

BCS NEWS

18th July 2025

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

Key Dates

Mon 1st September
INSET DAY – no children

Tues 2nd September
Start of Term 1 (Yrs 1-6)

Fri 5th September
Yrs 3 & 5: Carroty Wood

Mon 8th September
Early Years start school

Head's News

It is hard to believe this school year draws to a close today; 190 carefully planned days of learning to engage, excite and inspire our children, planned to nurture and help them on their journeys to being compassionate, curious and confident young people with an energetic zest for life. The website and our social media feeds are tribute to the vibrant calendar of events that litter our curriculum, widening experiences and creating opportunities that foster interest and intrigue and bring moments of pure delight to our community. Once again, it has been a truly unforgettable year, and I feel so humbly grateful for the support of everyone who comes together to make our school such a memorable school to be part of.

This newsletter gives me an opportunity to share goodbyes and thank those who keep our ship sailing regally on the ocean. It has been an emotional week – for everyone – filled with events to celebrate and thank those who move on to pastures new.

To our Year 6, class of 2025 - a cohort of children full of potential with engaging, reflective, individual personalities. Your performances this week have brought tears to so many eyes as we have celebrated your journeys but they are journeys of which you should all be incredibly proud. Everyone here, wishes you all the very best...embrace the opportunities that come your way, face the challenges with courage and curiosity and be kind in all that you do.



Today, we also say goodbye to two highly valued members of our staff team. Mr Lucas and Mrs Abdullah: both big presences in our school, supporting pupils and colleagues to navigate their way through school years.

Mrs Abdullah - a measured and considered member of the team who has kept our inclusion team at the forefront of outstanding practice, she has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to each and every pupil and fostered open trusting relationships with our families. She leaves behind staff, skilled in meeting the needs of all our pupils, a team committed to raising standards and a legacy of transformed practice. We wish Mrs Abdullah all the very best in her new esteemed role.



Key Stage 1 song to the tune of Twinkle, Twinkle:

Goodbye teacher, we'll miss you,
Wishing all the best for you!
Goodbye now, Mrs Abdullah,
All our hearts are now fuller,
We will keep all the things you've taught
Using all the skills you've brought.

Thank you, Mr Lucas
For the joy you've brought us.
With your smile so warm and bright,
You've made learning a delight.
Goodbye teacher, we'll miss you,
Wishing all the best for you!

Mr Lucas - a deputy who has led the school with me for the last two years, approaching leadership with an admirable diligence and meticulous approach to detail, an ability to reflect on situations and offer measured, careful solutions.



A professional in every way, who has entertained the children with animated teaching and learning opportunities, outsmarted the staff and parents as Taskmaster and quizmaster extraordinaire and been a welcoming presence on the gate each day, ensuring the safety and wellbeing of our community. Your new school is blessed to have you and I am in no doubt you will thrive in your new role.





And so to thanks you:

To all the pupils we are privileged to teach - I hope you know how brightly you all shine. How much joy you all bring individually and as a collective to our school, to the teaching team and everyone else who comes to spend time here. You are remarkable; strong, brave, full of talent, you exude our school values and should all be so very very proud of the progress you have each made this year. You are a true credit to yourselves and we look forward to every day we get to spend teaching you and guiding you on your primary school journeys.

To our parents - for your unwavering positive support for everything we do from teaching to tremendous off curricular days that enhance your children's worlds - you keep diaries free, stay up to date on the latest dress-up theme and ensure your children are ready to take part. A school cannot run without supportive parents and you epitomize everything a school desires from its parent body. There simply aren't enough words to thank you enough.

To the church - both St Stephen's and St Peter & St Paul for your support, hospitality, wisdom, prayer and blessing. Undoubtedly the force behind our strong Christian ethos and the calm that exudes our school during worship. We feel so forever blessed to have such a warm relationship with both churches and your collaboration with our school.

