

BCS NEWS

28th November 2025

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

Head's News

This week has been one of those special moments in school life where the true character of our children has shone brightly. It has been assessment week at Bishop Chavasse – a time when pupils share their learning from the term and offer teachers an opportunity to assess where teaching has met the needs of all our pupils and where there may be gaps to fill, or concepts to be revisited to really secure the learning. Impactful teaching relies on daily in-the-moment assessment, and dedicated pockets of time where children quietly sit and retrieve their learning on their own. As our pupils sat their assessments, what stood out was not simply their knowledge or ability to recall facts, but the way they approached each challenge with compassion, honesty, and wisdom:

Compassion: children encouraged one another, offered kind words, and celebrated each other's successes. Even in moments of difficulty, they showed empathy and understanding, reminding us that learning is a shared journey.

Honesty: they tackled each paper with integrity, giving their best effort without shortcuts. Their openness about what they found tricky showed a maturity that will serve them well beyond the classroom.

Wisdom: perhaps most inspiring was the way they balanced determination with perspective. They understood that assessments are just one part of learning, and they approached them with calmness and thoughtful perseverance.

Our teachers have been truly blown away by the resilience and perseverance demonstrated. Watching children push through moments of doubt, steady themselves, and keep going has been a powerful reminder of the strength that lies within them. As a team, we could not be prouder. This week has reaffirmed that education is not only about academic achievement but about nurturing character. The compassion, honesty, and wisdom our pupils have shown are qualities that will carry them far in life and we celebrate the children's courage to try, their kindness to support one another and their perseverance to keep moving forward.



Taking a well-earned break from assessments and enjoying the FOBCSA-funded netball posts

Key Dates

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

Christmas jumpers can be worn with school uniform



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)

Christmas jumpers can be worn with school uniform

End of Term 2

Monday 5th January 2026

Start of Term 3

In other news

Worship this week

This week we have completed our series of worships on proverbs and been thinking about whether proverbs are still relevant to us today? We ended the series wondering whether there is one piece of advice that has stuck with you, or that you think will help you think about how you might live your life in a better way.

Thought of the week

How can I use wise words from Proverbs to guide me?



Maths review

It is hugely important to ensure our teaching is the very best - it is what your children deserve. As part of the Tenax Schools Trust, we are fortunate to have the support from our colleagues at other Tenax schools and the central team. We work collaboratively on all areas of school life; sharing strengths and challenges and engaging in professional development to ensure our provision is of a high quality to meet the needs of all our children. Last week we had our external maths review from the central Tenax team, led by the Director of Primary schools Abi Misselbrook-Lovejoy. She and others observed teaching, spoke to children about maths, and spoke to staff before feeding back to me. I am delighted to share that the provision for the teaching and learning of maths here was found to be very strong across the school: teachers offer well planned engaging lessons adapted to meet needs, behaviour for learning was strong in every class and all children who were spoken to - of all ages - spoke positively about their maths lessons and learning and knew why they are learning what they are and how it has built on what they have learned before. Such a positive review is testament to a team undoubtedly committed to ensuring high quality teaching throughout the school.

TV stardom

Thank you for all the wonderfully kind and supportive messages following our appearance on BBC South East this week. We feel blessed to have had coverage of some important work that we do and the opportunity to share our school with so many people. The children interviewed did the school exceptionally proud, the snapshots of the parade hopefully gave you an insight into a very special moment for the pupil community. Mrs Ley articulated the philosophy behind the initiative and its success incredibly articulately on both TV and BBC Radio Kent. To say I am proud would be an understatement and I thank you wholeheartedly for your support for our wonderful school.



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

Badgers – Evie
Squirrels - Theo
1A – George
1BF – Gideon
2F – Daisy
2A – Millie
3A – Sara

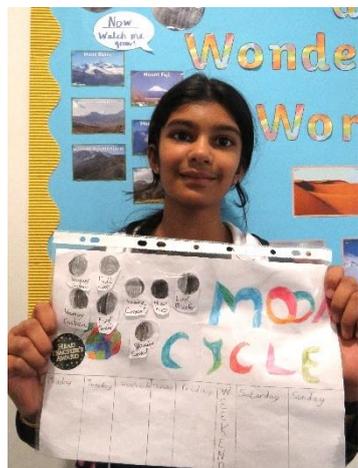


3FW – James
4R – Chloe
4G – Poppy
5N – Elon
5H – Arabella
6C – Emma
6S – Kenisha



Times Tables Rock Stars – highest scores this week:

3A – Olivia
3FW – Ted
4R – Bea
4G – Julia
5H - Savannah
5N - Duru
6S – Anopaishe
6C - Jamie



Gold book

Vritika (5N) – calendar about the phases of the moon (left)
Albie (6C) – incredible progress in his handwriting

Bishop Chavasse Shield winner

Well done to Paddy (5H) - he wins a £7 book token for helping someone else when he'd finished his own work.

