



# BCS NEWS

## 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025

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

### Head's News

As we welcomed our wonderful new Early Years pupils to our community, school felt full, sated and bursting with memorable learning opportunities, budding new friendships and cementing of established ones this week. The classrooms exuded a calm focus on teaching and learning of knowledge and new routines - a more settled start we couldn't have asked for.

*Spirituality is about the deep feelings we have when we think about big things in life – like love, kindness, nature, or even difficult things like sadness and loss. It helps us feel connected to ourselves, to other people, and to something bigger than us.*

We have many significant moments at school that help us find meaning in our own worlds, help us feel wowed and excited, help us reflect on the moment in the now and that challenge us and offer us a moment to understand how we feel and why in difficult 'ow' moments... sometimes it is easy to articulate these, and other times they create feelings inside us, they are different for each individual unique person, but they define who we are. This week we started work which will permeate throughout the school enabling children to think about the wow, ow and now moments in their lives and perhaps illustrate them, talk about them and be with them in every area of the curriculum and extra curricula times... our hope is that by focusing on spirituality we will add a depth to our commitment to foster a greater sense of self in your children and further enable our children to become curious confident kind members of the community with an awareness of themselves and others as they grow up...

For our 60 new children in Early Years and many who have joined us in other year groups it has been a true wow moment to be bottled up and stored in the memory jar or box for years to come. And my, how well the children have settled, no tears, just broad smiles and inquisitive questions a plenty as the children found their feet in amongst the welcoming party of older children around the school. We welcome you with open arms and hope you enjoy a long fruitful journey with us.



### Key Dates

**Tues 16<sup>th</sup> September**

3.15pm: penny book sale outside the school office

**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

Year 6 trip to Temper Temper

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

PTA AGM and Quiz night

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> October**

8.45am: Harvest Festival service at St Stephen's church

**Weds 8<sup>th</sup> October**

Year 1 trip to Tonbridge castle  
Year 3 Ancient Egypt workshop

**Fri 10<sup>th</sup> October**

1.45pm Bishop Chavasse talent show

**Tues 14<sup>th</sup> October**

3.30pm – 6pm Parent consultations

**Weds 15<sup>th</sup> October**

4.30pm – 7pm Parent consultations

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> October**

**HALF TERM**

**Mon 27<sup>th</sup> October**

**Start of Term 2**

**Tues 11<sup>th</sup> November**

Individual and sibling photographs



## In other news

### Pupil Leadership Team

We are delighted to introduce you to our new pupil leadership team:

**Head Boy** – Jacob de Ferrars (6C)

**Head Girl** – Livvy Maybury (6S)

**Deputy Head Girl** – Alyssa Terry (6C)

**Deputy Head Boys** – Owen Waugh (6S) and Laurentiu Gherasimenco (6S)



Left to right: Alyssa, Jacob, Livvy, Owen and Laurentiu

During their time with us, these children have proven themselves to be exemplary Bishop Chavasse pupils, exuding our school values and contributing to the school community. Over the coming year, they will lead worship, church services, attend school open events and represent our school at different community engagements. I will of course welcome their ideas and talk to them about projects they would like to lead on during their time in Year 6. Congratulations to our new team.

### Worship this week

Worship this week has focussed on Joshua; a person of faith, thinking about him leading the Israelites to the promised land, and where he placed his trust.



### Thought of the week

As we encourage the children to reflect on their learning, their emotions and their friendships, we will leave a thought for the week with the children as they go out of worship. We hope this will offer the children a guiding hand to link the focus of our worship to their own behaviour, actions, thought processes. Recognising that we are inclusive school, for those not of Christian faith, the thought of the week we hope, will act as a stepping stone to linking the values of compassion, honesty and wisdom to themselves and facilitate some thinking time that helps them reflect on those values in themselves. This week our thought was *'I wonder what would happen if I trusted God as much as Joshua did when I feel scared or unsure?'*

### Penny Book Sale: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 3.15pm

We will be holding a penny book sale after school on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September outside the office (depending on the weather): a great chance to pick up a bargain book (or ten!) from old library stock. Donations for books welcome – any spare pennies.

## Bishop Chavasse Talent Show

Auditions are coming up – every lunchtime between Mon 28<sup>th</sup> and Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> October – we look forward to seeing the talents and acts the children are preparing! The Talent Show will take place during the school day on Fri 10<sup>th</sup> October when the acts successful following auditions will have the chance to perform to the whole school.

## Volunteers

Inviting parents and carers in to help with reading and maths is something very important to us. The children learn so much from having one to one or small group time with a member of our wider community who has given up time to help them with their learning. If you have an afternoon spare and would like to become one of our growing number of volunteers, please do let the office know: [office@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk](mailto:office@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk).

Mrs Reynolds, our dedicated library lead, is also looking for volunteers to help finish cataloguing the books in the library and - moving forward - to become weekly librarians helping children check books in and out so that our amazing new library becomes a serene yet bustling treasured hub in our school.

