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Dear Parents/Guardians,

It's been another eventful week at our school, and I'm delighted to share some highlights with you. Firstly, let's let us extend our congratulations to the Year 6 children who have completed their KS2 SATs this week. They approached these assessments with remarkable calm and determination, and we are incredibly proud of their efforts. Well done to each and every one of you!

On Tuesday, our Year 4 pupils showcased their learning about the Romans to their families, and what a fantastic display it was! Thank you to all who attended and supported their children. We're incredibly proud of their hard work and enthusiasm.

Speaking of enthusiasm, a huge well done to Tamsin for her successful cake sale on Monday. Her efforts raised an impressive £71, which is a remarkable achievement. Bravo, Tamsin!

Unfortunately, our planned 70km Christian Aid walk had to be postponed due to the ever-unpredictable British weather. However, we're rescheduling it for this Tuesday, with all arrangements remaining the same. Let's hope the weather cooperates this time!

As we look ahead, Friday promises to be a day filled with excitement and individuality. It's our annual "Dare to be Different Day," organised by our wonderful PTFA. Children are encouraged to come to school dressed in their most unique and creative outfits, embracing their individuality. A small donation will be collected at the school gate, and we can't wait to see the vibrant array of styles and personalities on display.

For our Year 5 parents with boys, please note that earlier this week, Jacqui sent out important information regarding the Dover Boys test. If you haven't received it, kindly let us know, and we'll ensure you have all the necessary details.

We're also very excited to be hosting seven Labrador puppies on Tuesday who are visiting our Year R, Year 1 and Year 2 children – more news about this in next weeks' newsletter!

Finally, a friendly reminder that class photos will be taken on Wednesday. Please ensure your children are dressed in their full school uniform, looking their best for the camera.

### Sports Report – Golf

*Ten year three children went to Canterbury Academy for a golf tournament. We were driven by Mrs Brookes and we were accompanied by Mrs McCoy as well. We were all very excited and looking forward to it. In the bus we were very energetic. When the mini bus arrived everyone got off. The group got off and went into a massive hall it was so big you could fit three elephants in there! There were eight activities. Our favourite three were, number one, which was to use a putter to hit cones and score points. Number two, was driving the ball over a hoop and number three hitting the ball into the air, into circles of cones. At the end the top three teams were awarded medals. Unfortunately Bridge*



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



was not one of the top three but we had fun and tried our best. Thank you Mrs Brooks and Mrs McCoy for taking us. We had a wonderful time.

Millie and Ernie.

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May, we went to Canterbury Academy on the school minibus to play Tri-Golf and to have fun. There were three different stations and three rest areas. One of the stations was where we had to get the ball into the hoop of cones. One of the activities where there were three lines of cones, the first line of cones was worth one point, the second line was five points and the last was ten points. At the rest stops you could have a drink, chat and have some lunch. My favourite activity was that we had to chip the ball onto the white line. Sadly, we didn't win but we had a great time and we want to say than you for Mrs Brooks for taking us and Mrs McCoy for supporting us.

Cohen, James, Eva and Holly

## RSHE Consultation

As you will all know, over the past couple of months we have been reviewing the curriculum for Relationships, Sex and Health Education that we first introduced three years ago.

I am pleased to share the [outcomes from the consultation](#) which have been published on the school website. Thank you to all those parents who responded. Whilst we do get feedback from parents anecdotally, it was useful for us to have 'official' feedback that we were able to share with our staff and governors.

In response to the feedback from parents, we have included more information about what each year group covers in the 'Changing Me' units and these are now separate documents (as opposed to an appendix in the PSHE policy). This means that they are easier to find! Parents can access these on the [PSHE section of our website](#).

You may well have seen in the news this week that the Government are consulting on draft guidance ahead of planned publication in August. I shall refrain from commenting on accusations of the government stirring up 'culture wars' with an election looming but I have reviewed the guidance myself and do not foresee there to be many changes should this proceed and become statutory (which is likely to be next year).

