

# BCS NEWS

18<sup>th</sup> December 2025



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

## Key Dates

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> December 2026  
INSET day – no children

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
Start of Term 3

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
Year 5 rainforest workshop

## Head's News

Today we close our doors on a long Autumn term where we have seen the seasons change from late summer warmth, short sleeves and bright days through to the first bite of chilly air as the leaves turned, rich warm colours gave us a backdrop to duller skies and the need for a coat, to the cold dark mornings of winter, wrapped up in hats, scarves and gloves. But as we reflect on the term, one thing that hasn't changed is the brightness with which your children have shone. From our new Early Years children who have brought such joy to the school community to our eldest children who lead by example: every pupil shines with dazzling brightness every single day.

And no better way to celebrate this than with the performances we have had the pleasure of being part of this week. This week has been an opportunity to celebrate a term filled with growth, learning and discovery. Over the past months, our children have worked with enthusiasm and determination, developing not only their academic skills but also the values that truly matter — compassion for others, honesty in their actions and wisdom in the choices they are learning to make. They have learned how to support one another, to listen, to care and to work together, and this sense of togetherness is reflected in everything we have had the privilege of seeing and hearing this week.



The children have given us something truly wonderful — not just beautiful carols, but performances full of feeling, confidence and heart. Their singing and readings have shown us how much they have grown, not only in skill but emotionally too. We are immensely proud of every child for the courage they showed in standing up and sharing their voices, their expressions and their emotions so openly. Their performances this week have been heartfelt, joyful and genuinely moving. Performances which I know will linger in families' hearts for many years to come, and couldn't have brought a better end to our term. Thank you to you all: parents, carers, wider family members for your unwavering support, for entrusting us to nurture your children every day on their primary school journeys and for making our sense of community something truly remarkable. A school journey is full of meanders, steep hills and plateaus but we have navigated each one personally, positively and collaboratively. I wish you all a wonderful break; I wish you a heartfelt Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.



Please head to our website for videos of the [Key Stage 2 carol concert](#) and [EY/KS1 nativity](#) performances.

## In other news

### Worship this week

We ended our Autumn term worships thinking about Christmas; remembering Mary, the mother of Jesus, remembering the birth of Jesus and celebrating one of the most important events in the Christian calendar through our Nativity, Carol concert and Christmas service at school, led by Phil, the new associate vicar from St Stephen's church. In worship we have taken time to reflect on the awe and wonder of this event in our own individual ways and allowed ourselves the opportunity to think about our own moments of awe and wonder through the

term.



Key Stage 2 carol concert



## Christingle



On Wednesday afternoon, House groups joined together across the school for a festive afternoon of Christingle making. Our annual tradition of bringing younger and older children together to carefully assemble their own Christingle to the merry sounds of laughter and music, brought again, a wonderful sense of belonging to the children and another reminder of the true meaning of Christmas:



- the orange represents the world;
- the red ribbon the blood of Christ;
- dried fruits and sweets symbolise God's gifts to the world including kindness and love;
- 4 cocktail sticks to represents the 4 seasons; and
- a candle reminding us that Jesus is the Light of the World.

## School office and safeguarding over the holidays

The school office will be closed over the Christmas break with emails and phones resting too from 4.30pm on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December to 8am on 5<sup>th</sup> January. Emails will not be monitored during the time. Should you have immediate concerns about a child and consider them to be at risk of immediate or significant harm, please contact the emergency services or make an urgent referral to the Front Door:

<https://kccchildrens.kent.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/home>

In an urgent situation out of hours please call:

- the integrated children's services out of hours line on **03000 41 91 91**
- Childline on **0800 1111**
- NSPCC on 0808 800 5000 (10am- 8pm)
- If you think someone is in immediate danger, the best thing to do is call 999 for the emergency services

## Spring Term

We look forward to welcoming all children back to school on 5<sup>th</sup> January at 8.45am in Winter uniform. We have a really exciting term planned with curriculum opportunities, trips, workshops, lots of new learning and we looking forward to more inter-school matches for our school football and netball teams, with training much improved thanks to the generous donation from FOBCSA (predecessor to the PTA) to fund the new netball posts and football goals.

## Key Stage 2 choir castle carols



The children from our KS2 choir walked up to Tonbridge castle, to complete a fantastic run of festive performances throughout December. They were joined by other local primary schools, singing some festive songs, putting smiles on everyone's faces. As you can tell, they thoroughly enjoyed being met with a snow storm before their return walk



back to school. Thank you to all of the parents who have supported the children in all of their events this



term, it is amazing to have such a great support network within our school community.

## Out of school achievements

Sienna (2F) passed her stage 1 swimming and win her first gymnastics medal.



Joshua (5H) won a trophy for most improved junior in his taekwondo club.

Lucas (Badgers) (right) began swimming lessons on 5th November and received his first certificate on his very first session. By 8th December, in just over a month, he achieved a further six certificates, successfully completing Stage 1.

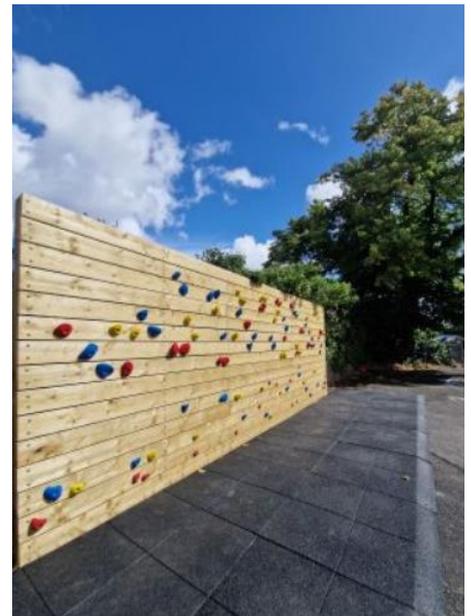


Elizabeth (3A) (left) received a rosette in the Christmas games at her riding lesson.

## PTA update

It is with great pride, thankfulness and excitement that we can announce the total profit from the PTA Christmas Fair: **£3,247.87!!!**

Thanks to the generosity and support of the whole parent and carer community we are looking forward to spending some of our funds in 2026. First up will be the climbing walls for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 playgrounds which will soon be on their way from a specialist company in Wales...



We are also hoping to contribute towards a minibus for the school, and sensory panels for the walls in the school building.

To catch up on our plans and join our efforts in 2026, make a date in your diary for our **next PTA meeting on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 8pm** on Teams.

Don't forget that our PTA preloved uniform shop is open every Friday before and after school.

Another date for your diary: **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026** for our next school **disco!!**

Wishing everyone a really happy Christmas and every good blessing for 2026. See you next year!

**PTA UNIFORM SHOP  
IS OPEN**

**EVERY FRIDAY**

**8:45 - 9:15 AM**  
**15:15 - 15:30 PM**

**PAYABLE BY CASH OR CARD**

The graphic shows a blue shed with a sign that says 'PTA Uniform Shop'. A chalkboard in front of the shed says 'PTA'S UNIFORM SHOP Open!'. There is a circular logo in the bottom left corner that says 'BISHOP CHAVASSE PTA'.