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Dear Parents/Guardians,

French Exchange

Over this past week, a number of our families have hosted French children from Montpellier and the children have been taking part in lessons in school throughout the whole week – most of them in Mr Ablett's class!

We have had such positive feedback from the French children and their host families and the experience of the French exchange has made me really pleased that we did this and I'm looking forward to giving children the opportunity again next year. I've already started talking to the staff of the French school about dates!

There's no decision to be made at the moment but once EasyJet have released their flights for next April/May, I'll be sending messages out to parents to see who would be interested in our next exchange visit!

The French children left this afternoon and I'd like to wish them *bon voyage* and *a bientôt*.

Year 5 PESE/Kent Test Presentation to Parents

Last night I held two sessions for parents about applying for secondary schools and the process of the Kent Test – one in the classroom and then a second session on Zoom. The plan was to record the Zoom session for those parents who could not attend either of these, unfortunately the recording failed (or I did!).

I will re-record something over the weekend and upload this to the school website along with a copy of the presentation.

Web Link: [Applying for Secondary School](#)

Ski Trip

At the time of writing this, we have 19 children signed up for the Ski Trip which I'm really pleased with. The last day that parents can sign their children up for this is Tuesday 30th April as this is when I will need to give the travel agents final numbers. Please don't contact me on Wednesday asking for spaces as this isn't something that I'll be able to guarantee.

I realise that £900 is a lot of money but for what the children will be getting, it is quite good value. One parent said to me on the playground this week that they would love their child to learn to ski but the cost of a family ski holiday is prohibitive.



Web Link: [Ski Trip 2025](#)



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



Sports Report

Earlier this week, some of our Year 5 children went to St Anselm's to take part in a netball and football tournament:

"On Wednesday, some of the year 5 went to St Anselms' to play football and netball with other primary schools. The boys played football first and unfortunately in the first game we were down 2-0 in under one minute. The other team were the size of thirteen year olds and although we tried to push up to the goal, they were having none of it! In the end we lost 6-0.



When we came back from the pitch we were all deflated, but after Mrs Pearson gave us an inspiring talk and Louise gave us some top tips, we went on to face the Purple team. In under four minutes, Louis scored. After we scored again, the opposition broke through our defence but Leeroy jumped and did an amazing save and stopped the purples scoring. Lawrence score two more goals with the support of the rest of the team and we came off happy.

Going to play sport at a big secondary school made us feel a bit nervous but it was great to see all the sports facilities. We had a great time. Thank you to Mrs Pearson and Mrs McInnes for taking us."

Louis & Leeroy

"The girls started with netball. Before we started, I felt terrified because I had never played netball before. It took a while to work out our positions and we lost the first match.

When some of the year 10 St. Anselm's girls told us how to play we got better and I am really proud to say I scored our only goal.

I really enjoyed being able to go to a secondary school and I even saw my sister. I learnt more about all of the netball positions and I was really excited to be there."

Talya, Olivia & Molly

School Attendance

I have written previously that there is a 'crackdown' nationally on school attendance as it is not as good as it was before the pandemic. Whilst attendance at Bridge School is generally good, we are still required to follow Kent policies and procedures and this does require us to ask for evidence of medical or dental appointments (we're not asking because we don't trust you!)

This does not need to be anything too formal – most dentists now text parents to remind them of their appointments and sight of the text message is sufficient.

Reading Volunteers

Volunteers are also helpful in a school and we would welcome people who have some time to spare each week who could join our team of reading volunteers. Supporting children in learning to read is one of the most important things that you could do that makes a real difference in school. If this is something that interests you, then please pop into the office to speak to Morny or Miss Allison.



Trip Volunteers

We are also on the lookout for parents/grandparents who would be happy to come on trips with us, especially for the younger year groups as more adults usually makes for more enjoyable trip for everyone! If this is something that you may be able to support with then please let Morny know in the office.

PTA Update

Separate to this newsletter, you should have received an email from the PTFA with updates about the Village Fete and other things. Please do take the time to read this and support the fete – the more people the help, the easier it is for everyone.