Attendance

In third place with 98.21% is 3FW; in second place with 98.41% is 1BF - and in first place with 99.11% is 4R - congratulations!



Out of school achievements

Arthur (3FW) (far right) competed in a taekwondo championship and attained a gold medal for his 'special technique' - flying kick by kicking the highest height for his group



Lucas (Badgers) (left) has achieved "I can float on my front" certificate after his very first swimming session!

Ted (3FW) – man of the match for great defending for TW Football club

Amber (Badgers) (right) – swimming 5 metres certificate



Olivia (3A) – collection of swimming certificates

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

PTA update

ONE WEEK TO GO!!!! Our Christmas Fair is NEXT Friday 5th December, with the Years 1-3 choirs opening proceedings at 3.30pm.

Next Friday will be an **Own Clothes Day** for everyone – with optional donations of Christmassy cakes e.g. mince pies or yule logs or anything with a festive taste – either shop-bought or home-made (nut free, and if home-made, please label ingredients clearly).

We are so excited about this year's **raffle** – for the first time we are running a CASH raffle with BIG prizes up for grabs:

- 🎟️ **£200 - first prize**
- 🎟️ **£100 - second prize**
- 🎟️ **£75 - third prize**
- 🎟️ **£50 - fourth prize**

You can buy tickets instantly via <https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/bishop-chavassee-church-of-england-primary-school-parent-teacher-association-bcsptas-annual-raffle--2025> or in person at drop-off/pick-up in the coming days leading up to the Fair.

You can also take home a bundle to sell to family, friends, neighbours, returning completed stubs and any unsold tickets to the school office by the morning of Fri 5th December.

Tickets will also be on sale at the Fair itself, with **the grand draw taking place at 6pm.**

We will be running a new and improved **token card system** at the Christmas Fair! **How it works:**

- **Buy a token card for £5**
- Each card has **10 dots**
- **Each dot = 50p**
- To pay, simply **show your card** and the stallholder will **tick off** the number of dots needed
- **Run out?** Buy another card at any time!

You can use token cards at **every stall.**

Where can I use cash or card instead?

- Café
- Entrance hall (to buy token cards)
- Face painting & nails

These will accept **token cards, card/phone payments, and cash.**

Thank you for your fantastic support. A further email will issue early next week with all the instructions about the timings and workings on the day itself.

BISHOP CHAVASSE PTA

**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE PTA'S
BISHOP CHAVASSE
CHRISTMAS FAIR**

FRI 5 DEC | FREE ENTRY | 3.45 - 6.15 PM

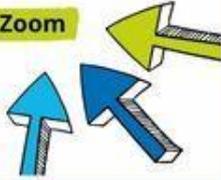
**MULLED WINE AND CHRISTMAS CAKES
ELFRIDGES SHOP
GAMES AND TOMBOLA
GINGERBREAD DECORATING
RAFFLE DRAW
CHOIR PERFORMANCES**



Join our virtual
**Train to teach
information event**

6th Jan, 7pm, Zoom

Register



Virtual train to teach information event

For those finishing university or considering a career change into teaching, Teach Kent & Sussex can help.

Our Ofsted outstanding Teach Kent & Sussex team work with leading national educational charity Ambition institute to offer the best regional bespoke, individualised teacher training programme. Come and meet the Teaching School Directors to learn all about the Teach Kent & Sussex training programme and have your questions answered.

www.teachkentandsussex.org.uk/events/



Christmas Holiday Club

**Bishop Chavasse Primary School
Tonbridge TN11 0FB**

Open to all children aged 2 to 11

Opening Times

Open 8am to 6pm

22nd December to 24th December

29th December to 2nd January

24th December is only till 1pm

31st December is only till 3 pm

Exciting Events

23rd December - Cooking workshop with
Cook for Life

30th December - A special guest from
Once Upon a Wish Event

<https://playngrowholidayclub.ipalbookings.com/>