To my exceptionally proactive, supportive and present **Governing body**. A group of professionals who work with me and the Tenax Schools Trust to ensure our wheels are turning smoothly, teaching and learning is as it should be and hold us accountable to our commitment to raising standards and ensuring all pupils fulfill their potential and achieve excellence. Your presence at many many school events both on and off site is valued highly by all and has fostered a huge sense of trust and comfort in the staff who work here.

And finally I thank my team. What can I say? A team rich in commitment, dedication, resilience, passion, enthusiasm and desire to make a difference that is never dampened. Your talent at raising standards, understanding how to get the best from our children and enable them to fulfill their potential is without doubt unrivalled. Thank you for your energy, your time, your conversation and your wisdom. You deserve a rest, a proper break, time for you and your families and friends, time to think and nurture what makes you smile.

On a personal note, I just want to say thank you so much to everyone for the beautiful, thoughtful gifts that have been delivered throughout the day. I am deeply committed to ensuring the very best for your children and being there for all our families. Thank you for your touching words in cards too. Each and every one means a lot.

As we close our gates today, I hope you all take a moment to reflect on your memories of the last 190 days; which days shone most brightly for you? I hope there are many. And with that, I wish you all a very pleasant, well-earned Summer holiday.

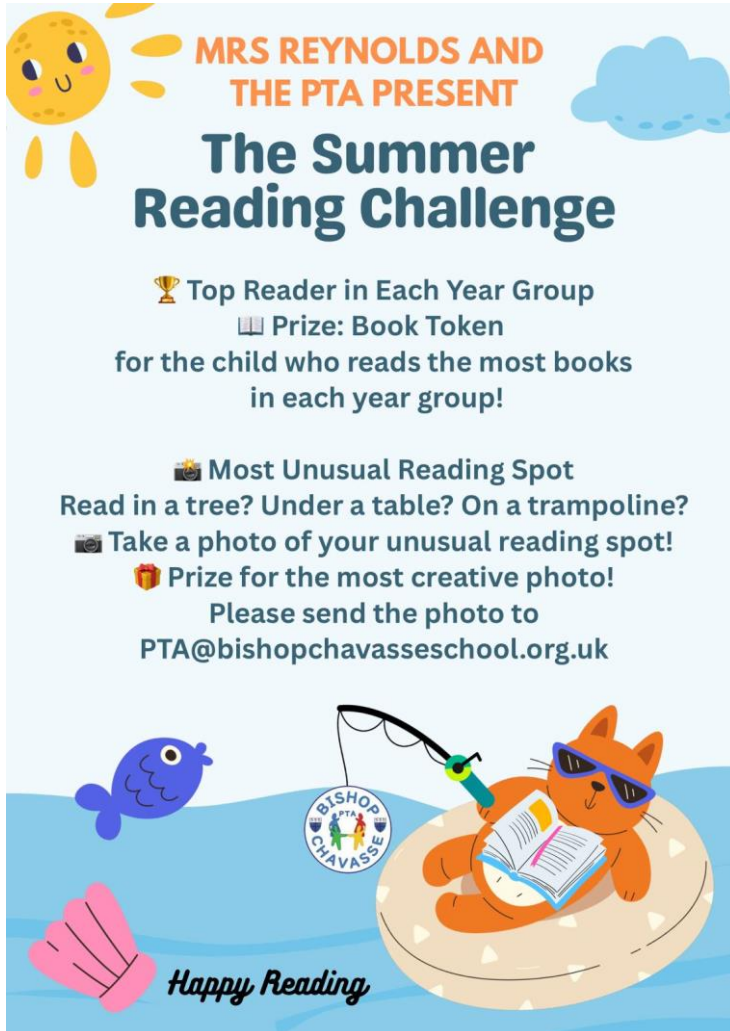


Winners of the Key Stage 1 awards, including Seb (2BC), far right, KS1 winner of the Governor's Cup, and (right) Amelia (6C) with the KS2 Governor's Cup

In other news

Contacting school during the holidays

The school office will be closed over the summer break from 4pm on Friday 18th July until the first day of term on Tuesday 2nd September. Both the office inbox office@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk and the DSL inbox dsl@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk will be monitored only intermittently over the summer holidays. If a child is in immediate danger, call the emergency services using **999**. If you are worried about the safety of a child please call Social Services Out of Hours on **03000 41 91 91**.



