

BCS NEWS

11th July 2025

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

Key Dates

Thurs 17th July

Whole school service -
Year 6 Leavers': St
Stephen's church

Fri 18th July

END OF TERM 6

Head's News

What a week it has been! We started dodging torrential rain and have carefully watched the thermometer incrementally increase throughout the week to bring us to the hot day we've had today. Yet none of this has prevented us from simply having another fabulous week at school. Early on Monday we waved our Year 6 pupils and a number of staff off as they departed the Garden of England for the Moors of Devon. There were tissues a plenty wiping away tears as parents endured the torrential rain to transfer the care of their children to the teachers and staff joining them on the trip to Heatree. And as the week comes to an end, I know from my daily catch ups with the staff, and the occasional whole year group conversations, that the children have literally had the best time. The staff have been truly complimentary about how the children have displayed our school values in abundance, exhibited teamwork skills and resilience as never seen before, and tried out new activities which may turn out to be life long passions... to top it all off, they have even slept well! For those of you on social media, you will have seen the tremendous spirit everyone at Heatree is in through the lens of an iPad, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school next week to hear the tales from the children themselves. The week really does encompass everything we want for our children and offers an incredible opportunity to make everlasting memories in their last few days of primary school.

Back at school, the corridors were remarkably sparse without our oldest crew, but my goodness did the energy demonstrated by the rest of the school throughout Sports Fiesta make up for their absence. The children from Early Years to Year 5 have had a blast...carefully planned around core learning, the children have had the chance to try out new sports, showcase their long distance running skills to local residents who came out to support the mini marathon, and do some high quality research about famous sports stars they admire. Sport and physical activity brings a community together, offers wellbeing benefits and the opportunity to develop teamwork and leadership skills; none of which are to be underestimated as we nurture committed, curious learners at Bishop Chavasse. Even those children who aren't sports mad had moments of awe and wonder throughout the three days, either by having a go on the obstacle course, or doing the research about a sports star. A week to be treasured in the memory book for everyone.



In other news

Worship this week

This week's worship has focussed on Journeying in Hope. A timely series of worships encouraging our children to think about the journey they have been on this year and that they are about to embark on as they begin to transition into new year groups. Reflection on the hope has been guided by readings from Jeremiah, Luke and Isaiah.

After school and Breakfast club bookings

Please could parents and carers ensure that all school lunches, breakfast club and after school club accounts are settled in full by Wednesday 16th July for clubs and lunches booked up to the end of this term. Any accounts for clubs not settled will mean clubs cannot be accessed in Term 1, and this will apply to any siblings too. Please get in touch with the office as soon as possible with any queries.

Year 6 uniform plea

As you wear your Bishop Chavasse uniform for the final few days year 6 children, I write to ask you a favour. Our second hand uniform shop is overflowing with shorts, shirts and dresses for children in the younger years, but shelves are sparse for the older children. I wonder if, therefore, you might think about donating your uniform to our school shop next week? Maybe you have a few extra jumpers, dresses or bottoms that could do with a new home? Be worn by your successors? I would very much appreciate it if you could donate even just one item to support others before you leave the gate for the final time.

Office and DSL emails over the summer

As we head into the last week of term, please be aware that 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**.

Thank you, PTA

On Tuesday evening, the PTA held their final meeting of the school year. As Head, I wanted to take this opportunity to extend a personal thank you to the committee who have grafted so so hard since their inception back in November to bring a number of incredibly successful events to our school community. A committee who have tirelessly championed our school efforts, put their creativity and wisdom together to offer us a huge amount of fun over the last few months which have successfully enabled us to raise an extraordinary amount of money for the school- the money raised is beyond our wildest dreams and I cannot thank each and every family, parent, friend who has supported the events enough. The PTA committee are a fabulous crew, who meet every so often of an evening, to reflect on fundraising efforts just completed, think of new ones, think outside the box and bring a community spirited energy to the meetings. Thank you, PTA committee, thank you for being an unwavering support for the school and helping our community come together.

PS. If you have a little time to spare, and would like to get more involved, there really is no better way to spend a few hours a term than joining the committee and event groups. We would love to have you on board: please email pta@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk.

Tackling food waste, feeding families

The Rannard-Lamberts, a Bishop Chavasse family, are Olio ambassadors in Tonbridge, helping to ensure that surplus supermarket food that would otherwise go to landfill can be shared **free of charge locally**. Please download the Olio app (<https://olioapp.com/en/>) which allows you to request free food locally. In doing so, you help save yourself money and help the planet. It's simple:

- Sign up to the app <https://olioapp.com/en/>;
- Browse the free food (e.g. bread, vegetables, yoghurts, meals, etc);
- Request what you'd like;
- Pick it up locally from an Olio volunteer
- And, the app has lots more on it too.



A letter to parents from our Chair of Governors

Dear Parents, Carers, Guardians and Children,

As yet another year goes by we come to the end of the school year it is time to say well done and thank you.

All of 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".



There is an immense amount of hard work that both Mrs Hood and all of her staff do, daily, weekly and monthly to ensure your child can thrive and fulfil their true potential. They truly care that every child is given the best opportunity to excel.

I am also pleased to announce we have strengthened the size of the governing body by two new parent governors and one new Tenax appointed governor, bringing an extra dimension allowing us to continue to work collaboratively with Mrs Hood and her team.

It's another year where alongside the continual governance, the Governors have been fortunate enough to attend a number of events, a number of church services at both St Stephens and at St Peter & St Paul confidently led by various year groups, experience our wonderful choir perform brilliantly at the Chapel of Tonbridge School, forest school visits, the brilliant music concerts and Christmas performances, the 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.

We have also supported the new PTA in their brilliant efforts to raise money for essential items.

