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Dear Parents/Guardians,

It has been an eventful week at our school, filled with exciting learning opportunities and achievements. I would like to express my gratitude to our dedicated staff for organising these educational trips and activities for our students.

Our Year 5 students had the privilege of [visiting the Gulbenkian Theatre](#), where they participated in an interactive workshop that undoubtedly enriched their understanding and appreciation of the performing arts. Experiences like these are invaluable in fostering creativity and self-expression among our young learners.

Our sports teams have also been making us proud. The girls' and boys' football teams competed in tournaments at the University of Kent, showcasing their skills and sportsmanship. Our netball team also faced off against Sheldwich Primary School in a thrilling match.. Their reports on these events can be found below, and I encourage you to read about their experiences and achievements.

Additionally, our talented choir members have been hard at work today, participating in a singing workshop in preparation for an upcoming public performance later in the year.



We also welcomed 24 primary school teachers from the Netherlands into school today who spent time in lessons and met with me to discuss how the English educational system compares with that of other countries.

[New BASC Telephone Number](#)

Sadly, our BASC mobile phone went missing over the holiday so we have a new phone number. The new number is 07464 214093.

[Buses](#)

As I keep a close eye on the Bridge Village Facebook group (anyone else looking forward to a nice kebab?), I've heard about the 'improvements' that Stagecoach are making to the bus service that runs through Bridge. We've had no contact with Stagecoach but it is clear that this will directly impact a number of our families who rely on public transport to get to and from Bridge School.

Sadly, the school has no control or influence over these decisions but I have emailed Mike Sole to see if there is any support/weight that we can provide.

Parents have asked before, but we are not permitted to use our school minibuses as a commercial service.

If I hear any news, I will let you know.

[Christian Aid Week](#)

To raise funds and awareness for the work of Christian Aid we have planned an event for the morning of Tuesday 14th May. We will be taking up Christian Aid's challenge to walk **70km** – collectively!



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



Each child will be asked to walk one lap around the perimeter of the playing field and junior playground combined. This is an approximate distance of 500m. Therefore, with an average of 30 children in each of the 14 classes, and providing Mrs Perfect's maths is correct, we should manage to complete 70km 3 times over!

However, always looking for that 'edge', the children will start with a full cup of water and aim to finish without having spilt a drop! A whole class, measurement of water retained, will be taken on completion to add a slightly 'inter-class' competitive element to the challenge as well as bringing about an awareness of how precious a commodity water is.

The children will also be learning about the work of Christian Aid in their classrooms to raise their own awareness and how we can 'make a difference'.

We will be collecting donations for Christian Aid on the Tuesday but donations can also be made in the school office any day across Christian Aid Week.

Boy Chorister Auditions

You may remember a couple of weeks ago, I included some information about Canterbury Cathedrals recruitment programme for boy choristers. I have been asked to share a video of what it's like to be a boy chorister at Canterbury Cathedral - in the words of the boys themselves!

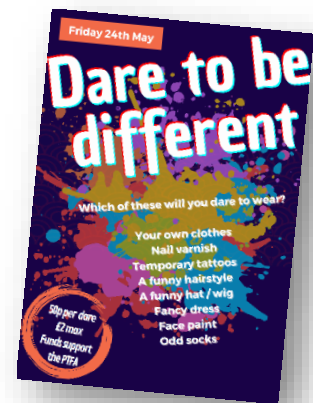
What's it like to be a Boy Chorister at Canterbury Cathedral? -

<https://youtu.be/TJ0V3iLVlYg>

This is a wonderful opportunity for our boys who enjoy singing; please do consider signing up for an audition.

Dare to be Different

On the last day of term (only three weeks' away!) – the PTFA are hosting their annual non-uniform fundraising day. We've ditched the name 'Break the Rules' as we recognise that some of our children find the messaging tricky and have gone with the much more inclusive and celebratory 'Dare to be Different'. Please see the attached poster for more details.



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 Gulbenkian Trip

Today, Year 5 were invited to the Gulbenkian Theatre to take part in a



Year 5 River Stour Visit

On Monday, Year 5 had a visit from Lauren at Kentish Stour Countryside



Clay modelling - Year R

Over the last two weeks, Year R have been learning how to model animals

Sports Reports

"Yesterday, we went to Sheldwich Primary School to play our first netball match. We entered the first quarter with lots of energy but sadly they scored 2-0. After an amazing pep talk from Mrs Pearson and Mrs Langsdon, we got back on the pitch with enthusiasm and amazing defending but in the last few minutes of the second quarter we managed to let slide two goals.

In the next quarter, they scored another goal with the penultimate score bring 5-0. With an exciting tip-off we prevented many goals. The goal led to us being disappointed but we still tried our best. The end score in the end was 6-0. We look forward to our next matches."

