

BCS NEWS

3rd October 2025

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

Head's News

This week brought a sense of real drive and energy in teaching and learning across the school. Children deeply focussed on the challenges being set in each classroom and palpable satisfaction echoing around the classrooms and corridors as problems have been solved, a little more knowledge acquired and a little more committed to every child's long term memory. Classroom environments have been set up to best support learning with key vocabulary displayed and completed work on show that model excellence in all our children. Teachers and teaching assistants have found new and exciting ways to bring learning to life, to support and to praise and celebrate progress. The **gold book** which sits regally on a shelf in my office, is weighed down with evidence of many pupils' personal moments of progress, achievement and brilliance. There is no more a welcome knock on my door than to see a pupil bursting with pride over their 'wow' moment when a staff member tells them they are in the **gold book** for a piece of work. The beaming smiles I am met with at my door, the insatiable desire to excitedly share their pieces of work and how delighted they are with what they have achieved, produced or overcome to gain a 'Headteacher sticker' is undoubtedly one of the many highlights of my role. And when we share those highlights in Celebration Worship on Friday morning, the wow moment multiplies tenfold as the whole school community celebrates each child. Of course, the **gold book** is not the only way we celebrate each child; house points, Chavasse shields, handshakes, cheers, certificates and quiet comments for those who prefer a more subtle approach all form part of our culture where every child is valued and enabled to flourish and thrive.



Huge congratulations to Archie (2A) and Duru (5N) for winning the PTA's summer reading challenge: Archie read 30 books and Duru read 38 books over the holidays! They each win a £10 book token. For more winners, see page 4.

Key Dates

- 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
- Monday 27th October**
Start of Term 2
- Thurs 30th October**
Year 6 Mayan workshop
- Fri 31st October**
5pm: **Light Party** at St Peter and St Paul church

LIGHT PARTY

GAMES SHORT TALKS
HOT DOGS Crafts

Fri 31st October
Year 1 - Year 6
WHY NOT BRING A FRIEND?

5-7pm St Peter & St Paul

£12 per child, £5 for 3 or more children
www.tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk
sign up here

- Mon 10th November**
Odd Socks Day and the start of anti-bullying week
- Tues 11th November**
Individual and sibling photographs at school
- Thurs 18th December**
End of Term 2

In other news

Worship this week

OW moments were the focus of our worship on Monday. We read the story of the lady who had been poorly for 12 years and was healed by touching Jesus in a busy crowd, from Matthew 9:20-22 and Luke 8:43-48. We shared some of our own 'ow' moments and how we have healed or grown spiritually from them and how Christians have faith in God to heal them or help them grow as their golden glue. And we celebrated people whose faith helped to change the world; talking about Martin Luther King and Nelson Mandela as peacemakers, making a difference in the world with reference to Romans 12:17-18.

Thought of the Week

What is one small kind thing you can do this week that could make the world a brighter place for someone else?

Communications

An open positive and trusting relationship with parents is pivotal to a successful learning journey at primary school. Our staff welcome conversations, emails and phone calls about your children. We operate an open-door policy to facilitate this. This is just a reminder that your first port of call is your child's class teacher. If they are unavailable, the phase lead will be able to help in some instances. Should queries or questions not be able to be addressed by the class teacher or phase lead, it will be passed onto a member of the leadership team. In order that staff can adequately address queries, please endeavour to make an appointment with a member of staff via the office. Teachers can be caught on the gate at dismissal, but may ask you to come back at another time if they have a pre-booked meeting to get to. With emails: we ask that staff are given 48 hours (2 working days) to respond. Should there be something a teacher needs to communicate with you, they will give you a call if they haven't managed to catch you at dismissal.

Harvest Festival

We are looking forward to our first church visit of the school year on Monday. We will greet every pupil at St Stephen's church at 8.45am on Monday morning. All children should be wearing school uniform and come with a suitable coat (if needs be) and one bag to carry back to school with their belongings in. It is a decent walk but can be made tricky if children are having to carry multiple bags or accessories. We kindly ask that no child arrives on a scooter or bike, as we cannot manage these on our walk back, and that umbrellas stay at home; the latter pose a real health and safety risk in terms of poking their partner or running after it if they drop it.



Forest School this week

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

1A – Josefien
1BF – Heidi
2F - Ben
2A – Orla
3A – Elliott
3F – Charlotte M



4R – Bea
4G – Leland
5N – Eoghan
5H - Chloe
6C – Enoch
6S - Tiger



Times Tables Rock Stars – highest scores this week:

3A – Logan
3F – Arthur
4R – Harper
4G – Jude
5H - Evelyn
5N - Max
6S – Junior
6C - Evelina

Gold book

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

Leland (4G) – a well-set out and brilliantly persuasive letter to Mrs Hood asking if we could have a school pet.

Fiire and Xander (6C) - used amazing vocabulary in English, in a narrative focused on explorers.

Ljay (6C) – phenomenal transformation in his handwriting.

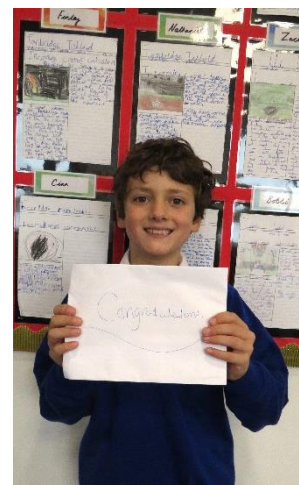


Attendance cup

This week's winners with an incredible 100%: **4G!** In second place is 5H with 98.89% and in third place is 3F with 98.08%.

Bishop Chavasse Shield winner

Well done to Nathaniel (4R) - he wins a £7 book token for litter picking around the playground.



Out of school achievements

Oliver T (2A) – ran 5k in 34 minutes and 53 seconds

Lily R (5H) – swam 15 metres and passed Stage 5

Joshua H (6C) – diving certificate, which included jumping 3 metres

Kiah (3A) – three certificates and a belt for karate

Grace R-L (4G) received a certificate from Tonbridge Cricket Club for her hard work over the season, along with an award for her performance.



Lucas (4G) (above left), Finley (4R), James R-L (5H), William R (5N) (above middle) and Noah H (5N) (above right) and took part in the first Tonbridge Juddians Rugby Festival of the season. Playing five matches each against teams from across Kent, they each won a medal.

Sara, Meredith, and Phoebe (3A) - all achieved a high merit in their ballet exam.

PTA update

We look forward to seeing many of you at the AGM and Quiz night this evening! For those who can't make it, you can read the [PTA Annual Report](#) on the school website.

We are delighted to publish the winners of the 'most unusual place reading' competition held over the summer holidays. Each child wins a £10 book token. Alyssa – at the top of Mount Snowden; Dora (3A) in the guinea pig run; Henry (2F) in the chicken coop; Chloe (5H) by Tower Bridge; Ella T (5H) and Ollly T (3F) on horseback; Teddie (4G) dressed as Charles Darwin on a visit to Downe House where Darwin lived.



Winners of the most number of books read, in addition to Archie and Duru, who will also win a £10 book token: Annabelle P (1A), Charlotte R (3F), Lia Masters (4R), Meaghan E (5N), Evie G (4R)