

BCS NEWS

19th September 2025

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

Head's News

As autumn arrives, and mornings feel darker, the gentle pattering of rain becomes our comforting familiar and the world around us basks in deep reds, oranges and yellows, we at school journey on calmly and passionately with our teaching and learning, acknowledging the new school year is well and truly here.

This week, it brings me huge pleasure to introduce you all to our new pupil leadership team: a group of Year 6 pupils who embody our school values in their entirety, are team players, diligent and conscientious learners, filled with a desire to nurture and help others flourish. Of course, there are so many pupils like this at school and making the choices is never easy. Many other children across Year 6 celebrated moments of awe and wonder as they too were chosen to fulfil the roles of House captains, playground leaders, worship leaders, digital lead, music lead and library leads. Year 6 is an important time to demonstrate responsibility and understand the value of this as we begin our nurturing journey helping to prepare them for their new chapters next year. Without further ado, I present to you our pupil leadership team 2025-2026.

Jacob de Ferrars - Head Boy

Hi I am Jacob and I am the new head boy. I have been at Bishop Chavasse since 2019 and I can tell you that this school is AMAZING! This school has taught me so much and I am so glad to be in such a great school! My favourite subjects are computing and history. I love to know about the past and tech. I hope to make the school a better place by being a good role model for the other year groups and to help them achieve their goals. I hope to do this with the rest of the pupil leadership team. Outside of school I like swimming, cricket and other sports! I also play the violin.

Livvy Maybury – Head Girl

Hi I am Livvy, I am the new head girl. I have been here since reception. This school is the best school I have been to (but this is the only school I have been to). My favourite subject is P.E. I love to play lots of sports - especially football. My most liked footballer is ALESSIA RUSSOOOOOOO!!!! I hope to be a joy in the school and support little children.



Key Dates

Mon 28th Sept – Fri 3rd Oct

Lunchtime auditions for the Talent Show



Fri 3rd October

PTA AGM and Quiz night



Mon 6th October

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

Year 4 trip to Tonbridge

Weds 8th October

Year 1 trip to Tonbridge castle

Year 3 Ancient Egypt workshop

Fri 10th October

1.45pm BCS Talent Show

Tues 14th October

3.30pm – 6pm Parent consultations

Thurs 16th October

4.30pm – 7pm Parent consultations

Fri 17th October

HALF TERM

Laurentiu Gherasimenco: Deputy Head Boy

Hi I am Laurentiu. My favourite subjects are Maths, Art, PE and English. I'm really good at football and don't tell Miss Scott but I beat her in a one v one in basketball! I'm also really proud to be Deputy Head Boy. I will take this job really seriously throughout this year, I will show wisdom, kindness and compassion towards everyone including staff and pupils that are in school and outside of school.

Alyssa Terry: Deputy Head Girl

Hey everyone I'm Alyssa. My favourite subjects are art, Maths, PE and computing. I have been at this school since 2019 and I hope to help make the school a better place. I have lots of hobbies like art, paddleboarding, sewing, knitting, singing and swimming. I do choir and netball and I also do musical theatre.

Owen Waugh: Deputy Head Boy

Hello, I have been at this school since year R. My favourite subjects are P.E and English as I love being creative. Also I hope to promote sport. This school has been brilliant. Outside of school I play football six times a week and tennis once a week. Also, I play the guitar.



House captains



This year's House captains are (from left to right): St George – Junior and Joshua; St David – Lily and Xander; St Patrick – Zander and Tiger; St Andrew – Fiire and Ronan.

In other news

Worship this week

We began our week learning more about Spirituality; referring to the golden glue times of 'wows, ows and nows': moments to grow from and reflect on. Many children comfortably shared some of these moments in worship on Monday, describing how they made them feel; no shyness but pure trust in the whole school community to listen, reflect and comfort: a truly magical moment for staff to see just how secure and confident children feel about voluntarily sharing what can be vulnerable moments. The children have slipped seamlessly into sharing these moments during learning, playtimes and in snatched conversations in the corridors. Our plan is to create displays around the school where children can share these moments with our community. During the remainder of the week, we thought about Ruth, the loyal friend.

Thought of the week

How can I show love, kindness and faithfulness to others, even when life feels hard or uncertain?

