

BCS NEWS

21st November 2025

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

Head's News

I often spend time reflecting on all that we do here at Bishop Chavasse. Every day I come back to our [vision statement](#), rooted in the parable of the wise and foolish builder:

As a church school we believe that, like the wise man, those who are guided by the word of God in the Bible and trust in him will become wise, compassionate and honest; be empowered to weather all storms, help one another flourish and make a difference in the world.

'Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.'



This quote by William Butler Yeats encapsulates what we do here in just a few words. We don't just want to fill our children's buckets with knowledge, we want to ignite a deep passion for learning and inspire the children to be curious and grow as young people, we strive to ensure the children become independent explorers choosing to engage with the world around them. And as I look at the school diary for the last few weeks of term, and pop into classrooms every day, not a day goes by where this isn't happening here at school. Classrooms are bursting with questions to spark curiosity and problem-solving skills - simply by adding the words *Why? Who? What? When? Where? How?* to a phrase can transform how the children approach their learning, fostering a thirst to develop their knowledge and understand it, link it to what they know already and how they can use it in their lives. Our incredible calendar of workshops, trips and events too, carefully designed to light a fire in each and every child – Remembrance Day, Harvest, visits to the church, a trip to Wakehurst Place, the Wonderdome, House group events acknowledging our name sake, choir and musical performances, the talent show, sports matches, the BBC* arriving 'on set' to capture a few moments in our truly incredible school, mornings spent in Forest School in the heart of nature smelling the fire and listening to the birds. For every single moment is an opportunity to light a fire within each and every child and enable them to grow and understand they are part of something bigger than just themselves. School is absolutely about filling a pail, but it's about filling it in a way that lights a fire that will burn brightly forever in one's life.



Key Dates

Fri 28th November
Own Clothes Day for the Christmas Fair, bring:

EY/KS1 - Bottles
KS2 - Sweets



Mon 1st December
Wear something **blue** with uniform: St Andrew's Day

Fri 5th December
Own Clothes Day, bring:
Christmassy cakes (nut-free)



3.45pm: Christmas Fair



Weds 10th December
PTA 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
9am: Christmas service at school (children only)

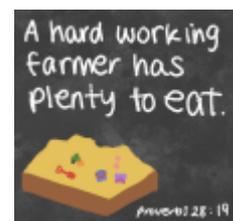
End of Term 2

In other news



Worship This week

We thought about different proverbs again this week which provoked interesting discussion from the children who were keen to relate the proverbs to their own lives and reflect on them.



Thought of the week

How can I show wisdom by working hard and being generous?

BBC South East news item

You may have been tuning in to BBC South East at 6.30pm this week, as we have, to see whether Ian Palmer's piece about Bishop Chavasse's anti-bullying campaign has made it on the news. Our contact in the BBC newsroom assures us that the piece will appear early *next* week – hopefully Monday. We will keep you informed!



Reading

As the weather turns colder and the woolly socks and slippers come out, it gives us the perfect opportunity to snuggle down with a good book and get lost in the journey it takes us on. As a school that promotes reading for pleasure, we hope you will all find as much joy in reading on a chilly winter's evening as many of the team do. The office team is variously reading Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone, the Enormous Crocodile, the Christmasaurus, the Tales of Olga da Polga, and the Dark is Rising to our children.



Poppy appeal

Thank you so much for purchasing poppy accessories and bringing in coins on Remembrance Day. The local Royal British Legion has added up donations, which total £407.74!

Netball match

On Monday 17th November, we played St Mark's primary school in Tunbridge Wells. We had to persevere and struggle through the cold. It was a competitive match where Amelie scored 5 goals, Raven scored 3 and Ella scored 1. Despite Raven being player of the match, every one played brilliantly. There was great passing and consistent build up from defense to attack. The opposing team had some good attacking but we defended well resulting in a score of 9:1 – a solid win for Bishop Chavasse.



Trip to Hollywood Bowl

A group of Year 6s were able to have a trip to Hollywood Bowl today. The competition was fierce, but Poppy won the game by just 1 point – well done Poppy!



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

Badgers – Freddie W
Squirrels - Albie
1A – Sofia
1BF – Reuben
2F – Henry
2A – Braydn
3A – Hendrix

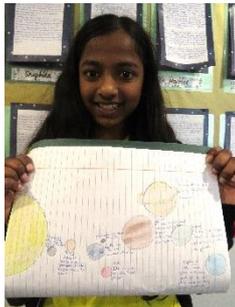


3FW – Charlotte R
4R – Daniel
4G – Olivia
5N – Harper
5H – Lara
6C – Jack
6S – Owen



Times Tables Rock Stars – highest scores this week:

3A – Ambrose
3FW – Jess
4R – Leo
4G – Julia
5H - Dulcie
5N - Azad
6S – Laurentiu
6C - Alex

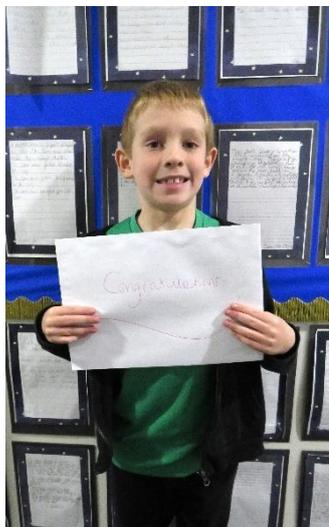


Gold book

Heather (Squirrels) – writing incredible adjectives about fire
Dulcie (5H) – amazing descriptive writing about the moon, with image-evoking language
Willow and Keira (3FW) – beautiful writing about the rhythm of the rain
Sam (4R) – for his evocative poem about the river
James, Ritanya (left) and Teya (right) (5H) - posters about the

solar system

Ritanya (5H) – narrative showing wonderful improvement in her writing



Bishop Chavasse Shield winner

Well done to Olly T (3FW) - he wins a £7 book token for helping Miss Fields pick up books that had fallen on the floor.

Attendance

In third place with 97.05% is 5H; in second place with 97.66% is Squirrels, and in joint first place with 99.55%: 3FW and 4G – congratulations!



Out of school achievements

Eva W (3FW) – gymnastics award

Josh K-C (1BF) – medal from football club for scoring three goals

Logan (3A) – passed level 2 in swimming

Leni (6C) – awarded second place in a competition for her aerial silks routine

Teddie (4G) (right) – awarded a Blue Peter badge for a wonderful set of still life drawings of fruit.

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



PTA update

Two weeks to go! Our Christmas Fair is on Friday 5th December, with the Years 1-3 choirs opening proceedings at 3.30pm. Our next Own Clothes Day is on Friday 28th November – Early Years and Key Stage 1 children to please bring in optional donations of bottles (alcohol, non-alcohol, bubble bath etc) and Key Stage 2 children to please bring in optional donations of sweets. We will be having a tombola ROOM given how incredibly popular the tombolas always are at our Fairs!

A final call for a volunteer in our beauty room: please could anyone help in our beauty room from 3.30pm-4.30pm with face painting and/or hair braiding/glittering.

Don't forget to purchase your child's entry to Santa's grotto on Arbor, or cash to the office. The treats for Forest School arrived at school today and we can promise they are going to be really special!



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CHRISTMAS FAIR DONATION DATES

OWN CLOTHES DAYS

Friday 7th Nov Pre-loved soft toys	Thursday 13th 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.



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.

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SANTAS GROTTO