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Dear Parents/Guardians,

It's been another eventful week at our wonderful school, and I'm thrilled to share some of the highlights with you.

First off, let's give a round of applause to our Year 5 students who had the opportunity to witness the captivating performance of 'The Boy at the Back of the Classroom' at the Marlowe Theatre. Not only did they enjoy the show, but they also participated in an engaging workshop earlier this week ([check out the blog for more details](#)). I must commend our children for their exemplary behaviour throughout the experience.

Speaking of commendations, a massive thank you to all of you for your unwavering support during our Christian Aid fundraiser. Despite the less-than-ideal weather conditions, which led to some soggy students, the event was a resounding success. A special shout-out goes to Maple class, who emerged as the champions of the challenge, completing it with flying colours.

Today, we celebrated 'Dare to be Different Day,' and it was an absolute delight to witness our students embracing their individuality through their unique fashion choices. I hope everyone had a fantastic time expressing themselves and celebrating diversity.

Now, for a couple of important reminders: Don't forget that Monday, June 3rd, is an INSET day, so that means no school!

Sandra (in the kitchen) met with the school council a few weeks ago to review the menu and this has now been updated. Hannah has emailed out the menu to parents but it's also on the [School Meals section of the website](#).

I hope you all have a wonderful and rejuvenating half-term break.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'James Tibbles'.

James Tibbles



**Artsmark  
Gold Award**  
Awarded by Arts  
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## News

### Labrador Pups Come To School!

*On Tuesday, seven Labrador pups came to Bridge School. Year R, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 4 Hazel Class visited these little balls of joy. Kobe, Roxie, Josie, Willow, Rony, Alan and Lily all loved the experience too, and especially loves all the pats and meeting lots of new friends.*

*We all sat down and listened to some facts and then we offered everyone the opportunity to give a pat and a stroke to a puppy. Then we had some group photos (you might also be able to see on the school website) and said our goodbyes to the puppies and then the next group came or their session with the pups.*



*The pups are 6 weeks old and are constantly growing in size and weight. Every one of the pups loves a good old play, but they love sleeping equally. Sadly, Roxie is leaving us on 31<sup>st</sup> May to go to the Isle of Wight to be a dog who helps people with disabilities. She is going to be very happy in her new home. All the other pups will be leaving in June – they are going all over the place, one even going to Hampshire. They are going to have lots and lots of love at their new homes. Willow and Josie are our only chocolate labs and Kobe is our runt. Kobe had to have mouth-to-mouth CPR to keep him alive.*

*Thanks for all the pats cuddles and love!*

*Henry*

### This Girl Can

*On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May, a group of Year 6 girls participated in a sports event called This Girl Can. It was not a competition, but we had much fun taking part in many different activities including: yoga, rugby, cricket, cheerleading, self-defence and boccia.*

*We started off the day with a calm and relaxing session of yoga involving balance and challenging ourselves to do a variety of stretches.*

*Moving on, we then played a few different styles of rugby games, one being to steal different rugby balls from different teams and bringing them back to our base. We had much fun in that activity but soon had to move on to another.*

*Next was cheer, where we pushed ourselves to do things out of our comfort zone. We did a spectacular series of moves and even put together our own routine.*

*Finally, we finished off the day with self-defence. Learning to do many moves including how to protect ourselves when a punch is coming our way.*

*We'd like to thank Mrs Brooks and Mrs Langsdon for taking us on this memorable trip and for making sure we stay confident.*

*Tippi, Rosa, Sophie & Pihu*



## Netball Report

Earlier this week, the netball team played Wickhambreaux. In the first quarter, the score was 0-0. After a change of positions, we felt ready for the next quarter. After an amazing goal, we were winning 1-0. In the third quarter, we scored 7 brilliant goals! Unfortunately, Wickhambreaux scored. The score at the end of the third quarter was 8-1. In the last quarter we scored another 2 goals. Although we let in 3 more goals, we won 10-4. We had a great time!