Uniform

The children predominantly all look very smart in their uniform this term. If you are unsure of our [uniform policy](#), please have a glance at it on our website. To note - all children from Years 1-6 should be wearing shirts rather than polo t-shirts, with a tie. And while large bows and hair accessories, sparkly jewellery and earrings look beautiful they do pose a health and safety risk as they are easily caught on furniture or other children and can easily get lost, causing upset. Please send your children to school with plain navy or black hair bobbles and hair bands, and plain clips rather than large bows and no jewellery. Small stud or very small hoop earrings are permitted.

BIG NEWS - PE KITS - YEARS 1-6

As a team, we have come together to think about children getting changed for PE while at school. For some this is quick and easy, for some not so, for some, remembering their kit is harder than for others... and on many days, a lot of learning time is lost to children needing to get changed. For this reason, we are changing our school routine. **From Monday 22nd September, if it is a PE day, ALL CHILDREN IN YEARS 1-6 should come to school in their PE kit.** They will remain in their PE kit for the whole school day. For us to ensure this doesn't inadvertently become an own clothes sports day, we will be as mindful of our PE uniform as we are of usual school uniform - children **MUST** wear their House T shirt, plain black shorts/joggers and their school jumper. A plain black sweatshirt or hoodie can be worn for outdoor PE. Socks should be black, white or grey without logos, cartoons or slogans. Shoes should be appropriate for running around on the field or pitch. Indoor PE will be done barefoot.



If you are not sure when your child's PE days are, please refer to the [class pages of the website](#). We hope this makes things easier at home - once you know your PE day and will enable our children to benefit from longer sessions actually doing PE. We will naturally allow a transition period until October half term. We will send all PE kits home today. **This change DOES NOT apply to our new Early Years children, for whom learning how to get changed independently is part of the curriculum requirement.**

Parking

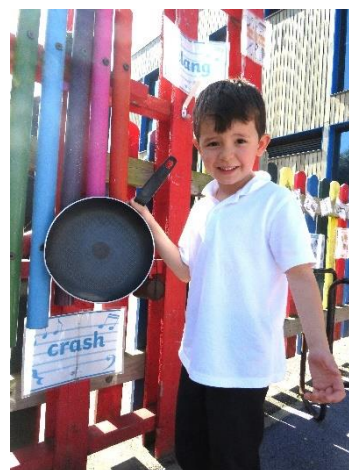
Our local businesses have been in touch to share that some parents are parking in their car parks at drop off and pick up time. We have worked hard to establish good relations with our neighbouring businesses. They need the spaces for their employees and visitors so please refrain from using spare spaces in future. Many thanks.

Walking Bus

With our Hendy walking bus becoming increasingly popular, we are looking for a parent or carer volunteer to join the staff team to support the children walking to school. This would involve meeting at the school office at 8.15am for an 8.20am departure to Hendy, helping the children put their hi-viz jackets on and walking back to school in time for an 8.45am start to the school day. Volunteering could be every morning, or one or two mornings each week – and your children could accompany. Please let the office know if you would be interested:

office@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk.

Week 2 in Early Years!



Meet our new Assistant Head and SENDCO: Mrs Billing



Mrs Billing has joined Bishop Chavasse as Assistant Head and SENDCO. She previously worked as a SENDCO at a Junior School in Sevenoaks. Mrs Billing has over 20 years teaching experience with children across the primary age. She has two teenage sons and a very spoilt dog called Barney. Mrs Billing is a keen traveller and enjoys spending holidays exploring different places and countries. She loves getting outside into the beautiful Kent



countryside, walking Barney and going for runs. Mrs Billing is a keen reader and always has a book on the go. She is looking forward to getting to know the children and their families at Bishop Chavasse and supporting them through their school journey.

Miss Newell

We are sad to share that our longest serving staff member, Miss Newell, will be leaving us on Friday 26th September. Miss Newell has been with the school since it opened with just 15 children and has been part of its growth and development over the years. She has supported many many children in her capacity as teaching assistant and breakfast club supervisor, and as she swaps children and the classroom for a law firm, Miss Newell will be greatly missed.



