

BCS NEWS

12th December 2025

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

Key Dates

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

3.15pm end of Term 2
After school clubs will be running as usual.

Monday 5th January 2026
Start of Term 3

Head's News

It would be fair to say that the cacophony of excitement and anticipation that comes with Christmas has arrived at school ... started by the brilliantly organised and fabulously well attended PTA Christmas Fair last Friday night which saw the choirs steal the show with heart-warming emotional renditions of Christmas favourites, traditional Christmas Fair games bringing out the healthy competitiveness between siblings and parents vs. children, tree decorations and gingerbread cookies decorated, secret carefully chosen gifts were purchased and wrapped in *Elfridges*, gallons of hot chocolate and mulled wine consumed with a mince pie on the side, and a cash raffle won by those randomly picked out of a silver dish.. the atmosphere embodied our school vision and values in their entirety and everyone who came commented on just what a joyous event it was - a huge humbled thank you to our incredible PTA to have spent many a long evening arranging the event with meticulous planning and dedication. A huge thank you also to everyone who volunteered on stalls or with setting up and tidying away - it takes a huge amount of effort, but is so worth it for the beaming smiles events like this put on children's faces.



On Wednesday, Grotto and Christmas Lunch day lit up faces of children and adults alike - again, our PTA working well into the night to ensure Santa's throne sat majestically, surrounded by twinkling lights to rival the Tonbridge light display. Squeals of surprise, moments of awe and wonder so impossible to capture on camera melted the hearts of staff who sat with the children as they met Father Christmas. Down in Forest School, Mrs Kyte, our forest angel, led the children in toasting treats and singing songs. Jackie and her team were roasting potatoes and turkey at the crack of dawn, while volunteers decked the hall with tablecloths and filled the air with the scent of mince pies and music...





It really does take a huge number of people to put days and events like this together; a crowd who demonstrate collaboration, cooperation, passion and warmth, wanting to ensure every moment becomes a firm strong memory for our children, just one in an ever-growing book of memories of primary school which will hopefully be talked about for generations to come.

I am so deeply thankful to our incredible PTA for their efforts around this time of year – a truly extraordinary group of parents who enable our children to experience so much. And to my team, who pull together to bring the wonder of primary school to spectacular life.

With a feast of festive treats awaiting our community next week, I recommend tissues at the ready, hands ready for clapping marathons and cheek muscles gently warmed up for the biggest of smiles as our children get ready to wow you with their nativity and carol concert performances.

In other news

Worship this week

Worship has helped us to think about Advent - we have lit the candles on our advent wreath thinking about the meanings of each one, while also talking about the Patriarchs who have gone before us, remembering the prophecy of Isaiah and remembering John the Baptist.



Thought of the week

Linked to the four candles on an advent wreath - how can I bring hope, peace, love and joy to myself and others?

Carol singing

Bringing the festive cheer to our local community, Miss Clare led members of our school choir on a carol singing trip around the local area, bringing music to our neighbour's ears and lighting up the darkness of the evening with a program of well-known Christmas carols for everyone to join in with.



Year 6 Christmas Card delivery



Spreading further festive cheer, our Year 6 pupils handcrafted artistic Christmas cards and wrote warm messages to the residents of Barnes Lodge Care Home this week. They personally delivered the cards to our neighbours, spending time reading them and talking to the residents. The Year 6 children were impeccable representatives for the school demonstrating compassion and care to the residents throughout their visit. Recognising one's part in a wider community and instilling confidence to meet others is a huge part of our vision for the pupils here. Our relationship with Barnes Lodge and the local residents



represents just a couple of the opportunities we offer our children to grow as responsible young people in society.

Miss Scott

It is my pleasure to share with you that following an intense interview process, Miss Scott has been appointed as our new Assistant Headteacher. Miss Scott is a highly valued member of staff at Bishop Chavasse and has taught many of the children here; nurturing their wellbeing and raising attainment. In her capacity as English lead, Miss Scott has transformed our English curriculum into an engaging, exciting, high quality one in which all children can fulfil their potential. Miss Scott's new role will involve overseeing teaching and learning at Bishop Chavasse. For those children in Year 6, Miss Scott remains the main class teacher. She will be fulfilling her leadership role three afternoons a week in addition to the day she already has out of class. To ensure consistency for the children, we are delighted that Mrs Brett, who has been covering Wednesdays in Year 6, will cover the afternoons Miss Scott is out of class. Mrs Brett and Miss Scott have worked closely for a long time, and together with Miss Clare, form an experienced team to lead Year 6 through their final two terms at school. In her new Assistant Head role, Miss Scott has the opportunity to share her expertise with the whole staff and our community.

Lost Property

As we end the penultimate week of a very long term, we have an enormous pile of unnamed lost property. We will be putting the items out, weather permitting, at the start and end of the day next week, but after that any unclaimed items will be donated to charity or our PTA preloved uniform shop.

