

# BCS NEWS

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

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

### Head's News

*This week I hand over the Head's news to Mrs Ley, our Behaviour and Learning Mentor, who organised our Anti Bullying week to share all that we have done.*

Proud does not begin to touch the sides of feeling from the staff at BCS. Today the BBC joined us on our Parade to Stamp out Bullying. Every member of our dynamic school had written a pledge – later to be made into a paperchain – to symbolise our joined approach to erase bullying in our school. It was the Anti Bullying Ambassadors who asked me, whilst discussing earning our Community Badge with [The Diana Award](#), 'Mrs Ley please can we get on the news!' They really wanted to spread the message of the work we do throughout the year, right across our community, wider than our school, during this Anti Bullying Week. Every one of your children inspire me to always do more. The enthusiasm for positive change is boundless amongst our students. I agreed I would send an email on their behalf and having re-sent it 3 or 4 times I set their expectations that it was unlikely we would be on the TV any time soon. However, yesterday their prayers were answered and 'lastminute.com' (as I now understand is how the media operates), emails were flying between the BBC and school and a time was set for filming today 11am.

The children had the most joyful Parade around the school, and pledged their support to prevent bullying, a truly beautiful interview was conducted with Mrs Hood, students silent in the background watching on, and a moment of realisation, how far we as a school have come on our journey, under her Headship. I was so proud of the moment when the children were [captured on camera singing, 'I've got The Power in Me.'](#)



I really hope that when this is shown on BBC South East, possibly tonight, but more likely Monday or Tuesday evening (we'll give the exact date once notified) – that you, as our wider community realise, how powerful our children really are. We are more than ever driven on our quest to help our children thrive and flourish. We want their experience at BCS to teach them anything and everything is possible.

They certainly do have the power in them! Today marks one of the most moving days in education for me, and from the bottom of my heart please believe that BCS offers your children a wonderful primary education, we are so lucky to have each and every one of you in our community.

### Key Dates

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> November**

Own Clothes Day for the Christmas Fair, bring:

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



**Mon 1<sup>st</sup> December**

Wear something **blue** for St Andrew's Day

**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

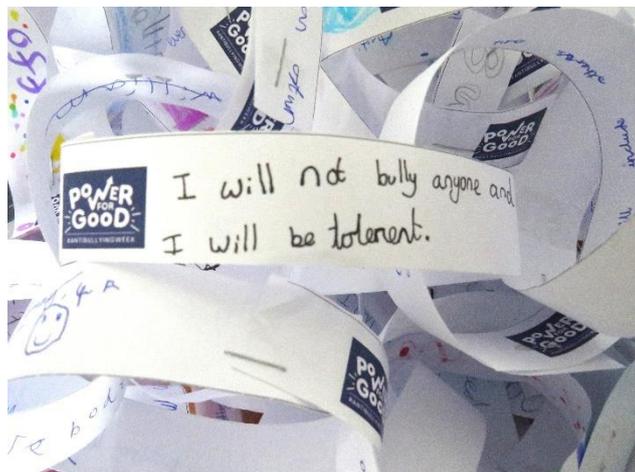
**End of Term 2**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**Start of Term 3**



So much more has been achieved this week in the classroom, with our ongoing work around erasing bullying for good, how do we prevent it and how do we respond when it happens. Mrs Fields has worked with class teachers to deliver sessions written by The Diana Award to address all of these topics. Myself (led by the Anti Bully Ambassadors), Mrs Fields and Mrs Hood all delivered Worships around bullying. The theme this year is 'POWER FOR GOOD'. Let's not drop this here...let's all each and every one of us, reflect, and respond. How will you as adults support all our children, parents, carers and staff, and use your POWER FOR GOOD for form friendships, show kindness and display empathy for all within our dynamic at BCS and our wider community. Let the children lead the way.....Have a wonderful weekend.



## Remembrance Service

In amongst the lively environment of the school, we often come together for moments of stillness, those 'now' moments where we can just be with our own thoughts and reflections. Our poignant Remembrance service on Tuesday was just one of those profoundly moving moments the whole school community shared. Joined by residents from Barnes Lodge Care Home, all of whom were just young children when World War 2 dominated their lives, Mrs Reynolds and WO2 Marshall, a parent who has served in war and still remains active in service, led a service provoking thought, insightful questions and answers and the opportunity to understand the symbolism of the poppy through the beautifully moving story 'Where the Poppies Now Grow' by Hilary Robinson.



