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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back after what I hope has been a relaxing Easter break for you. I have had many comment on the fact that it seemed longer than usual (hopefully a good thing!), perhaps due to the fact that the Easter weekend was at the beginning of the holiday.

French Exchange

I want to give a big shout-out to six of our students who had the amazing opportunity to take part in a French exchange just before the Easter holiday. It was such a fantastic experience for them to immerse themselves in a different culture and language.

If you're interested in hearing more about their adventures, make sure to head over to [our school website](#) where you can find all the details.

A huge thank you goes to Mrs. Amelia and Miss Amelia for accompanying our students on this trip.



We're looking forward to hosting their French counterparts who will be arriving on Sunday afternoon.

Trips – Changes

We have had to make some last minute changes to the trips this past week, apologies for any inconvenience that this may have caused, however one of the windscreens on our school minibuses was cracked and we have to get this repaired before we can use it.

Parking Enforcement

It wouldn't be a start of term newsletter without the honourable mention about parking! I've been informed that due to the number of parents who are using the car park at Bridge Haven, a private enforcement company are taking over management of this and ANPR cameras are being installed. Parents using the car park could be fined up to £100.

Please can I also remind you that we keep the road down to the school free as we have a great number of children walking to school – this is for their safety!

Ski Trip

Parents of our year 3, 4 and 5 children will already know that we have an exciting opportunity to take part in a ski trip next year and last night, I held a short Zoom meeting to talk through the practicalities and arrangements. All the information can be found here: [Ski Trip 2025 | Bridge & Patricbourne CEP School](#)



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



Year 5 PESE/Kent Test Presentation to Parents

Next Thursday, parents of children in Year 5 are invited to a short information session about applying for secondary schools and the process of the Kent Test. This will take place in one of the Year 5 classrooms (whichever is tidiest!) at 3.30pm – we will pop any children in the other classroom where they can watch a video.

There will also be an online session at 5pm for any parents that can't make the one after school and this will be recorded for any parents that can't make either.

The link for the online session will be sent out closer to the time.

Hugo's Swimathon

I'm always keen to hear about the charitable efforts of our children and their families and earlier this week, I heard that Hugo (Year 5) will be taking part in Cancer Research UK/Marie Curie Swimathon alongside his father and brother. He will have to swim 5k in Faversham on the 28th April and I'm sure that there'll be plenty of people supporting him and cheering him on.

If anyone would like to support, you can donate to their JustGiving page by clicking here: [James Paxton is fundraising for Cancer Research UK, Marie Curie & The Swimathon Foundation \(justgiving.com\)](#)

Canterbury Cathedral Choir

All of you will know our fantastic music teacher Mrs Brookes but what you may not know is that she is also the Singing Partnerships Lead for Canterbury Cathedral and they are looking for boys to join the next cohort of Canterbury Cathedral Choir Boy Choristers. This is a fantastic opportunity to access high quality musical training as part of a world class choir.

The audition process is very relaxed and friendly. They are looking for bags of enthusiasm, good listening skills and an obvious love of singing! The only thing boys need to prepare in advance is one verse of the hymn 'O Praise Ye The Lord' for which a teaching video and learning tracks can be easily accessed via a link on the cathedral website. Boys will be supported as much or as little as needed in order for them to feel confident and successful - they are not trying to catch them out!

Please see the attached flyer but more information, as well as the learning resources, can be found here: [Join the Choir | Canterbury Cathedral \(canterbury-cathedral.org\)](#)

Term 5 Lunches

This term's dinner menu is on the [School Meals](#) page of the website and also attached with this newsletter. I would recommend saving it somewhere so that parents can see what meals are what days. Please note that there are a couple of amendments outside of the normal three-week rotation (school census day again!)

Whilst on the subject of lunches, I have had some reports of children bringing in nut products in their packed lunches. This is a big no as we do have children in the school with severe nut allergies. Please do not send any food items into school that contain nuts – this includes Nutella (the clue's in the name!)



Summer Fete

This afternoon, the Village Fete planning committee met to discuss the plans for this year's fete which are coming along nicely. Please save the date – 29th June 2024, 12pm to 4pm.

A plea for volunteers will be coming out soon, but we're especially keen to hear from any of our parents who are musicians who would be willing to perform at the fete. Please email bridgeschoolpta@gmail.com

I hope you all have a good weekend; I'll be trying to avoid listening to Taylor Swift's new album as I have no doubt that my daughter will be listening to it on repeat throughout the whole weekend!

