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Friday 18th October 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This week we had our first opportunity of the year to visit St Peter's Church as a school for our Harvest Festival. It was lovely to see so many parents come and attend the services and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rev Miriam and her team for welcoming us so warmly and Mrs Perfect and Mr Ablett for helping to organise the services.

Following the services, I had the opportunity (with Mrs Starling) to take our recently elected School Council members

to Canterbury Food bank to deliver all the very generous donations that were received this week. Maya and Hugo in year 6 explained to the children what we did in our School Worship this morning, their account is as follows.

Yesterday, the school council members went to deliver food to the Canterbury Foodbank, in Whitstable. We filled six-and-a-half trolleys, stuffed with delicious food. Then we were shown around the storage cupboards stacked to the top with cans of food.

We were then given a piece of plastic that showed the amounts of food given to a child/parent, they also had vegan options as well as any other allergy. Fun Fact – They store special milk (it was long lasting milk).



Firework Tickets Available Now

Tickets are now available for our Firework and Bonfire event on Saturday 9th November (Gates open 5.30pm).

The prices for the tickets are as follows:

Family Ticket (2 adults and 2 children) £25

Adult Ticket £10

Child Ticket 4 - 15 £5

Children under 3 go free.



You can purchase tickets at the school office, The Red Lion, Bridgeway Stores or Ted & Flo's. They can also be purchased online by either clicking this link or by scanning the QR code.











Artist open House, Walderchain Wood.

As part of the **Canterbury Festival**, a group of Bridge and Patrixbourne students from Years 5 and 6 have taken part in a collaborative project with **Canterbury College's**, Level 3, Year 2 Art and Design students. They have worked together at the college to create 3D installations - part of the woodland trail at the **Artist's Open House**, **Woodland Farm**, **Walderchain**, **Denton**, **CT4 6NS**. It is a short drive from Bridge Village and will be open this weekend and next: 19th/20th and 26/27th October, 10am – 5pm.

The level 3 students are also working on their own individual pieces, these will also be displayed alongside our Bridge school project and work by the Barham Scouts group.

Please come and support us, we would love to see you! There are many Artist's Open Houses in and around

Canterbury over the next two weekends. See the website for details.



If you are looking for an activity to do with your children this weekend, then please think about The Bridge Group Parish, who have also opened their annual Christmas card competition. The winning design will be chosen as the official card for the year.

Year 6 Parents – Secondary School Applications

As you will know, Kent Test results are now available and applications for secondary schools are open and close on Thursday 31st October (the link is below). If you would like any advice about this, then please do not hesitate

to contact me. If you need a form signed by Rev Estella (this can be located on the St Anselm's website) your last chance is on Tuesday 22^{nd} October from 8.35 - 9.05am.



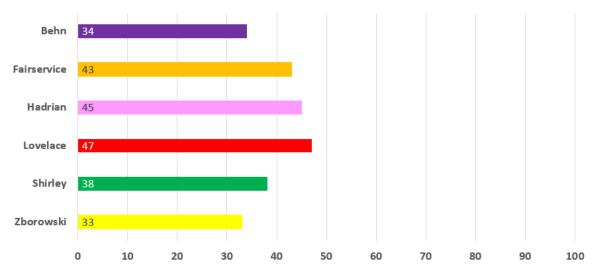
BBC 500 Word Story Competition



This year we are running another school 500-word story competition alongside the BBC competition. If you would like your child to enter, you have until 9th November to submit the story. We did this last year and it was a great success, with the aim of the competition for children to have fun writing their own stories. The winning stories from each house will be turned into a story book that will be kept in the library, with the winners also receiving their very own copies. Please note, this must be the children's own work, adult editing or input is not permitted.

House Points Competition

Children across the school have been working hard with many children now collecting a house point. The results below, were shared with the children at celebration worship today.



This week, the following children were chosen and met with me for a hot chocolate.

- Albert (Elm) Zborowski
- Maddie (Pine) Zborowski
- Monty (Oak) Zborowski

- Justin (Willow) Behn
- Cohen (Hazel) Hadrian
- Mia (Willow) Hadrian

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.

