



# BCS NEWS

16<sup>th</sup> January 2026

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

## Head's News

This week saw us revisit the work we introduced in September focusing on fostering and nurturing spiritual growth; a reminder that we are all individuals who will respond to the world and life in different ways and this makes us unique and wonderful. Our school definition '**Spirituality is about the deep feelings we have when we think about big things in life – like love, kindness, nature, or even difficult things like sadness and loss. It helps us feel connected to ourselves, to other people, and to something bigger than us**' was reflected on in Worship on Monday and we spent time sharing **wow, ow** and **now** moments together, reminding ourselves again of the [philosophy of Kintsugi](#): the Japanese art of mending pottery as our metaphor for spiritual growth. The children demonstrated such awareness of themselves and such confidence in who they are.

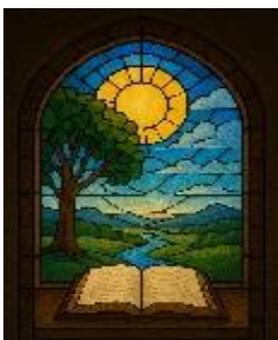
This term we are enabling the children to think more deeply about those moments of spiritual growth. During the week, staff will capture moments of learning and encourage the children to reflect more deeply on this through a window, a mirror and a door.

**Windows** - *looking outwards and learning*: using learning or moments in time to allow pupils to view the world through others' experiences, cultures, and beliefs: to look out into the world and become aware of its wonders and diversity.

**Mirrors** - *understanding self-looking inwards, reflecting and asking questions*: encourages pupils to reflect on their own thoughts, emotions, values, and identities, helping them develop self-awareness and emotional intelligence and learn from their own and others' responses and perspectives.

**Doors** - *responding, stepping out and living our values, taking action/engagement with the world*: encourages pupils to apply their spiritual learning through acts of kindness, fostering a sense of connectedness and purpose- this helps children understand their attitudes and behaviours can change.

So inherent in who we are at Bishop Chavasse: a school preparing children for their place in the wider world, committed to fostering curiosity, confidence, kindness, courageous advocacy and a strong sense of self. Our aim is for this thinking to become part of children's every day - part of their conversation and play - as we believe passionately that by actively promoting personal spiritual growth, confidence in one's own thoughts about wow, ow and now moments, our children really will become more connected to themselves, others and the world around them, and that is a very special part of life.



## Key Dates

**Weds 21<sup>st</sup> January**  
6S electricity workshop

**Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> January**  
6C electricity workshop

**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> January**  
Year 4 Roman workshop

**Weds 28<sup>th</sup> January**  
Year 6 SATs meeting

**Fri 30<sup>th</sup> January**  
9am – Year 4  
multiplication check  
meeting for parents

Whole school sports event  


**Fri 6<sup>th</sup> February**



**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> February**  
End of term 3

## In other news

### Worship this week

Using readings from Luke, we have thought about when Mary and Joseph presented Jesus at the temple, saying thank you to our families, when Jesus met Simeon and what Jesus being in the temple teaches us about Jesus.

### Thought of the week

How can I bring peace when others feel stormy or worried inside?

### National Year of reading

It's here, it's live, the National Year of Reading has officially been launched nationwide! Head over to their website and watch the launch video with your children, explore the pages on the website and Go All In: everyone knows reading expands worlds, sharpens minds and fuels creativity! [National Year of Reading 2026 | Go All In](#)



**Mrs Nicholas** (Badgers, above right) departed for maternity leave for her first baby earlier this week— she was presented with a huge hamper of baby goodies and our warmest wishes.



### Forest School – managing the mud!

Thank you so much for the incredibly quick and generous donation from the family of Aaron (Squirrels) and Naysa (6S) earlier this week of wood chippings for our increasingly muddy Forest School.

We still need to try and manage the mud in another section of Forest School and would be really grateful for bags of leaves, untreated wood chippings or bark next week. Any remaining Christmas Trees would also be gratefully received which we can chop up and use.

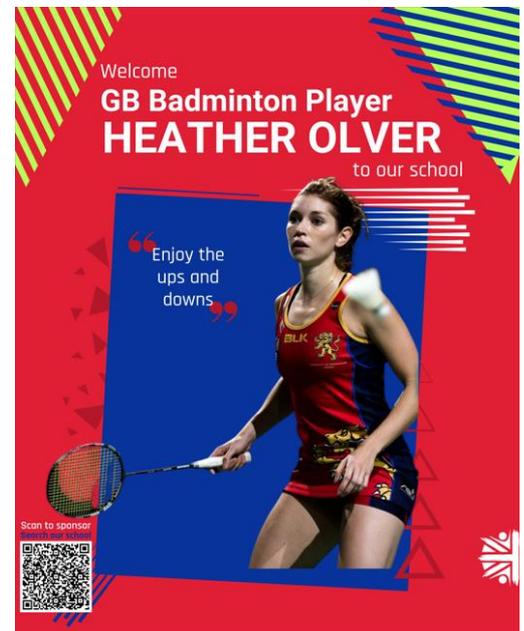


### Board games for breakfast club

Our Breakfast Club team would be really grateful for any donations of good quality board games or card games for Breakfast Club.