**MRS REYNOLDS AND
THE PTA PRESENT**

The Summer Reading Challenge

🏆 Top Reader in Each Year Group
📖 Prize: Book Token
for the child who reads the most books
in each year group!

📍 Most Unusual Reading Spot
Read in a tree? Under a table? On a trampoline?
📷 Take a photo of your unusual reading spot!
🎁 Prize for the most creative photo!
Please send the photo to
PTA@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk

Happy Reading

Bishop Chavasse Talent Show

We are excited to announce that we will be holding a Bishop Chavasse Talent competition in October. Auditions will be at school w/c 29th September and children can perform any genre they choose: music, magic, comedy, gymnastics, dance, acting... start having a think over the holidays about whether you'd like to perform and what you might do!

Back to school in September

We look forward to seeing pupils and parents on Tuesday 2nd September at 8.45am, in summer uniform (until October half term), with a book bag or back pack and water bottle, ready for a new school year in which I am excited to see further developments, embrace more opportunities, develop local partnerships further and engage in a plethora of exciting enriching learning experiences throughout the year for each and every child. A reminder that we are transitioning to **grey uniform** from September - same jumpers, shirts, ties and shoes but **grey skirts, trousers or shorts** and no blazers. As we are in summer uniform until October half term, boys can wear their existing black shorts if parents do not wish to purchase new ones that may not then fit in summer 2026.

Summer reading challenge

We are holding a summer reading challenge to encourage everyone to keep up their reading over the holidays.

The PTA has kindly donated prizes for each year group: the most books read, and a photo competition for the most unusual reading location!

Children will have come home with slips in their bags – or you can just make a note of books read and email the list in, and email any photos to pta@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk.



BISHOP CHAVASSE

TALENT SHOW

AUDITIONS HELD
MONDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER –
FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER AT LUNCHTIME
SIGN UP OUTSIDE GC OR SPEAK TO MISS CLARE

**TALENT SHOW ON
FRIDAY 10TH OCTOBER**

SINGING • DANCING • COMEDY • MAGIC • ACTING

PTA update

The end of our first school year as a PTA, and what a year it's been! Thank you to everyone for your support, volunteering, donations and for coming along to our events.

Please **save the date** for our AGM, which will take place on **Friday 5th October**, as part of a quiz night. Whilst we may no longer have Mr Lucas as our quizmaster, we can guarantee it will be an excellent and entertaining evening out, with just a bit of PTA business thrown in.

Parents, carers and staff might want to consider over the summer whether you might like to put yourself forward for one of the roles on the PTA committee – [Chair](#), [Secretary](#), [Treasurer](#) – plus a deputy role, or events lead. All official roles on the PTA will be up for a vote, including existing post-holders who would like to put themselves forward to serve another year.

On another note, we are eagerly anticipating delivery of our new **pre-loved uniform shop**, which we will be constructing over the summer ready for September. If you might be able to spare a few hours one weekend to help build the shed, or know someone with handy DIY skills, please get in touch: pta@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk.

PTA Highlights of 2024-25



Together we raised

£11,575

Over 15 events & activities



Christmas Fair
£3,119



Silent Auction
£3,102



Together we have
funded...



£5,000
for new playground
equipment



Summer
Fair
£2,765



Secondhand
uniform
Sales
£500



£2,000 for
library books

£150+ for
breakfast club
equipment

70+
volunteers



It takes a team...

15 PTA
committee
members

Thank you to everyone who has
helped out, taken part, or just
turned up. It means everything