We respectfully held the two minute silence honouring those who fell for us during the war, thought about what the poppies of different colours represent and

sang the National Anthem together. These moments in our calendar year are significant, they help teach the children about events that have shaped our lives as we know them today in a compassionate, age appropriate and caring manner. The children did everyone proud with their sincere, warm recognition of the event and our visitors.



## Worship this week

Worship has focused on anti bullying week with readings from 1 Timothy and Ephesians 4. Our proverb on Monday 'Worry can rob you of happiness but kind words will cheer you up' led to rich conversation about its meaning, how we experience worry in different ways and the calm and peace kind words can bring.

## Thought of the week

How can I stand up for what is right, with kindness?

## Hendy walking bus

We are delighted that our walking bus in the morning is so popular but we are increasingly finding that parents are queuing from 8.10am and preventing Hendy employees from accessing their car park. Our Hendy colleagues have suggested that parents could wait on the yellow lines pictured if they arrive before 8.20am when the drop-off for walking bus begins.



## Maths books for Key Stage 1

On Thursday 20th November after school there will be a table outside our library (inside if raining) with a selection of maths books which parents/guardians are welcome to have for free. The books are workbooks and textbooks at Year 1 level and cover the Year 1 curriculum, there is a limited amount so first come first served!

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

Badgers – Maria  
Squirrels - Annabelle  
1A – Hope  
1BF – Emily  
2F – Cecilia  
2A – Rocco  
3A – Sadie



3F – Christiana  
4R – Lia  
4G – Joshua  
5N – Connor  
5H – Nico  
6C – Evelina  
6S – Anopaishe



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

3A – Mark  
3F – Max  
4R – Shiloh  
4G – Lucas  
5H - Arabella  
5N - Connor  
6S – Laurentiu  
6C - Josh

#### Power for Good

The following children were named for showing particular 'Power for Good' this week: identifying or preventing bullying, or showing kindness and compassion. Well done to Emma and Nico, whose names were drawn out of a hat to win a 'Young people can change the world' T shirt!

Badgers - Phoenix  
Squirrels – Emma  
1A – Olivia  
1BF – Ahdya  
2F – Elsie  
2A – Millie  
3A – Mark  
3F - Flynn  
4R – Lexi  
4G - Adam  
5H – Mary, Snigdha and Nico  
5N - Luna  
6S - Anopaishe  
6C - Aarnav



#### Bishop Chavasse Shield winner

Well done to Arabella (5H) - she wins a £7 book token for showing kindness. Arabella plans to buy the next in the series of 'Murder Most Unladylike' by Robin Stevens – great choice Arabella!

#### Gold Book

Lily R (5H) – amazing creative writing  
Snigdha, Paddy, Leo and Harriet (5H) – amazingly accurate fractions work  
Joshua, Enoch, Lily, Jacob and Oliver (6C) – writing incredible setting description about a storm  
Marcus (Squirrels) – described how fire looks and sounds  
Ljay (6C) – presentation in equivalent fractions and for ladders built in Forest School  
Oliver S (3FW) – impactful writing  
Maddie (6S) – excellent writing with extensive vocabulary  
Jack (6C) – good presentation in Maths  
Rhys (5H) – wrote about the moon following the Wonderdome  
Paddy (5H) – informative piece of writing about the solar system  
William R (5N) – insightful writing  
Daisy and Elsie (2F) – using adverbs, similes and descriptive language in their writing  
Jude (4G) – excellent writing about half term



Oliver C (6C) -

#### Attendance

In third place is 2F with 98.55%; in second place with 99% is 6C. In first place this week with 99.88% is 1BF – congratulations!

#### Out of school achievements

Lucie Higgins (right) – Stage 4 swimming



## PTA update

Three weeks today it will be the PTA Christmas Fair and we will be watching the Year 1 and Years 2-3 choirs singing us in to the grand opening. Thank you so much for the incredible donations received so far. We can safely say this year's Fair is going to be better, more fun, more festive, and raise more money than last year!!

We need YOUR HELP to make it happen. We are particularly looking for volunteers to help at the entrance stall, to sell cakes, to assist in the beauty room, run the sweets and bottle

Tombola stalls. **Please fill in our [volunteer form](#) if you, or someone you know, would like to help out – or email [pta@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk](mailto:pta@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk). Thank you!**

Don't forget to buy your tickets for our Santa's grotto on Weds 10<sup>th</sup> December:



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.

SANTAS GROTTTO