## Blogs

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



### Forest School Year 6 Term 5 - 2024

Year 6 have been practising their



### Year 5 'Boy at the Back of the Class' Workshop

On Monday, we were visited by



### Forest School Year R - Term 5 - 2024

In Term 5 Reception children showed



Dogs Trust half-term workshop (Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 1.30pm – 3.00pm) – Join us for a fun-filled family workshop at our local rehoming centre near Whitstable. Learn all about staying safe around dogs and keeping our four-pawed friends happy and healthy. There will be dog themed activities, role-play, craft and a tour of the rehoming centre. Booking essential – email: [Philip.Marsh@dogstrust.org.uk](mailto:Philip.Marsh@dogstrust.org.uk)

## Celebration

### Star Pupils

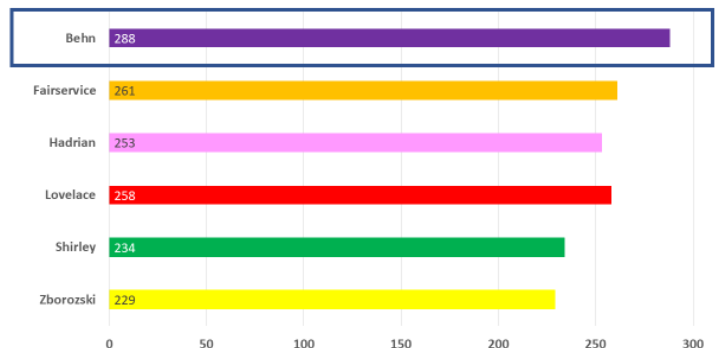
Each Friday, we celebrate children who have impressed the adults in school either through their learning or demonstrating one of our Christian values.

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| ☆ <b>Robin (Ash)</b> for settling in so well to Ash class. <i>Miss M Smith &amp; Miss David</i>  | ☆ <b>Ada H (Chestnut)</b> for editing and improving her Paddington story carefully. <i>Mr Chamberlain</i>  |
| ☆ <b>Alex T (Elm)</b> for a fantastic effort when practising his reading. <i>Mr Redpath</i>  | ☆ <b>Thomas R (Hazel)</b> for his effort in English this week resulting in a fantastic poem about the rainforest. <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i>                |
| ☆ <b>Bella B-A (Rowan)</b> for working hard to recognise and find a quarter of different shapes and quantities in Maths. <i>Miss Andrews</i>   | ☆ <b>Ellis J (Birch)</b> for always demonstrating and upholding the school's Christian values. <i>Mr Perfect</i>                                       |
| ☆ <b>Yassin A (Willow)</b> for excellent contributions to maths lessons on fractions. <i>Mrs Cork</i>  | ☆ <b>Immy B (Holly)</b> for excellent effort in both statistics in Maths and rounders in PE this term. <i>Mr Ablett</i>                                |
| ☆ <b>Stone (Oak)</b> for designing and making an amazing Indonesian print in art. <i>Mrs Amelia</i>  | ☆ <b>Anya T (Maple)</b> for a being a positive role model for the class, always working hard and being kind to all her classmates. <i>Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ <b>April B (Pine)</b> for trying hard on your written report about Jakarta. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i>   | ☆ <b>Ben S (Poplar)</b> for wonderful sentence starter ideas in English. <i>Mrs Saint &amp; Mrs Allen</i>  |
| ☆ <b>Beatriz E (Beech)</b> for her excellent explanation of how air resistance works in a parachute which resulted in her boiled egg reaching the floor without being broken. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | ☆ <b>Thomas R (Sycamore)</b> for solving a range of problems in maths independently. <i>Mr Wren</i>  |

### House Points

Behn have once again earned 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.

- Thomas - Hadrian
- Lennon - Fairservice
- Reeva - Lovelace
- Louis - Zborozski
- Callum - Lovelace
- Nilan - Shirley


## Upcoming Dates

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

[CALENDAR >](#)

<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>		

<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Reception Sandwich Bay Trip		
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>			
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Reception Sandwich Bay Trip		
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Netball Competition @ The Duke of York School		
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	Wear Yellow Day for Cystic Fibrosis		Tag Rugby Tournament      The Pig Visiting Year 5

## Dates for your Diary

<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