Seren, Lillian, Jess & Hanna

"On Wednesday, girls and boys from year 5 and 6 went to the university of Kent to play a district football tournament. The girls played throughout the morning. The first round was the group stages where we won all our matches. 7-0, 5-0 and 6-0 then taking us to the knock-out stages of the quarter finals. It was against Davington, winning 3-2. Then we moved up o the semi-finals against Herne Bay Juniors. Unfortunately, neither teams score in extra time and the match ended up bringing us to penalties. We tried our best but we were sadly not successful. Even though we had lost that game we had an opportunity to place third. It was a good match against Hampton and fortunately we won the game 3-0 placing us third out of sixteen teams and first in the Canterbury district. WE had such a great time and we want to thank everyone who made it possible for us to complete."

Polly & Amelie

"After the girls' football, multiple boys from years 5 and 6 went to a football tournament. We warmed up our defending, our attacking and then played our first game against Swalecliffe. In the first half we 'played our socks off' to push for a goal. Sadly, with some shaky defending they got a scrappy goal to make us lose 1-0.

The our next game was against Hampton. The game started strong but with some bad reffing decisions (!) we drew the game 0-0. Our last game was against Canterbury Primary, luckily a speech about our shooting and some maths to go along with that we won our game 1-0 to send us in the quarter finals against St Stephens. We controlled the game until we scored an own goal. We laughed it off but we lost the game and got knocked out. We would like to thank Mr Perfect, Mr Taylor and Mrs Pearson."

Tom & Alf

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.

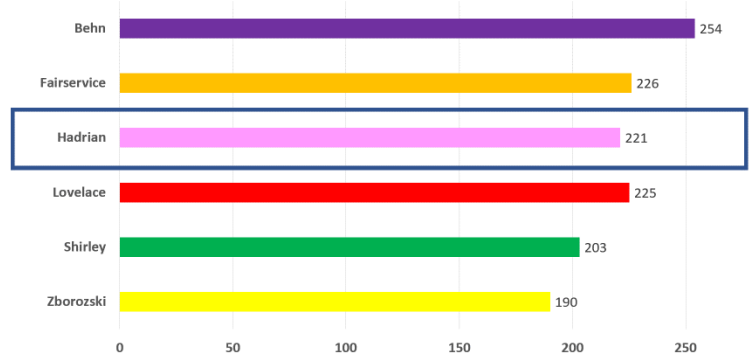
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| ☆ Elliott L (Ash) for creating and writing about the life cycle of a butterfly. <i>Miss David</i> | ☆ Lily W (Chestnut) for creating an informative newspaper article on Paddington Brown after he destroyed both Year 3 classrooms. <i>Mr Chamberlain</i> |
| ☆ Ellis W (Elm) for fantastic focus during phonics which is really supporting his learning too. <i>Mr Redpath</i> | ☆ Matilda W (Hazel) for challenging herself in Maths, confidently demonstrating her knowledge of decimals. <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i> |
| ☆ Seb J (Rowan) for his excellent understanding of arrays in maths this week. <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Oliver H (Birch) for being an excellent role model to his peers this year. <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
| ☆ Wren J (Willow) for excellent maths drawing and labelling arrays. <i>Mrs Cork</i> | ☆ Henry P (Holly) for a mature response to 'fitting in' following our trip to The Gulbenkian this week. <i>Mr Ablett</i> |
| ☆ Tilly (Oak) for a great story with some adventurous vocabulary based on 'The Crow's Tale'. <i>Mrs Amelia Tomsett</i> | ☆ Ella A (Maple) for reflecting our school values of creativity, excellence and resilience and kindness towards your peers. <i>Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ Sadie G (Pine) for a wonderful and imaginative story all about 'The Crow's Adventure'. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i> | ☆ Leila B (Poplar) for great processing when learning her times tables. <i>Mrs Saint & Mrs Allen</i> |
| ☆ Ava W (Beech) for her fantastic contributions in our English lessons in preparation for writing our newspaper reports. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | ☆ Amelia B (Sycamore) for using her arithmetic skills to solve complex problems. <i>Mr Wren</i> |

House Points

Behn continue to remain in first place however their lead is narrowing and Fairservice are back in second place.

Well done to Hadrian 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.

- Seren T-S - Behn
- Thea G - Lovelace
- Fatiha A - Lovelace
- Leila B - Hadrian
- Lily W - Chestnut
- Arianna - Hadrian

Upcoming Dates

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

[CALENDAR >](#)

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			

Monday 20th May	Year 6 First Aid Training		
Tuesday 21st May			
Wednesday 22nd May	Class Photos		
Thursday 23rd May	Year 5 Trip to Marlowe Theatre		
Friday 24th May	Year 5 Trip to Marlowe Theatre	Dare to Be Different	Rosie Duffield in for Year 5

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