With best wishes,



James Tibbles

## Blogs

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



### The colour-wheel - Year R

Year R children having been



### Think Design Print - Creative Folkestone

A big thank you to Creative



### Insect Gardens - Year R

Over the last two weeks, Year R have

## Celebration

### Star Pupils

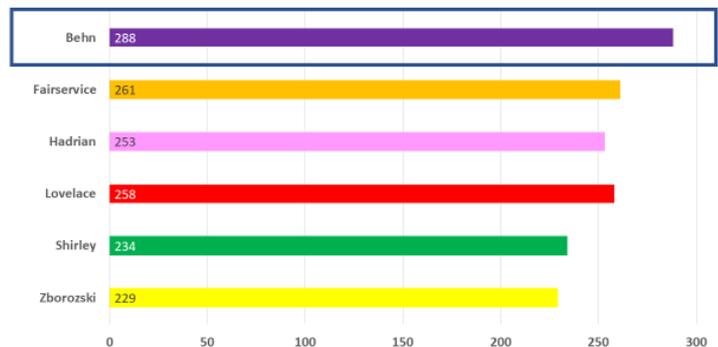
Each Friday, we celebrate children who have impressed the adults in school either through their learning or demonstrating one of our Christian values.

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| ☆ <b>Wren (Ash)</b> for her excellent writing about caterpillars. <i>Miss M Smith &amp; Miss David</i>  | ☆ <b>Benny Y (Hazel)</b> for taking time and care when designing and making his brilliant bird feeder. <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i>               |
| ☆ <b>Robyn F (Elm)</b> for a fantastic independent and correctly spelt sentence. <i>Mr Redpath</i>  | ☆ <b>Kayden P (Birch)</b> for being creative when designing an excellent bird feeder in DT. <i>Mr Perfect</i>                              |
| ☆ <b>Charlie G (Rowan)</b> for his excellent writing about 'Stone Soup' this week in English. <i>Miss Andrews</i>                                     | ☆ <b>Alp A (Holly)</b> for excellent effort when exploring different ways of presenting data in statistics this week. <i>Mr Ablett</i>     |
| ☆ <b>Hope J (Willow)</b> for excellent focus and fantastic moves in dance. <i>Mrs Cork</i>  | ☆ <b>Eleanor A (Maple)</b> for her amazing setting description of The White Horse Tavern. <i>Miss Allison</i>                              |
| ☆ <b>Logan (Oak)</b> for fabulous independent work in Maths learning about weight and mass. <i>Mrs Amelia</i>   | ☆ <b>Kiera H (Poplar)</b> for taking ownership of her learning and always striving to improve her skills. <i>Mrs Saint &amp; Mrs Allen</i> |
| ☆ <b>Naksh Y (Pine)</b> for always working hard and for your beautiful presentation. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i>   | ☆ <b>Fergus S (Sycamore)</b> for always attempting the most challenging problems with a smile on his face. <i>Mr Wren</i>                  |
| ☆ <b>Jaxon H (Beech)</b> for his fantastic contributions in English this week in preparation for writing his own Paddington story. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | ☆ <b>James T (Sycamore)</b> for having a tremendous 'can do' attitude during SATs week. <i>Mr Wren</i>                                     |
| ☆ <b>Elara T-S (Chestnut)</b> for showing kindness and compassion to her classmates. <i>Mrs Loughlin &amp; Mrs McCoy</i>                              |  |

### House Points

Behn have pulled it back this week earning the greatest number of house points and solidifying their lead. Well done to them.

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 Taylor for a hot chocolate.

- Holly - Behn
- Neivie – Behn
- Fearne - Hadrian
- Nicole - Hadrian
- Hugo - Zborowski
- Avid - Fairservice

## Upcoming Dates

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

[CALENDAR >](#)

<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 6 First Aid Training		
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>			
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	Class Photos		
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	Year 5 Trip to Marlowe Theatre		
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 5 Trip to Marlowe Theatre	Dare to Be Different (PTFA Fundraiser)	Rosie Duffield in for Year 5

<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<i>INSET Day</i> <i>School closed to children</i>		
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 6 Bikeability (all week)		
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 2 Forest School trip	Year 5 Taster Day at St Anselm's	
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>			
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 2 Forest School trip		

<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 6 Bikeability	Year 2 trip to Tyland Barn (Oak)	
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 6 Bikeability	Mixed Dynamos (Cricket)	
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 2 trip to Tyland Barn (Pine)		
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Tag Rugby tournament (Year 3/4)		
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>			

## Dates for your Diary

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