Forest School this week



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

1A – Sofia
1BF – Noah
2F - Ismay
2A – Millie
3A – George
3F – James



4R – Harper
4G – Kevin
5N – Gustas
5H - Mary
6C – Rocco
6S - Isobelle



Times Tables Rock Stars – highest scores this week:

3A – Alex K
3F – Ollie T
4R – Daniel
4G – Lucas
5H - Chloe
5N - Lily
6S – Phoebe
6C - Aarav

Gold book

Well done to the children entered into Mrs Hood's Gold Book for exceptional work this week:

Phoebe (6S) – beautifully presented Maths work

Lia (4R) – writing a poem about the sea using amazing descriptive language

Zachary (6C) – incredible column addition in Maths showing amazing progress

Harper (4R) – amazing piece of writing evoking an emotional reaction

Isobelle and Poppy (6S) – excellent column addition, superbly presented

Olivia (4G) – wrote a diary entry evoking emotion using a thesaurus

Lizzie (3A) – research and writing about Ancient Egypt



Attendance cup

This week's winners are 5H with an astounding 100%! In second place is 2A with 99.52% and in third place is Squirrels with 99.21%.

Bishop Chavasse Shield winner

Well done to Leo (5H) – he wins a £7 book token for helping a friend and showing compassion, even whilst on crutches. He would like to buy a Bunny vs Monkey book with his token.



Out of school achievements

Josefien (1A) – Stage 1 in swimming

Lily (5H) – swimming certificates

Poppy (6S) – donated her hair to a charity for children who aren't well

Ollie (6C) (left) - awarded the captain role in Hurricanes, Tunbridge Wells Youth Football Club for the first game.

PTA update

Would you like to help organise and run this year's **Christmas Fair**? It will be on Friday 5th December, straight after school. Last year's was a huge success – this year's will be even better! If so, please join the first Christmas Fair planning meeting next **Wednesday 24th September at 8pm** on Teams – send an email and we'll share the Teams link: pta@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk.

Time to sign up for the PTA quiz night on Friday 3rd October!

Get your team of 4–8 together and test your brains on general knowledge, music, TV and sport. There's even a trophy up for grabs! Just £5 per person – with nibbles, chips, and a fully stocked bar to keep you going. Expect laughs, a bit of friendly competition, and a cracking night out for parents and friends.

Even if you haven't got a complete team fully together yet, please email us to register: pta@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk

At the start of the quiz will be the PTA's **Annual General Meeting**– we promise it will be quick! We'll be voting in the PTA's key positions: Chair, Deputy, Treasurer, Secretary, Events lead(s).

We are particularly keen to hear from anyone who would like to consider joining the committee as **Secretary** or **Treasurer** – [click here](#) for a brief outline of the duties involved – it needn't take up much of your week and it's a great way to put minute-taking, governance or accounting skills to a really good cause.

For any of the roles, please email us to find out more or put your name forward.



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 26TH SEP TO**

[Pta@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk](mailto:pta@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk)



Our PTA Chair's Half Iron Man!

Massive congrats to our PTA Chair Annemarie Roberts for completing a half iron man last weekend. She had to swim 1.9km, cycle 89km and run 21km – that's a half marathon at the end!! She did it all in 7 hours and 57 minutes.

A big thank you to all that have supported the PTA fundraising for our partner school Matongoro in Tanzania so far.

If you are able to make a small donation, please click below and type in 'Matongoro' in the comment box to make sure the money goes to our chosen school: <https://www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/mpwapwa2025>



Online Parent Workshops

Aimed at parents of children in primary school

Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears 7/11/2025 10:30—12:30pm



Introduction to Understanding Autism 8/10/2025 17:30—19:30pm



Understanding Your Child's Behaviour 30/09/2025 12:30—



The Mind, The Body and You 9/12/2025 12:30—14:30pm



Me & My Child: Understanding Resilience 25/11/2025 10:30—12:30pm



Understand ADHD 20/11/2025 10:30—12:30pm



**Workshop times alternate from term to term*

Our online workshops offer information around key topics to help understand what is going on for your child and strategies to support them, based on the latest evidence and practice.

If you would like to join, please raise your interest with your child's school so that they can send you the link. If you have any questions please speak to your child's school.

Our workshops are held on Microsoft Teams. You do not need an account to join. You will need access to the internet. Currently, this workshop is only available to parents/carers of children attending a EWT/EST school. Please speak to your child's school or check our website for our list of schools. If you require materials in another language or have any other access needs then please email: EWTanESTenquiries@nelft.nhs.uk

