

BCS NEWS

5th December 2025

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

Head's News

One of the greatest joys is watching our children take to the stage for a concert or performance, an opportunity to sing or play in front of an audience and hold the attention of others. Moments like these remind us just how powerful music can be. Through their performances, the children are able to communicate and express themselves in ways that words alone sometimes cannot capture. Music gives one a voice—whether through singing, playing instruments, or simply moving with confidence and purpose. It is always wonderful to see how their hard work, collaboration, and courage came together to create something truly special.

Over the last few weeks, the corridors, classrooms and hall have intermittently been flooded with the most beautiful lyrics and melodies as all our pupils have started preparing for Christmas performances guaranteed to dazzle, raise beaming smiles and perhaps bring a tear to the eye.

For many, stepping onto a stage is a significant milestone, and the pride the children feel in themselves is plain to see. These opportunities not only nurture a love of music but also help children grow in confidence, develop resilience, and understand what it means to contribute to a wider community.

As a school, we believe that experiences like these help our pupils flourish—not just as musicians, but as individuals and so we are so very much looking forward to the upcoming Nativity performances in school where our youngest members of the school will perform to family and friends, and of course to the magical Christmas Carol concert at the church of St Peter and St Paul on the evening of 16th December where we look forward to seeing as many children in KS2 as possible join us, and welcome wider family members to witness the wonderful festive performances lit by atmospheric candles and lights. We are incredibly proud of every child who takes part, and look forward to seeing them shine in all the ways they choose to express themselves over the coming weeks.



Years 1 and 2 Headteacher Heroes in front of our school Christmas Tree (thank you PTA!) and Early Years marvelling at the tree during their trip to St Stephen's church

Key Dates

Fri 5th December

PTA Christmas Fair
3.30pm – Year 1, Years 2-3 choir performances
3.45pm – opening
5.30pm – KS2 choir performance
6pm – raffle
6.15pm - close



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
Up to two family members at this or Tuesday's performance. Younger siblings may attend.

Tues 16th December

9.30-10.30am Early Years and Key Stage 1 nativity
We request that younger siblings do not attend.

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

In other news

Worship this week

Worship has focussed on beginning to think about advent - advent as a time for waiting, for looking and for listening with readings from John, Psalms and Micah.

Thought of the week

How can I listen, look and wait patiently?

Home-School comms policy

We recently published a [home-school communication policy](#) setting out how the school communicates with our parent community, and how you can communicate with us.

Office closure

Please note that the school office will be closed from 10am – 11am on Monday 8th December for a staff meeting.

Signing children in late

Please ensure that a parent/carer signs children in on the tablet in the office reception when arriving late to school in the morning – we need this information for our records and for safety.

After-school clubs: Newton Lang

It's not too late to sign up your child up for an after-school club next term, with spaces available every day e.g. Board Games and After School Unplugged. Newton Lang will also be running their after-school club from 3.30pm – 4.30pm until the summer, as well as 4.30-6.30pm: you can contact them via newtonlangcc@gmail.com.

Early Years trip to St Stephen's church



Early Years enjoyed a festive trip to St Stephen's Church this week. They learned about the

Nativity story and took part in Christmas activities with the support of the Youth Pastor, Rachael. They also enjoyed spotting Christmas items around the beautifully decorated windowsills.



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

Badgers – the whole class for walking back from church!
Squirrels - Deborah
1A – Patrick
1BF – Billie-Rose
2F – Donald
2A – Aodhan
3A – Olivia



3FW – Ruby
4R – Mason H
4G – Aadya
5N – Vritika
5H – Lucy
6C – Emma
6S – Samaira

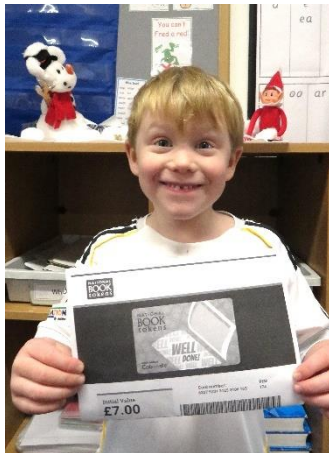


Times Tables Rock Stars – highest scores this week:

3A – Louis
3FW – Arthur
4R – Jack
4G – Jessica B
5H - Dulcie
5N - Seren
6S – Laurentiu
6C - Chankya

Gold book

Josefien – writing a whole page on her own with full sentences including capital letters and full stops.



Bishop Chavasse Shield winner

Well done to Teddy (2F) - he wins a £7 book token for unprompted impeccable manners.

Attendance

In third place with 95.63% is **2A**, in second place with 96.55% is **5N**, and in first place with 100% is **5H!**



Out of school achievements

Dora (3A) – purple badge at climbing club *Rock Ninjas*

Ophion (1BF) – passed Stage 3 in swimming

Amias (1BF) – water skills certificate

Olivia W (3FW) – gymnastics medal

Ollie T (2A) – Park Run 5km – in 29 mins 55 seconds!



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

PTA update

'Twas an hour before the Christmas Fair...

... and all through the school,

The Christmas tree sparkled — looking rather cool.

Donations were stacked and the stalls all prepared,

For bottles, games, grotto and festive fun fare!

Mulled wine and cider were warming just right,

Hot chocolate waited with marshmallows in sight.

Face paints and tattoos, crafts, games and much more,

Plus ELFRIDGES for secret gifts to explore.

The choirs are ready, St Nick's nearly here,

And volunteers stand by to spread Christmas cheer.

With raffle prizes glittering — **£200, £100, £75 & £50 to win!**

Grab your tickets and tokens — let the fun begin!



**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**



Parent Workshop

Aimed at parents of children in primary school

Me and My Child: Understanding Resilience

Monday 19th January 2026 1:45-3:15pm

Does your child struggle to **bounce back from every day life stressors**, or do they struggle to **deal with change**? Would you like to come and meet with other parents and carers and learn about ways to **build resilience in your child**?

You are invited to a **workshop about Understanding Resilience**. It will help you consider **factors which influence how resilience is built in children** and how you can **support them in their development of resilience**. We **discuss techniques that you can use at home**, and you will also receive a **helpful workbook** to accompany the workshop.

This workshop will be held at Bishop Chavasse C of E Primary School. Please sign up by emailing office@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk or on the sign up sheet in the school office.

We look forward to meeting you.



Enjoy a FREE half term!*

 Tonbridge Music Centre

West Kent Junior Voices Tonbridge

Find your voice

A friendly choir for young singers who want to build confidence, learn new songs and enjoy making music together.



- Saturdays
- 9 - 10am
- Tonbridge Baptist Church
- Ages 8 - 14
- All abilities