

# BCS NEWS

## 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025

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

### Head's News

As I write this newsletter today, the corridors are quiet and the sun is just beginning to show its face. These mornings are my own 'now' moments. Moments of stillness giving me the chance to reflect on the days that have passed and the one to come, during which I often think about our collective worships and the messages we are sharing with our children. This term our worships are exploring the book of Proverbs and wise sayings of King Solomon.

The theme of these worships is 'taking it back to the playground' - looking with the children at how these ancient wise sayings could be 'taken back to the playground', lived out every day and still relevant to us now. There are opportunities for the children to consider how their behaviour and attitude could alter if they reflected and pondered on these 'pearls of wisdom'.

Each day we explore and discuss a different proverb with the children, to reflect how they might live it out and how they may need to change their attitude or behaviour. We place great emphasis on the therapeutic nature of our behaviour policy, encouraging children to understand consequences of prosocial and antisocial behaviours in a way that prepares them for their lives beyond primary school. We support children to become resilient - building their own toolkit to help them in challenging times, whether that be managing their emotions, preparing themselves for an event which requires them to think outside the box, or resolving a conflict with another pupil. Our staff recognise the importance of nurturing these skills in children and it struck me how powerfully the proverbs align with that.



I was so proud of the children in worship on Monday when they offered insights into the proverb 'hot tempers cause arguments but patience brings peace' – recognising such moments in their lives and sharing their own tools for being patient. For these wise sayings have stood the test of time; they are as relevant now as they were 3,000 years ago - proving a powerful reflection tool for our children as they grow into confident kind young people.



Year 1 is enjoying gymnastics with a professional coach this term

### Key Dates

**Mon 10<sup>th</sup> November**  
Odd Socks Day and the start of anti-bullying week

**Tues 11<sup>th</sup> November**  
Remembrance Day  
Individual and sibling photographs at school

**Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> November**  
Own Clothes Day for the Christmas Fair, bring:

**Elfridges - New unwrapped Gifts**



**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> November**  
Own Clothes Day for the Christmas Fair, bring:

**EY/KS1 - Bottles  
KS2 - Sweets**



**Fri 5<sup>th</sup> December**  
Own Clothes Day, bring:  
**Christmassy cakes (nut-free)**



**3.45pm: Christmas Fair**



**Weds 10<sup>th</sup> December**  
PTA Santa's grotto and Christmas lunch at school

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup> December**  
2-3pm Early Years and Key Stage 1 nativity

**Tues 16<sup>th</sup> December**  
9.30-10.30am Early Years and Key Stage 1 nativity

6pm: KS2 carol concert at St Peter & St Paul

**Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> December**  
9am: Christmas service at school

**End of Term 2**

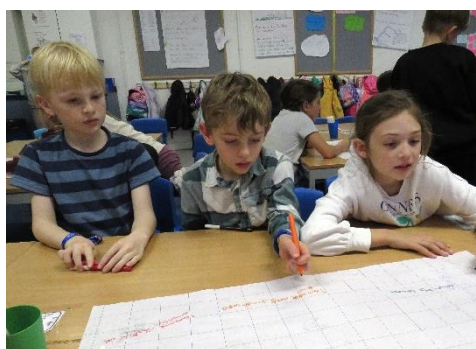
## In other news

### Thought of the week

Linking closely to the messages of the proverbs, our thought of the week is 'What can I do to help everyone get along?' The children spoke richly and meaningfully about the tools they use at home and school. I wonder if they have shared them with you when you talk about the day?

### Bishop Chavasse Day

This afternoon we celebrated our namesake, Bishop Chavasse. In House Groups, children came together to learn about our namesake, discuss his passion for making a difference and work together to write mottos for their Houses. House groups offer a valuable opportunity for vertically grouped learning, the fostering of new friendships outside the classroom and to think about who we are as a whole school community. The winning mottos have yet to be decided, but the opportunity to take our pupils back to our roots was welcomed with passion, commitment and joy.



### Thank you

Just a few words of heartfelt thanks from me on behalf of the whole school team for the emails and conversations of support following my communication about the difficult weekend we faced in the light of unpleasant social media activity. It has meant a lot to hear first hand from so many of you about your positive experiences of the school and just how highly regarded we are by so many. Thank you for taking the time to stop or write.

### Visitor to school

We had a rare white, or albino, squirrel appear in the car park this week. Only 1 in 100,000 squirrels are albino, so there are only 50 in the country!



### Year 5 and 6s: could you be a Leading Light?

We are looking for new Leading Lights in our school. Leading Lights are pupils who help shape the faith life of our community. It's an important and trusted role where children can make a real difference: reading/writing prayers, helping lead worship, creating and looking after prayer spaces, gathering pupil feedback. If your child would like to apply, they need to write a short letter explaining why they would be good at being a Leading Light, how they could be a courageous

advocate, speaking up for what is right and for those who are not heard; and one idea for a communal prayer space.

Your child can hand their letter to an existing Leading Light, or you can email it to

[office@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk](mailto:office@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk). Thank you!

### Remembrance Day

In school on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November, we will be commemorating Remembrance Day with a special collective worship, and taking part in activities during the school day – including creating a beautiful poppy with coins, which will then be donated to the Poppy Appeal. Please bring in any coppers or silvers on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November.



## Anti Bullying week

Next week is Anti Bullying week and our Anti Bullying Ambassadors trained by The Diana Award will present the school with a collective worship outlining all we shall be doing during the week.

**Monday: ODD Socks day**.....creative photos on our social media to follow! Additionally we shall be using our POWER FOR GOOD – this year’s theme - to discuss our INCLUSIVE SCHOOL.