I have just spent this last week with the Year 6 children at their school residential in Devon and have seen what a real testament they are and proud they represent our school. I want to wish every single one of them the very best in their new schools and future lives,

For those teachers that are leaving us shortly I would also like to thank you personally for your hard endeavours and wish you 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 supporting the new PTA in all of its events, for helping the school be the best it can be and 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.

Drummers and Strummers concert

The Key Stage 1 *Drummers and Strummers* performed brilliantly this morning at their concert, thanks to Steve's fantastic teaching and mentoring.

It's not too late to sign up for **Band Time @ BCS** - from September 2025, Steve Wren will be teaching and mentoring bands at school, in addition to the guitar/drum lessons he already teaches under *Drummers and Strummers*.



BandTime@BCS

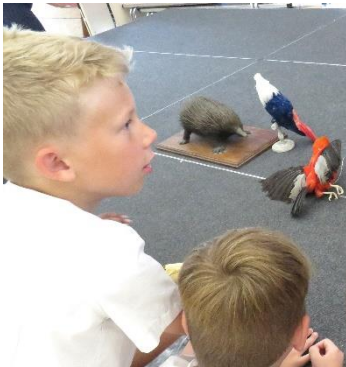
Coming in September 2025!



Band Time @ BCS bands will typically be made up of drums, bass, guitar, keyboard, and vocals; available for children in Year 2 upwards. To sign your child up, please contact Steve directly: drummersandstrummers@gmail.com

Year 4 natural history workshop

On Thursday, Frankie Fuller, a Natural Historian, came to our school to teach us about extinct animals and the need to preserve life through conservation. Firstly, he showed a slide about birds of paradise, where we learnt about different species, and the reason they're actually called birds of paradise. So interesting! He then talked about some animals that have become extinct, including the Dodo (we got to hold a Dodo bone!), the Tasmanian Tiger, the Great Auk and of course the incredibly fascinating Huia bird. Frankie talked about the similarities and differences of two totally different species; a Wolf and a Tasmanian Tiger, by showing us the two different skulls, and he also showed us other artifacts including bones, fossils and animal teeth. The Megalodon tooth was incredible! Other artefacts we had the chance to explore included part of a Mammoth jaw, a shark jaw and some taxidermy animals, including an echidna! It was a fantastic afternoon, and we feel very lucky to have completed our Science Conservation Day with such an interesting talk from Frankie.



Tortoises

Year 4 were also lucky to meet baby tortoises Turbo and Bolt last week, thanks to Mr and Mrs Ottaway.



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

Squirrels – Henry
 Badgers - Ben
 1PU – Daisy
 1A – Silas
 2F - Logan
 2BC – Amelia
 3A – Evie C



3LT - Jishnu
 4R – Ariya
 4W - Max
 5H – Poppy
 5N - Gabriella



Times Tables Rock Stars – highest scores this week:

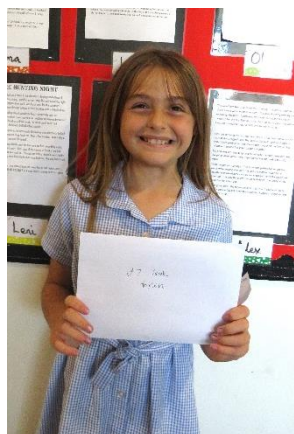
2F – Alex M 4W – Frankie
 2BC – Amelia 5H – Archie
 3A – Lucas 5N – Jacob
 3LT – Evie
 4R – Gustas

Sports heroes of the week – for showing our school values during the Sports Fiesta:

Badgers – Mila
 Squirrels - Ralph
 1PU – Teddy A
 1A – Albie
 2F – Elliott H
 2BC – Evie W
 3A – Rose
 3LT – Harper
 4W – Jonah
 4R – Rhys
 5H – Maddie
 5N – Fiire



Bishop Chavasse Shield winner



Well done to Erin (5N) – she wins a £7 book token for listening and good singing. She plans to spend the voucher on the fourth book in the Harry Potter series.

Attendance cup

This week's winner with 99.03% is 1A! In second place with 98.89% is 4W and in third place with 98.52% is 4R.

Out of school achievements

Evie M (1A) – Teddy Bears' Picnic kindness award

Lucie (1A) – Level 4 gymnastics

Lia (3LT) – blue tag belt in taekwondo

Ella T (4R) - blue tag belt in taekwondo

Sara (2F) Stage 4 in swimming

Joshua (4R) (right) passed his taekwondo grading and now has his 8th kup yellow belt.



PTA update

Summer Fair complete and packed away but we rest not on our laurels. We had a fantastic meeting on Tuesday where we churned through loads of business, debriefed the Summer Fair, discussed exciting events to come and how to spend the amazing funds you have helped raise over the last few months. Check out the minutes on the [PTA page of the school website](#).

Here's what's coming up and how you can get involved:

Bishop Chavasse Summer Reading challenge – the PTA is donating prizes for the most number of books read, and photo of the most unusual reading location – there will be prizes for each year group. More next week!

Uniform shop – we are really excited about the preloved uniform shop which will be constructed over the summer holidays outside the hall. We will be looking for handy volunteers to come and help over a weekend soon – look out for our shout out.

Year 6 uniform – we are desperate to get our hands on as much Year 6 uniform as possible from our onward bound year group – please drop into the office and we will launder and ready it for sale in September.

Dragonboat race – Sunday 7th September: we will be running a stall to support the Bishop Chavasse staff and parent rowers and publicise our school, with facepainting and treats. Please get in touch if you'd like to help on the day: pta@bishopchavassschool.org.uk.



Year 4 disco with Miss Clare – won as part of the PTA online auction!