Nativity performances next week

Early Years and Key Stage 1 took to the stage this afternoon for the dress rehearsal of their nativity performance (a sneak preview below), and we can promise an absolute Christmas treat is in store for next week.

Please note that booking is not required for the nativity performances but we do ask that only up to two adults per child attend for one of the performances. It is likely to be standing room only! Whilst younger siblings are welcome at the Monday performance, we ask that they do not attend the Tuesday performance.



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

Badgers - Roni
Squirrels - Freddie
1A – Orla
1BF – Teddy
2F – Iyaanah
2A – Soren
3A – Olly



3FW – Arthur
4R – Evie
4G – Aarnaa
5N – Nikita
5H – Harriet
6C – Mrunali
6S – Tanvita



Times Tables Rock Stars

3A – Lizzie
3FW – Kamila
4R – Leo
4G – Lucas
5H - Nico
5N - Harper
6S – Poppy
6C - Samaira

Gold book

Eli (1BF) – for incredible handwriting and writing his name independently.
Elliott (3A) – wrote an imaginative story at home about a missing present
Sienna (2F) – used amazing adjectives in her diary entry with superb punctuation.
Dieko (2A) – for an outstanding diary entry using vocabulary at Year 6 level.
River (3A) – outstanding Maths work set out beautifully.
Huda (1BF) – wrote a letter to the elves using excellent punctuation and finger spaces.
Freya (4R) – wrote a fact file about blue tits independently in class.



Bishop Chavasse Shield winner

Well done to Zachary (6C) - he wins a £7 book token for showing really good manners.



Attendance

In third place with 97.32% is 5N; in second place with 99.21% is 3FW; and in first place with an impressive 99.49% is **2A!**

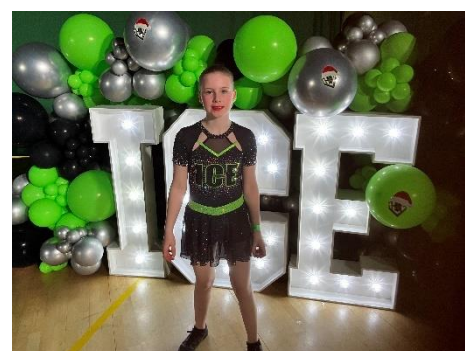
House points

Winner of the House points competition this term is St George, who will be rewarded with an own clothes day on Friday 9th January 2026!



Out of school achievements

Seren (5N) (right) – took part in her first Cheerleading Showcase.
Josefien (1A) – swimming certificate for passing Stage 2
Lia (4R) – Taekwondo red belt
Lily (6C) – Guides 'promise' badge



Elliott (3A) (left) – Chief Scout's bronze award, completing six badges and four activity badges

Aodhan (2A) – chess trophy

Aadya (4G) – Stage 2 swimming certificate

Willow (2F) – medal for supporting Maidstone United

Samir (6C) – overall winner at chess club this term

Teddie (3FW) – swam 15 metres to achieve two swimming certificates

Bobbi (4R) – won guess the name of the penguin at the Christmas Fair: "Winter Wiggles" 😊



PTA update

This week, we wanted to give it up for the TREMENDOUSLY hard working members of the PTA committee and parent volunteers who have toiled behind the scenes to make the magic of the Christmas Fair and Santa's grotto happen for the pure enjoyment of our amazing children.

Thank you one and all for everything you have done.



Explore The Christmas Story

Saturday

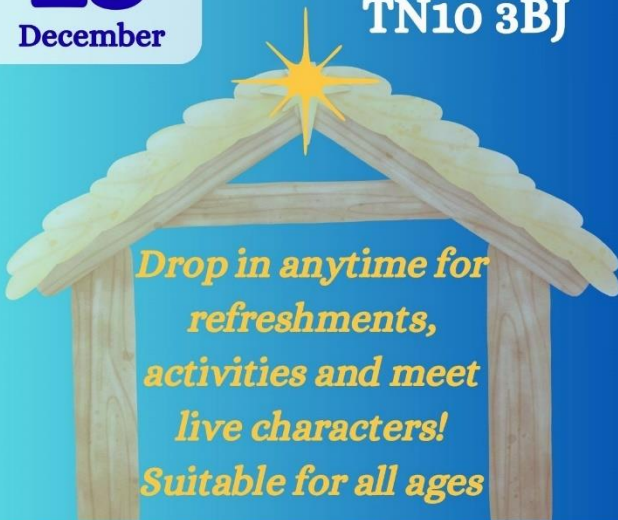
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December

2-4pm

St Andrew

TN10 3BJ



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refreshments,
activities and meet
live characters!
Suitable for all ages*

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Live Nativity

Wednesday

24

December

1.30-4.30pm

St Peter & St Paul

TN9 1DA

*Drop in anytime for
refreshments, crafts,
donkey rides,
petting animals and
an indoor live
nativity*

(2.30pm & 4pm)



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