

BCS NEWS

17th October 2025

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

Head's News

And so, we draw Term 1 of academic year 2025-2026 to a close. It is hard to believe it is already half term in many ways, but when I took the opportunity to look at pupils' books and dip in and out of classrooms this week, it is clear that we've had seven weeks of high quality, rich learning in our classrooms and the children have made some amazing progress. It was a heart-warming experience to witness the broad smiles and laughter throughout the hall this week at parent consultations - the perfect opportunity for us to share your children's strengths, wow moments and progress and perhaps offer some advice about how to nurture those areas that might be a little more challenging for some. The sense of pride that radiated from our parent community was palpable and I know my team felt this too. As tables were packed away so many teachers excitedly acknowledged just how pertinent these 10 minutes are to focus on the teaching and learning going on for each child and their own individual learning journeys. I may sound like a broken record, but by establishing positive communication with parents and carers, open trusting relationships form easily and through this we successfully work together to ensure the children, the individual, unique lights that brighten our day, flourish and thrive in the most radiant of ways.



Classroom learning around school this week

As we close our gates this afternoon, on behalf of my team and myself, I thank everyone for your ongoing unwavering support for our school and wish you all a half term filled with *wow* and *now* moments; a different pace of time together. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 27th October in winter uniform.



Our Year 6 football team played Woodlands Primary School last Friday: turn to page 3 for the result!


Key Dates

Fri 17th October
HALF TERM

Monday 27th October
Start of Term 2
9.30am Year 6 tie service

Thurs 30th October
Year 6 Mayan workshop
[NHS flu vaccinations](#)

Fri 31st October
5pm: [Light Party](#) at St Peter and St Paul church

Monday 3rd November
Own Clothes Day for St Andrew House 

Weds 5th November
9.30am: [Managing Sleep](#)
KAE course

Thursday 6th November
Year 5 trip to Wakehurst

Friday 7th November
Year 5 Wonderdome

Bishop Chavasse Day –
activities at school

Mon 10th November
Odd Socks Day and the start of anti-bullying week

Tues 11th November
Remembrance Day service at school
Individual and sibling photographs at school

Fri 5th December
3.45pm: Christmas Fair

Weds 10th December
Santa's grotto and Christmas lunch at school

Mon 15th December
2-3pm Early Years and Key Stage 1 nativity

Tues 16th December
9.30-10.30am Early Years and Key Stage 1 nativity
6pm: KS2 carol concert at St Peter & St Paul

Thurs 18th December
End of Term 2

Monday 5th January 2026
Start of Term 3

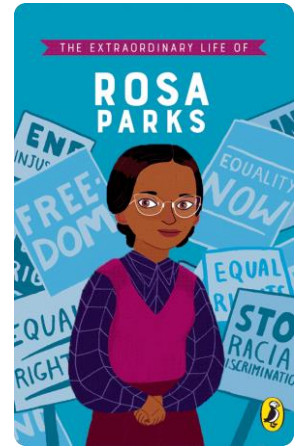
In other news

Worship this week

Worship focussed on standing up for what you believe this week, encouraging children to think about giving the right message even when people do not want to listen, and doing the right thing even when it puts you at risk. Children were discussing Rosa Parks long into the day on Wednesday as they talked on the playground and in classrooms demonstrating the story had provoked some deep thinking in the children.

Thought of the week

Can you think of a time when it is hard to do the right thing, but you knew it was what God wanted you to do?



Help us market the school

Everyone in our community recognises the true uniqueness of our school. On recent tours, so many visitors have lit up talking about what they perceive to be Bishop Chavasse's USPs - from Forest School to music; from our wide enrichment offer to the walking bus, and not least to the calm, enthusiastic and passionate learning environments we provide for our pupils and the openness and support for families. In a climate of falling birth rates in the local area, and with us still being a relatively new school, we strive to share all the wonderful things we do with the local community to nurture the growth of the school. But we are now looking to upskill ourselves further and asking you, our parent community, if anyone would be willing to help our marketing campaign. Maybe you work in PR or printing? Have ties with people or places where we could promote who we are? Or have a skill in photography or making videos, or even a piece of kit that you could donate? If you have time, are creative and share our passion to showcase our school to the wider community, please get in touch with Mrs Stanton, our HR and Comms manager: stanton@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk. We look forward to collaborating with you.