**Tuesday:** breaking for Remembrance Day reflections.

**Wednesday:** GOOD and BAD Actions

**Thursday:** How to identify bullying behaviour

**Friday:** Banter vs Bullying

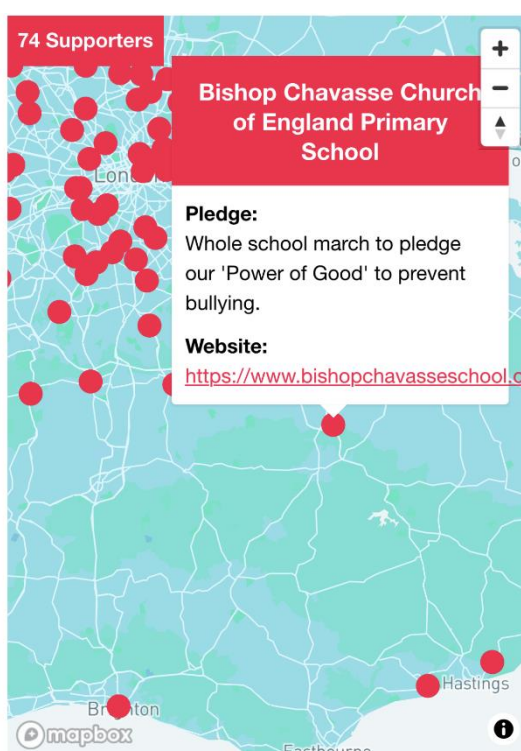
On Friday we shall also be awarding a person from each class with a certificate to show the person most notable for using their POWER FOR GOOD throughout the week, especially on our playground. They shall then be entered into a KS1 and KS2 drawer to win a ‘YOUNG PEOPLE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD’ T shirt.

Also on Friday, the whole school will also make our own individual pledges of how we can use our POWER FOR GOOD on a paper chain link, which having paraded around the perimeter of the school, we shall give to the Anti Bully Ambassadors, who in turn will create a whole school paper chain for a display; pledging our whole dynamic’s united stand against bullying.

It would be great if in your home dynamic you too could join in with the activities. The Anti Bullying Alliance have created a pack just for you: <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2025/parents-and-carers>

You can see from the attached photos that we are one of the few schools in the area who are signed up to the Anti Bullying Alliance who every year run the Anti Bully week. As you can see from the red dots this is a global affair, and we are proud that our students want a voice to use their POWER FOR GOOD to change the world.

Please do encourage conversations at home and let’s all have an amazing week!



## Year 5 trip to Wakehurst Place



Year 5 had a wonderful time learning at Wakehurst Place, learning all about a 'plant zoo'. We enjoyed a Wakehurst wellbeing walk, where we enjoyed and encountered nature, saw lots of birds and amazing plants from around the world. In the afternoon our workshops taught us about food miles, where materials, food and spices come from, and different rare, exotic houseplants.

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

Badgers – Wilf W  
Squirrels - Elsie  
1A – Annabelle  
1BF – Amias  
2F – Meryem  
2A – Arthur  
3A – River



3F – Olly T  
4R – Caleb  
4G – Finley W  
5N – Jeshmika  
5H – the whole class!  
6C – Erin  
6S – Archie E



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

3A – Meredith  
3F – Seb A  
4R – Mason G  
4G – Louis  
5H - Ariya  
5N - Jeshmika  
6S – Leon  
6C - Rocco

## Out of school achievements

Amias (1BF) has achieved water skills 1 for his swimming.

Please email [office@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk](mailto:office@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk) with your child's achievement and a photo (if available) for publication in the newsletter.



## Calling all folk music fans!

If anyone fancies an evening out on Friday 5 December (after the Christmas Fair!), acoustic folk band [Counter's Creek](http://www.tmc.org.uk/counters-creek) will be at the Juddians Rugby Club at 7pm performing an evening of foot-tapping jigs, heartfelt songs, dance grooves from Eastern Europe and Western Africa, and a whole lot more! For more info and to book tickets see [www.tmc.org.uk/counters-creek](http://www.tmc.org.uk/counters-creek) (booking closes 28 Nov). If you'd like to sit on a table with other BC parents, email [kathryn@tmc.org.uk](mailto:kathryn@tmc.org.uk) after booking to reserve a seat - would be great to see you there!



## PTA update



It's Chriiiiiiiisssstmaaaassss!!! Well, not *quite*... but we are already in the festive spirit! The children were visited this afternoon by festively attired PTA volunteers to tell them all about the Christmas Fair on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Last year's was spectacular, and our biggest fundraiser of



the year, and this year will be even better. We need **PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS,**

**AUNTIES AND UNCLES, BISHOP CHAVASSE ALUMNI** to come and help run a stall, a festive game or craft, serve in our café or sell cakes. **Please fill in our [volunteer form](#) if you, or someone you know, would like to help out!**

We are also announcing today the details for our Christmas Fun day on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Please sign your child up on Arbor, with a contribution of £5.

THE PTA PRESENTS

# Santa's Grotto

WED 10 DECEMBER 2025

£5 per child payable on Arbor or cash to the office

✦ **A Magical Christmas Experience!** ✦

Children will visit Santa in his festive grotto during the school day, receive a special keepsake photo and a gift to take home.

The magic continues with a delightful treat down at Forest School.

BISHOP CHAVASSE PTA  
SANTAS GROTTO

We held a really engaging **PTA meeting** earlier this week, with discussion around how we will spend the money we have raised over the last year. The [minutes](#) are on our [website](#).