### Great Athletes – Friday 30 January

Today we revealed to the school the Great Athlete who will be visiting to us on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January. Heather Olver, a GB Badminton player who has taken part in the Olympics and Commonwealth games, will be joining us to run a fitness circuit with each class followed by a session where she will share her story leading into a Q&A session. We are thrilled to have her with us and look forward to showing her what the children can do! Your children will be coming home with a sponsorship form for the activities they will be doing at school. Sponsorship is optional - they do not have to raise money to take part. All money raised will go towards new PE equipment for our school! You can also sponsor online by following the QR code and searching for the school's name.



### Maths and English workshops

We are pleased to invite parents and carers to a series of Maths and English workshops designed to explain how these subjects are taught across KS1 and KS2, and how you can support your child's learning at home. The workshops will give an overview of our teaching approaches, expectations and key methods used in class, with opportunities to ask questions. All the meetings will be at **9am** on the following dates:

**KS1 Maths (Years 1-2) – Weds 28th January**

**KS2 Maths (Years 3-6) – Weds 4th February**

**KS1 English (Years 1-2) – Weds 11th February**

**KS2 English (Years 3-6) – Weds 25th February**

## Roblox

Roblox is a popular online gaming platform used by many KS1 and KS2 children, but it is important for parents to be aware of the potential online safety risks. As Roblox allows users to interact with others, create content and chat in real time, children may be exposed to inappropriate language, in-game purchases, or contact from people they do not know. We strongly advise parents to set up parental controls, including account PINs, privacy settings, chat restrictions and spending limits, and to ensure games are age-appropriate. Playing together, keeping devices in shared family spaces, and regularly talking with your child about what they do online can also help keep them safe. Remind children never to share personal information and to tell a trusted adult if something online makes them feel worried or uncomfortable. Please click on this [link](#) for a table of recommended settings to check. For further guidance and step-by-step advice, please also see this [link](#) which takes you to Roblox own safety information page.

## Early Years: people who help us

Thank you so much to firefighter and BCS parent Mr Charalambous who came in to tell Early Years all about being a firefighter and fire safety – and some real firefighting equipment!



## Chelsea FC training session



*Coaches from Chelsea FC Soccer Schools visited today for a skills session for Years 4-6 and will be returning next week to run a session for the younger children.*

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

Badgers - Amber  
Squirrels - Naomi  
1A – Ralph  
1BF – Fletcher  
2F – Teddy R  
2A – Emily  
3A – Mark



3FW – Teddie L  
4R – Teddie K  
4M – Reggie  
5N – Charlotte  
5H – Rhys  
6C – Samir  
6S – Ronan



### Times Tables Rock Stars

3A – Hendrix  
3FW – Euan  
4R – Serafina  
4M – Esme  
5H - Paddy  
5N - William  
6S – Laurie  
6C - Lewis

### Gold book

Elliott (3A) – eye-catching and informative poster  
Esme, CJ and Seb (Badgers) – lego house with bedrooms and a pool!  
Pournami (6S) – impressive piece of writing



### Bishop Chavasse Shield winner

Well done to Jack (6C) - he wins a £7 book token for being really helpful and showing compassion towards the office staff.



### Attendance

In third place with 98.77% is 1A; in second place with 99.11% is 3FW and in first place with 99.49% is **2A!**

### Out of school achievements

Ophion (1BF) – passed stage 3 gymnastics including a star jump into a tuck jump

Evelina (6C) (right) competed in the prestigious *Blackpool Champions of Tomorrow 2026* competition and emerged as a champion in six different categories!

This is an incredible milestone, and we are so proud of her dedication and hard work leading up to this event.



**PTA update**



This week we met to discuss fundraising, events and other business at our **PTA termly meeting**. You can catch up with the [minutes](#) and [financial report](#) on the PTA’s page of the school [website](#).

Highlights coming up include the disco (don’t forget to book your tickets!); the hugely popular silent auction in May, a parents/children football tournament and a brand new ‘26 for 26’ sponsored event.

**Sport on your doorstep – free multisport**

Sports club ‘Sport on Your Doorstep’ (formerly known as Olympia Boxing) deliver **free youth sessions** designed to engage young people through positive, inclusive sport. Using our Doorstep Sport approach, sessions focus on confidence, teamwork, physical activity, and having fun in a relaxed, participant-led environment. This is ideal for children who may benefit from additional engagement outside of the school day.

**Adult Box Fitness Programme**



Alongside this, we’re also running an **Adult Box Fitness programme** for parents, carers, and staff. This is a non-contact, boxing-fitness-based session focused on improving physical and mental wellbeing in a welcoming and supportive setting—no experience needed. Both programmes are coached by qualified staff and align with our mission to remove barriers to participation and bring sport directly to the community.