With best wishes,



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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| ☆ Layla J (Ash) for being a kind friend to a new member of our class. <i>Mrs David</i> | ☆ Dylan L (Birch) for his excellent efforts and behaviour at our first swimming session yesterday. <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
| ☆ Lana J (Elm) for a fantastic effort in her independent writing. <i>Mr Redpath</i> | ☆ Nell D (Holly) for being a brilliant role model to her peers and for always showing our school values. <i>Mr Ablett</i> |
| ☆ Harry R (Rowan) for always having a great attitude and trying his best with his learning. <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Clara M (Maple) for consistently working to her full potential and displaying our school values in class and on the playground. <i>Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ Nessa U (Willow) for excellent work in computing when creating algorithms. <i>Mrs Cork & Mrs Shirley</i> | ☆ Lennon K (Maple) for being a pleasure to have in class and putting 100% into all of your learning at school and at home. <i>Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ Miah (Oak) for showing determination and resilience in all of her learning. <i>Mrs Amelia</i> | ☆ Amelie T (Poplar) for excellent care and accuracy in our work on shape and space (and all other areas of the curriculum!) <i>Mrs Allen</i> |
| ☆ Albie B (Pine) for being determined and showing great effort with your reading. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i> | ☆ Daruis I (Sycamore) for his excellent investigative and problem-solving skills in Maths. <i>Mr Wren</i> |
| ☆ Cohen F-M (Beech) for his active participation and well thought-out responses in our RE lesson. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | ☆ Scarlett A (Sycamore) for being confident enough to sing amazing solos during French this week. <i>Mrs Brooks</i> |
| ☆ Oscar H (Chestnut) for trying very hard with his handwriting and when using a ruler and pencil. <i>Mr Chamberlain</i> | |
| ☆ Reeva H (Hazel) for great participation and paying close attention to detail when exploring 'Stomp' in music. <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i> | |

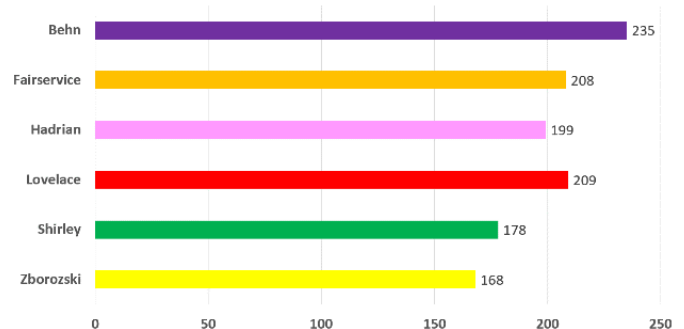
House Points

Well done to Behn house who extend their lead.

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, the following children were chosen and will enjoy a hot chocolate on Monday (I've been on a trip today!)

- Sophia - Sycamore
- Niall - Hazel
- Lawley - Maple
- Nell - Holly
- Harvey - Willow
- Aidan - Birch



Upcoming Dates

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

CALENDAR >

Monday 22nd April	<i>Exchange pupils in Bridge School (all week)</i>	Year 5 Bikeability	Year 2 Indonesia Workshops Year 3 Beach Trip (Chestnut)
Tuesday 23rd April	Year 4 trip to Richborough		
Wednesday 24th April	Year 5 Netball & Football Tournaments		
Thursday 25th April	Year 5 Bikeability Tennis Competition	Year 4 Swimming	3.30pm/5pm PESE/Kent Test Information Session
Friday 26th April	Year 3 Beach trip		

Monday 29th April	Year 4 trip to Richborough	Year 5 River Watch trip	
Tuesday 30th April	Year 3 Beach Trip		
Wednesday 1st May	Football Tournament		
Thursday 2nd May	Year 3 Beech Class Sharing Assembly	Year 4 Swimming	
Friday 3rd May	Class Photos	PTA Cake & Uniform Sale	

Monday 6th May	<i>Bank Holiday Monday</i>		
Tuesday 7th May	Netball (Year 5 and 6)		
Wednesday 8th May	Folkestone Art Trip		
Thursday 9th May	Year 4 Swimming		
Friday 10th May			

News and Blogs

The best way to keep up to date with what is happening at school is via the school [blog](#).



**Forest School Year 3
Term 4 2024**

Term 4 was all about the Stone age



**Forest School Year R
Term 4 2024**

This Term Reception have learned



**Year 1 Forest School
Term 5 2024**

In Term 4 Year 1 have learned about