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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Although we have few 'quiet' weeks at school, this has been one of our more calm weeks. We have had visitors into school to teach the Year 3 children about different types of rocks (this is more fun than it sounds!); a couple of Forest School trips to Covet Woods and Holly Class shared last term's learning with their parents on Wednesday which was excellent and a great opportunity for the children to practice their presentation skills and oration.

The best way to keep up to date with what is happening at school is via the school [blog](#). Here you can read all about the learning that takes place at Bridge School.



Warning: Children Playing by the River

With all the rain that we've had over the past few weeks, the Nailbourne river is very fast flowing at the moment and I've been contacted by residents of Riverside Close saying that they have seen children close to the river unsupervised. Please be alert to the children playing – none of us wants any incidents.

Red Nose Day (Friday 15th March)

This year, for Red Nose Day we will be inviting children to come into school wearing red and once again, we'll also be running a competition where children can share their favourite joke.

Jokes can be submitted from Monday 11th March and, on the Thursday, we'll be asking each class to choose their favourite joke which will be shared in the school newsletter. Mr Taylor, Mrs Long and I will also be choosing our favourite jokes!



RSE Consultation

Three years ago, we introduced a new scheme of work for the teaching of Relationships & Sex Education at Bridge School and our policy and practices are now coming up for review.

As part of this review, we speak to staff, children and we would also welcome the viewpoints of our parents.

Our policy can be found on the [PSHE page of our school website](#) and you will also find other documents including a [Guide for Parents](#) and a document showing how we deal with [LGBTQ issues that may arise in primary schools](#).

You may also find the [responses to the parental consultation from three years ago](#) useful.

We are inviting parents to [complete a short survey](#) to gather their feedback and this also invites parents to make any comments about the RSE programme in school – we would welcome positive comments and suggestions on potential changes. The survey will be open for three weeks. All responses will be shared with governors and parents.



**Artsmark
Gold Award**
Awarded by Arts
Council England



Mothering Sunday

Rev. Estella has open an invitation to our choir to come and sing at the Mothering Sunday service at St Peters on Sunday 10th March. Mrs Brookes will be there with our children (and hopefully their Mums!) The service is at 10am and will be a short, family service with lots of child-led singing. The children have been learning the songs in school and I hope that we'll get a good turn out.

Sports Report

On Monday 25th February, the Bridge football team went up against Canterbury Primary. Bridge scored two goals while Canterbury only got one, which caused us to win the match. It was a very windy day and the match was very challenging but we all focused and played really well.

After the first match on Monday, we faced Chartham in the Thursday game. They had an early lead after scoring a goal in only the first four minutes. After a pep talk from Mr Perfect and Mr Taylor, we managed to score a superb equaliser in the second half of the match, which ultimately led to a draw.

National Offer Day for Secondary Schools

Today, parents of Year 6 children will find out which secondary school their child has been allocated for September. If, after receiving your email, you wish to discuss anything then please do contact me directly via email.

With best wishes,

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News and Blogs

On our school website, we proudly share some of our children's learning on our school blog. Please feel free to click on any of the images below to be taken directly to that blog post.



Year 4 Forest School Trip Term 4 2024

The weather was kind to us this



Year 5 TWISTED tales

Last term, Year 5 enjoyed looking at Twisted Fairy tales. The children



Year R - joining materials

Throughout term 3, Year R practised

[READ ALL BLOGS >](#)

World Book Day

We are very excited to share our plans for World Book Day 2024 on Thursday 7th March with you.

As I wrote in the newsletter before the half-term break, children are invited to come into school dressed as a character from a book. As before,

The theme this year is **Reading for Pleasure** and that is what we intend to spend the day doing! As usual, we invite the children and staff to come in **dressed up as a character** of a favourite book. We don't want this to be additional pressure for parents (after it, it's supposed to be fun!) and I would recommend [75 Easy World Book Day Costume Ideas UK 2024](#) for tips for a cheap/easy book day costume.

We are very fortunate to have two local authors, whom are close to our school community, coming into school for the morning and donating their time to spend time with our children.

Anne Booth is a former parent of our school and opened the school library for us in 2020. She has written many books and has always donated a signed copy to school. She is a widely published professional author for children and adults with many different publishers, including Puffin and Penguin, whose books have been translated into many different languages and nominated for many awards. During the morning, Anne will be spending time with Years 3 and 4 and sharing her book **Too Much** with the children. She will then share her book **The Girl with a White Dog** with years 5 and 6. This book was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize and nominated for the Carnegie, amongst other awards.



Tom Delahunt spent last year's W.B.D with us and since has shared his time and experiences of neurodiversity in a number of ways across the school. The children do enjoy spending time in his company being themselves. During the first part morning, he will be sharing his book **The Wandering Lamb** with EYFS and Year One and then after play will share his time with the year two children reading and, if time permits, creating some poetry doodles.

If you would like **to pre-order** any of the books being shared by Anne or Tom please **follow this link** [Bridge & Patricxbourne CEP School World Book Day with Anne Booth & Tom Delahunt](#).

If you would like, the books can be delivered to school in time for your child to get them signed on the day the cut-off date for this is Friday 1st of March (please follow the instructions on the link). If you would prefer, you can collect from the university book shop, buy at your leisure and your child can bring the book to school on the day to be signed.

During the afternoon, we are holding **'Reading Cafes'** in our school houses. The children will have the opportunity to relax and enjoy the opportunity to chat about and read books with their friends. We will all gather for an end of day celebration in the hall.

After school, we are holding a charity book sale with **Pilgrims Hospice Bookshop**. We support this charity a few times a year and is another community link which we hold dear to our school. They have kindly agreed to offer **'A Book for One Pound'** sale. The children can donate one pound to the charity and choose any book from a wide selection to take home with them.