## Kent Test and visiting Secondary Schools

Well done to some of our Year 6 pupils who began the start of their journey into Year 7, sitting the Kent Test this week with admirable composure and determination. The Kent Test is just one pathway to secondary schools in our local area; we are blessed to have a plethora of amazing schools of all types locally. Choosing the right secondary school for your child, with your child, is an incredibly important decision so while the Kent Test and Grammar pathway is right for some children, it is not for others. I strongly advise parents in Year 6 to use these last weeks before your applications are due in to visit the schools you are thinking about just one more time. And please don't forget the submission deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> October for making your final choices. Details of open days/evenings and flyers are on the [Transition to Secondary School](#) page of our website.

## Music Lessons

This week the corridors were alive with the sound of music as our peripatetic music teachers started lessons again. We have almost 100 pupils who engage in music lessons each week, carefully persevering to perfect their tunes, and to have fun along the way. Steve, our Drummers and Strummers teacher, is now on site three days a week, with one day dedicated to Bands. We host a number of teachers of violin, recorder, singing, keyboard and woodwind. If you would like your child to have music lessons at school, please look at the [music page](#) on the school website for more information on arrangements and costs.



## Walking Bus

Our [walking bus](#) departs from the Henty garage at 8.30am every morning, rain or shine. Drop off is between 8.20am and 8.30am.

It's a great way to avoid the queues into the carpark in the morning, and the children enjoy it too!

**BISHOP CHAVASSE**

# TALENT SHOW

**AUDITIONS HELD**  
**MONDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER –**  
**FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER AT LUNCHTIME**  
SIGN UP OUTSIDE 6C OR SPEAK TO MISS CLARE

**TALENT SHOW ON**  
**FRIDAY 10TH OCTOBER**

SINGING • DANCING • COMEDY • MAGIC • ACTING

## Headteacher Heroes – winners this week for showing a *Growth Mindset*:

1A – Alaiyah  
1BF – Ann-Marlie  
2F - Digby  
2A – Albie  
3A – Alex T  
3F – Olivia R-S



4R – Isabelle  
4G – Reggie  
5N – Bella  
5H - Ruben  
6C – Zachary  
6S - George



### Times Tables Rock Stars – highest scores this week:

3A – Toby  
3F – Alex M  
4R – Jishnu  
4G - Aarnaa  
5H - Favour  
5N - Meaghan  
6S – Jamie  
6C - Anopaishe

### Gold book

Iyannah (2F) – amazing writing about her summer holidays: beautifully presented and written.

### Bishop Chavasse Shield winner

Well done to Ruben (5H) – he wins a £7 book token for helping children in his class.

### Out of school achievements



Evie M (2A) – Stage 2 swimming

Amy (2A) – earned a merit in her ballet exam and Stage 3 swimming

Ophion (1BF) – passed her dance exam

Leni (6C) – four certificates for aerial routines

Janelle (3F) – medal for reading library books over the summer

Ben (2F) (left) completed his 50th junior park run last month & got

his wrist band on Sunday, achieving his target of completing it before he turns 7 with a couple of weeks to spare!

**18TH SEPTEMBER**

only **£6**

**mini HOLIDAY CLUB**

School Years 5-7

**laser tag archery**

**forest school activities**

**Sports Talks & more**

(Monthly Event - one activity each time)

**DON'T MISS OUT!**

**FREEDOM CAMPS**

## PTA update

Thank you to everyone who joined our **first PTA meeting of the year** last night – a great discussion featuring a lookahead to events coming up and fundraising. [Minutes from the meeting are on the website](#). The first Christmas Fair sub committee meeting is coming up in the next couple of weeks – please do join if you'd like to help run the Christmas Fair on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

We will be building the **new preloved uniform shop on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September from 10am**, and could do with a couple more parent volunteers handy with a set of DIY tools. Please email [pta@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk](mailto:pta@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk) if you'd like to help.

Date for your diaries – time for a **quiz night!** We will be bustling through the PTA's **Annual General Meeting** at the start of the evening – please do come along if you'd like to hear the annual report (we promise it will be engaging!) and do email [pta@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk](mailto:pta@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk) if are interested in standing for any of the positions: Chair, Deputy, Treasurer, Secretary, Events lead(s).



A final reminder to donate, if you are able, towards fundraising for our sister school [Matongoro school in Tanzania](#): Annemarie, the chair of our PTA will be doing a half iron triathlon on Sunday 14 September to raise funds.

She has set herself the goal to finish this challenging event which comprises a 1.9km swim, 90km cycle and 21km run. Any donations will be greatly appreciated, please donate here: <https://www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/mpwapwa2025>.

To make sure the donation goes to our partner school, please type in 'Matongoro' when you donate. Thank you!

# PTA QUIZ NIGHT

WITH OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FRIDAY  
3RD OCTOBER

FROM 6:45PM

TEAMS OF 4-8

£5 PER PERSON

PAY IN THE OFFICE OR EMAIL US

• AN EVENING OF TRIVIA, •  
LAUGHTER, AND THE CHANCE  
TO BE QUIZ CHAMPIONS!

BAR OPEN | FREE SNACKS  
CHIPS AVAILABLE TO BUY



REGISTER YOUR TEAM  
BY FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> SEP TO

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