- ☆ Harriet M (Willow) for being brave coming into school in the mornings and reading beautifully in Church! Mrs Cork & Miss M Smith
- Sophia K (Rowan) for her fantastic labelling of her plan view of the school in geography. Miss Andrews
- Remi A (Pine) for having lovely manners and always being polite in class. Mrs Perfect & Mrs Tomsett
- ☆ Helena M (Oak) for writing some fantastic instructions using bossy word, time connectives and adverbs. Miss J Smith
- ☆ Daisy (Chestnut) for a fantastic setting description full of detail. Well done! Mrs Amelia
- ☆ Miah P (Beech) for her perseverance and resilience in solving maths questions this week Mrs Dennett

- ☆ Michael P (Hazel) for his improved focus and attitude towards his learning this week. Keep it up! Mrs Harvey-Maw
- Arbin R (Hazel) for his attention to detail when using gold-leaf to enhance his Iron Man painting in Art. Well done! Mr Perfect
- ☆ Elisabeth H (Holly) for delivering an amazing presentation to Maple Class. You were outstanding!!! Miss Allison
- ☆ Arianna S (Maple) for an excellent Kenning poem about Holly based on our book 'The Lost Words'. Mr Ablett
- ★ Luca J (Sycamore) for producing a terrific report on his mythical animal in English. *Mr Wren*
- ☆ Maria S (Poplar) for excellent technical vocabulary in her non-chronological report. Mrs Saint and Mrs Allen

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Michael Taylor

Upcoming Dates

| Monday 21st Oct | Year 5 Residential | | |
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| Tuesday 22 nd Oct | Year 5 Residential | Rev Estella – St Anselm's signing Year 6 - am | |
| Wednesday 23 rd Oct | Year 5 Residential | | |
| Thursday 24 th Oct | Inset Day | | |
| Friday 25 th Oct | Inset Day | | |

| Monday 4 th Nov | | |
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| Tuesday 5 th Nov | | |
| Wednesday 6 th Nov | Individual School Photos | |
| Thursday 7 th Nov | Year 3 Parent Samba Workshop (am) | |
| Friday 8 th Nov | | |

| Monday 11th Nov | Remembrance Day |
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| Tuesday 12th Nov | Year 6 Basketball Competition |
| Wednesday 13th Nov | |
| Thursday 14th Nov | Year 5 Trip to the Science Museum |
| Friday 15th Nov | Children In Need |

Dates for your Diary (2024-25)

| Term 1 (Autumn) | |
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| Year 6 Residential | Wednesday 18 th September to Friday 20 th September |
| Year R Welcome Service | Wednesday 25 th September, 2.30pm |
| Anaphylaxis Awareness Week (charity fundraiser) | Monday 30 th September |
| PTFA AGM | Thursday 10 th October, 6pm |
| Harvest Services | Thursday 17 th October (morning) |
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| Year 5 Residential | Monday 21 st October to Wednesday 23 rd October |
| Staff Training Day | Thursday 24 th October |
| Staff Training Day | Friday 25 th October |
| Term 2 (Autumn) | a de la companya de l |
| Bridge Fireworks | Saturday 9 th November |
| Advent Services | Thursday 28 th November (morning) |
| Salvation Army Carol Concert | Thursday 28 th November, 7.30pm |
| Year 2 Nativity Performances | Tuesday 10 th December (afternoon) |
| | Wednesday 11 th December (morning) |
| Christmas Jumper Day (charity fundraiser) | Thursday 12 th December |
| Senior Citizen's Tea Party | Thursday 12 th December, 1.30pm |
| Year R Nativity Performances | Tuesday 17 th December (afternoon) |
| | Wednesday 17 th December (morning) |
| Christmas Dinner | Friday 20 th December |
| Term 3 (Spring) | |
| Ski Trip to Italy | Sunday 19 th January to Friday 24 th January |
| Young Voices | Thursday 23 rd January |
| Term 4 (Spring) | |
| PTFA Quiz Night | TBC |
| World Book Day | Thursday 6 th March |
| World Down Syndrome Day (charity fundraiser) | Friday 21st March |
| French Exchange (hosting) | Monday 31 st March to Friday 4 th April |
| Term 5 (Summer) | |
| Easter Services | Thursday 24 th April (morning) |
| Christian Aid Week (charity fundraiser) | Monday 12 th May |
| Year 6 SATS | Monday 12 th May to Thursday 15 th May |
| French Exchange (to Montpellier) | Monday 19 th May to Friday 23 rd May |
| Dare to be Different | Friday 23 rd May |
| Term 6 (Summer) | <u> </u> |
| Staff Training Day | Monday 2 nd June |
| Wear Yellow for Cystic Fibrosis (charity fundraiser) | Friday 20 th June |
| Sports Afternoon (Year R to 2) | Monday 23 rd June |
| Sports Afternoon (Year 3 to 6) | Thursday 26 th June |
| Moving Up Day | Thursday 3 rd July |
| Bridge Village Fete | Saturday 5 th /12 th July (TBC) |
| Year 6 Production | Tuesday 15 th July, 1.30pm and 6.30pm |
| Year 6 Production | Wednesday 16 th July, 1.30pm and 6.30pm |
| End-of-Year Church Services | Thursday 17 th July (morning) |
| Year 6 Leaver's Assembly | Tuesday 22 nd July, 2pm |
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