 5 took part in an amazing Science Workshop organised by Working Science. The children learnt more about their topic of Forces. They explored different forces such as gravity and applied forces and how they work in the real world. Year 5 took part in various interesting and messy experiments, creating their own rockets out of vinegar and baking soda, magnetic fields using iron powder as well as seeing forces in action through different objects like balloons, leaf blowers and even learnt about black holes in space! The children had a spectacular morning, developing their knowledge of space, physics and forces and gained a lot of knowledge from Dr Francis.



Early Years Space Day

3-2-1... blast off! Badgers and Squirrels had an out-of-this-world experience for their Space Day this week. The children looked fantastic dressed up as astronauts as they came into the 'Space Centre'. They explored outer space in the amazing [WonderDome](#), created space biscuits and learned about life as an astronaut.



Headteacher Heroes – winners this week for showing FORGIVENESS

Qhama – Squirrels
 Theo - Badgers
 Elsie – 1PU
 Emily – 1A
 Ablon – 2F
 William KO – 2BC
 Adomas – 3A



Tommy – 3LT
 Millie – 4R
 James – 4W
 Ronan - 5H
 Oliver – 5N
 James N – 6S
 Millie C – 6C



Times Tables Rock Stars – highest scores this week, now also featuring Year 2:

2F – William	4W – Philip
2BC – Teddy	5H - Poppy
3A – Jude	5N - Alex
3LT – Tommy	6C – Bella
4R – Grace	6S – Isabelle H



Golden book

Tommy A (3LT) – amazing singing in the Year 3 Easter service rehearsals
 Isobelle, Poppy and Maddie (5H) – wonderfully neat handwriting
 Amy F (6C) – 12 pages of extraordinary Maths work
 Lucy (1PU) – great improvement in her handwriting
 Zander (5H) – amazing evocative cliffhangers in his writing

Attendance cup: congratulations to the winners with 97.47%: 1A! In second place with 96.55% is 4W and in third place with 96.14% is 1PU.

Bishop Chavasse shield winner

Well done to Laurentiu (5H) - he wins a £7 book token for showing kindness and generosity.



Out of school achievements

Henry (4W) – Gymnastics Stage 1 and swimming certificate

Lily P (5N) – Brownies badges

Joshua (3A) – scoring multiple tries and a conversion in a rugby match.

Lia (3LT) (below) for her green tag belt in Taekwondo.



Bella (6C) – judo grading white belt

James R-L and Noah H (4W) (right) have been busy with rugby tournaments over the last few months, winning medals in three different competitions for Tonbridge Juddians Rugby Club.

Amelia P (4R) (right) successfully completed her 7 kyu grade in Karate.





PTA update

Last Friday night the PTA held its first ever Taskmaster event. Mr Lucas played an excellent role of The Taskmaster, and Mrs Hood, his helper (aka Little Alex Horne). We had a packed out hall of parents, carers, school staff and friends who had a fantastic time doing an array of tasks from trying to put a hat on without using your hands to making the funniest headlines from old newspapers. The



evening ended with some classic movie scenes being acted out, and there were some Oscar worthy performances in the room, especially the "door scene" from Titanic! The PTA has raised a healthy profit of £624.92 at the event.



BISHOP CHAVASSE PTA PRESENTS

DRAGON RACE BOAT



SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER

8 AM - 4 PM AT TONBRIDGE CASTLE

£30 ENTRY FEE

**WE'RE LOOKING FOR A TEAM OF 20 ROWERS AND
1 DRUMMER TO LEAD THE TEAM**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE EMAIL US AT
PTA@BISHOPCHAVASSESCHOOL.ORG.UK
BY 28TH APRIL TO BE ENTERED INTO THE BALLOT**



Tonbridge Young Musicians (TYMS) is looking for new members! If you're aged 7-16 and learn a string, wind or brass instrument, we'd love for you to join us. We have two groups, TYMS Strings and TYMS Winds, with rehearsals from 4.30-5.15pm on Fridays at The Judd School. Everyone is welcome, from Grades 1 to 5 (parts can be adapted depending on playing level). Membership costs £50 per term. If you'd like to give us a try, email Kathryn at treasuretyms@gmail.com For more information see www.tyms.co.uk