Thank you all as always for your support, it sounds like a great day to encourage and allow your children to Read for Pleasure – what could be better?



World Book Day Menu

Thursday 7th March



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Fantastic Mr Fox's Favourite Chicken Casserole

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Grandpa Joe's Jackets with Tuna

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Snozzcumber Salad

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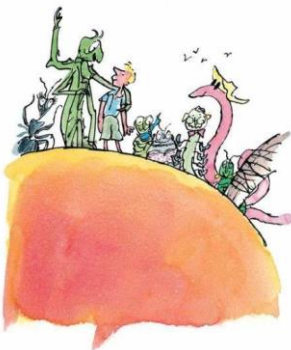
Desserts



Charlie's Chocolate Sponge Cake with Chocolate Waterfall Icing

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James's Giant Fruit Platter



Please order meals as normal via Arbor

Celebration

Star Pupils

Each Friday, we celebrate children who have impressed the adults in school either through their learning or demonstrating one of our Christian values.

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| ☆ Arthur (Ash) for excellent effort and resilience in all areas of school life always having a positive attitude. <i>Miss Goddard</i> | ☆ Gabe M (Chestnut) for lots of methodical investigation and showing lots of prior knowledge on Rocks Day. <i>Mr Chamberlain</i> |
| ☆ Keziah (Ash) for excellent effort in all areas of school and being a helpful team member. <i>Miss Goddard</i> | ☆ Jake H (Hazel) for challenging himself in English to apply a variety of lenses and deepen the moment. <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i> |
| ☆ Jayla A (Elm) for listening carefully and joining in during lots of lessons. <i>Mr Redpath</i> | ☆ Leonard M-W (Birch) for his excellent progress in Maths so far this year especially his recall of multiplication and division facts. <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
| ☆ Elena C (Elm) for working hard in all areas of her learning. <i>Mr Redpath</i> | ☆ Oakley E (Holly) for showing fantastic independence in his English work on Beowulf and Maths work on multiplying fractions this week. <i>Mr Ablett</i> |
| ☆ Archie L (Willow) for showing excellent listening and learning in computing and for helping other children when they were stuck. <i>Mrs Cork & Mrs M Smith</i> | ☆ Ayra N (Maple) for great contributions in class this week and for challenging herself in Maths. <i>Mr Taylor</i> |
| ☆ Remi A (Rowan) for his fantastic non-fiction writing about blue whales in English this week. <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Alisina H (Poplar) for making sure he is setting his work out clearly in maths to work as accurately as possible. <i>Mrs Allen & Mrs Saint</i> |
| ☆ Freddy (Oak) for his enthusiasm and progress in his reading. <i>Mrs Amelia</i> | ☆ Andrew C (Sycamore) for persevering in maths and challenging himself in his learning. <i>Mr Wren</i> |
| ☆ Daisy R (Pine) for consistently working hard in all areas of her learning. <i>Mrs Tomsett & Mrs Usher</i> | |
| ☆ Darwin H (Beech) for his excellent responses to questions asked during Rocks Day. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | |

House Points

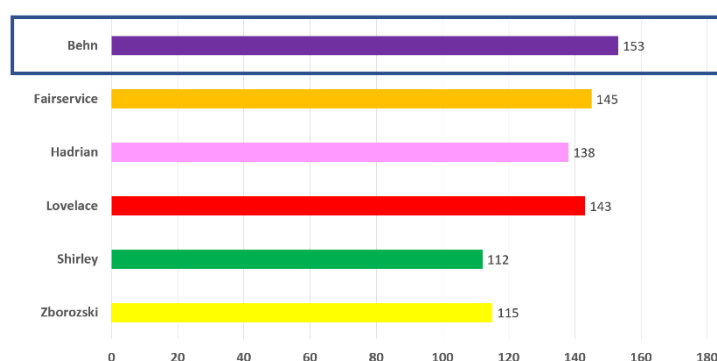
Well done to Lovelace house who were awarded the greatest number of house points this week – they are catching up with Behn!

Whenever children earn a house point, their name goes into a draw and, each week, six names are drawn and they will be invited to 'Hot Chocolate with Head'.

This week, I was pleased to welcome:

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| • Alinda (Behn) | • Hunter (Behn) |
| • Ella (Lovelace) | • Alex (Behn) |
| • Arbin (Lovelace) | • Jayden (Hadrian) |

All children are eligible when they earn house points and there'll be another draw next week.



Upcoming Dates

All dates and events can be found on our school calendar.

CALENDAR >

Monday 4th March	Year 5 Forest School Trip Maple (am); Holly (pm)	
Tuesday 5th March	Cross Country Competition	
Wednesday 6th March	Oak (Y2) trip to Deal Castle	Maple (Y5) Parent Sharing Assembly
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day	
Friday 8th March	Pine (Y2) trip to Deal Castle	

Monday 11th March	<i>Science Week</i>	Rapid Fire Cricket (Year 2 and 4)
Tuesday 12th March		
Wednesday 13th March	Rowan (Y1) Trip to Dover Museum	
Thursday 14th March	Year 3 Forest School Trip	
Friday 15th March	Year 3 Forest School Trip	PTFA Quiz Night

Monday 18th March	Hockey Competition at St Ed's	
Tuesday 19th March	Year 6 Viking Workshop	
Wednesday 20th March	Rowan (Y1) Parent Sharing Assembly	
Thursday 21st March	Willow (Y1) Parent Sharing Assembly	
Friday 22nd March	Willow (Y1) Trip to Dover Museum	