The PTFA are also looking for any parents who may be a qualified accountant. Whilst our treasurer, Layla, does an incredible job of looking after our accounts, they do need to be independently checked. If you can help then please email Layla bridgepta1@gmail.com

With best wishes,

James Tibbles

News and Blogs

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



Year 5 River Dour Trip

Last week, Year 5 visited the River Dour at Kearsney Abbey with the



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

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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| ☆ Ava M (Ash) for her excellent attitude towards all of her learning. <i>Miss M Smith</i> | ☆ Charlie P (Chestnut) for showing a lot of resilience in Maths for taking pride in his presentation and for laying out his working out carefully. <i>Mr Chamberlain</i> |
| ☆ Eli K (Elm) for a fantastic effort in his independent writing. <i>Mr Redpath</i> | ☆ Fraser B (Hazel) for his great attitude towards his learning this week and for challenging himself to try something new. <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i> |
| ☆ Helena M (Rowan) for her fantastic work in Maths learning about arrays. <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Thea G (Birch) for her efforts and improvement with her multiplication recall facts. <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
| ☆ Harvey W (Willow) for independent maths, creating equal groups and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. <i>Mrs Cork</i> | ☆ Niamh R (Holly) for showing excellent determination when learning about decimals in Math this week. <i>Mr Ablett</i> |
| ☆ Effie (Oak) for her excellent effort in her writing this week. <i>Mrs Amelia</i> | ☆ May B (Maple) for showing so much resilience and helping out with planting our sunflowers. <i>Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ Darvin T (Pine) for great focus and ideas in writing a description of a storm using onomatopoeia and alliteration. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i> | ☆ Oliver F (Poplar) for always being up for a challenge in Maths and helping other when they need it. <i>Mrs Saint & Mrs Allen</i> |
| ☆ Leo W (Beech) for his clear, detailed explanations in our Maths lessons this week when answering questions about fractions. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | ☆ Andrew C (Sycamore) for his terrific attitude in every lesson – always pushing himself to achieve. <i>Mr Wren</i> |
| ☆ Nate B-W (Chestnut) for giving 100% on our beach trip, scouring the beach carefully like Mary Anning and creating some brilliant natural art like Andy Goldsworthy. <i>Mr Chamberlain</i> | |

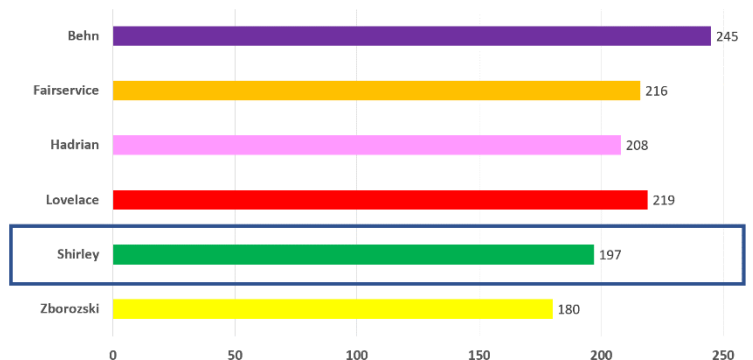
House Points

Behn house remain in first place and Lovelace have overtaken Fairservice and moved into second place and it was actually Shirley house who earned the greatest number of house points this week.

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 met with Mr Tibbles for a hot chocolate.

- Ted - Poplar
- Barnaby - Willow
- Callum - Lovelace
- Chris - Beech
- Pansy - Sycamore
- Thomas - Sycamore



Upcoming Dates

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

[CALENDAR >](#)

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

Monday 13th May	Christian Aid Week KS2 SATS (all week)	
Tuesday 14th May	Golf Competition	2.30pm Year 4 Sharing Assembly
Wednesday 15th May		
Thursday 16th May		
Friday 17th May		

Dates for your Diary

Term 5 (Summer)	
Class Photos	Wednesday 22 nd May
Dare to Be Different (Break the Rules)	Friday 24 th May
Term 6 (Summer)	
INSET Day	Monday 3 rd June
Wear Yellow Day for Cystic Fibrosis	Friday 21 st June
Moving Up Day	Thursday 4 th July
KS1 Sports Afternoon	Monday 8 th July, 1.30pm
KS2 Sports Afternoon	Friday 12 th July, 1pm
Year 6 Production	Wednesday 17 th July, 1.30pm and 6.30pm
Year 6 Production	Thursday 18 th July, 1.30pm and 6.30pm
End-of-Year Church Services (parents welcome)	Friday 19 th July, 9.30am and 10.30am
Year 6 Leaver's Assembly (parents welcome)	Tuesday 23 rd July, 2pm