Year 5 and Year 4 in Forest School this week



Safer driving

A reminder that we have a 5 mile per hour speed limit on site - it is imperative we work together to keep our children safe. We have also recently noticed a growing number of pupils coming to school not wearing the correct safety belts or sitting in the correct safety seats. Please ensure your children are safe in your cars at all times, including when driving in the car park.

Good luck Mrs Cochrane

Today in Celebration Worship we bid a temporary farewell to Mrs Cochrane, going on maternity leave to have her second baby. We were delighted that Phoebe, aged 2, came into school to say goodbye too!

Mrs Cochrane was presented with an enormous hamper of baby goodies - we wished her many happy nappies in the months to come and look forward to meeting the new arrival next year!



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

1A – Rosie
1BF – George K
2F – Ronnie
2A – Arion
3A – Logan
3F – William



4R – Bobbi
4G – Finley M
5N – Janessa
5H - Paddy
6C – Lily
6S – Junior



Times Tables Rock Stars – highest scores this week:

3A – Ambrose
3F – Olly
4R – Seb
4G – Jessica
5H - Dulcie
5N - Seryn
6S – George
6C - Aarav

Gold book



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

Daisy (2F) – writing detailed instructions
Tom B (2F) – amazing writing at home about his day at school on Wednesday
Olive (3F) – informative poster about the Ancient Egyptians
Teddy (3F) – beautifully presented column addition
Charlie (2A) – incredible drawing of an owl (left)
Raven (6S) – scaled up drawing of a robin

Attendance cup

This week's **double** winners achieving 100%: **1BF and 5H!** In second place is 2A with 99.52% and in third place is Squirrels with 99.21%.

Bishop Chavasse Shield winner

Well done to Arthur (2F) - he wins a £7 book token for showing kindness.



House points

The winners of this term's House points competition is **St Andrew!** They will be rewarded with an Own Clothes Day on Monday 3rd November (if Monday is a PE day for your child's year, they can wear own clothes PE kit!)



Football match

Our Year 6 footballers played a match against Woodlands primary school last Friday – the boys played superbly as a team – with slick communication on the pitch, encouraging each other and gaining our first ever win in a school match! We won 2-1, with goals from George and Raven.

Out of school achievements

Oliver (2A) – Park Run 32 minutes 29 seconds to run 5km!
Ophion (1BF) – passed water safety level 1
Leni (6C) – aerial showcase with silks, poles and hoops
Amelie (5H) won a silver medal at the Kent Gymnastics intermediate competition earlier this month.



PTA update

We held a great pre-loved uniform sale before and after school today – we raised over £130. A huge thank you to Mrs Roberts and Mrs Tiltman for their tireless work sorting the mountains and mountains of uniform so we are only selling really good quality items. We cannot wait for the new preloved uniform shop after half term!

Please save the date for the following:

Our next half termly **PTA meeting will be at 8pm on Tuesday 4th November** – please do [join us online](#).

The **PTA Christmas Fair** is on **Friday 5th December** after school. Next term we will start collecting items for the various stalls – these will all be Own Clothes Days. Please bear these in mind if you are having a declutter session over half term!



The poster features a festive border with a string of yellow and green stars and ornaments at the top, a red bow on the right, and holly leaves and berries on the left and bottom. A circular logo for Bishop Chavasse PTA is at the top center. The main title is in large green letters. Below are four boxes with rounded corners, each containing a date, item category, and illustrations of the items. At the bottom, there is a green text block with instructions and a thank you message.

BISHOP CHAVASSE PTA

CHRISTMAS FAIR DONATION DATES OWN CLOTHES DAYS

Friday 7th Nov Pre-loved soft toys 	Friday 14th Nov Elfridges New gifts for adults & children 
Friday 28th Nov EY/KS1 - Bottles KS2 - Sweets 	Friday 5th Dec Christmassy cakes (nut-free) 

We'll be collecting outside the corner of the hall at drop-off in the morning.

There will be a collection box in breakfast club and the office too. Thanks for your generosity. Every donation makes a difference, big or small.