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Wednesday 23rd October 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We've reached the end of the term and I hope that everyone is looking forward to the break. As we end the term, there are just a few reminders and notices that I would like to share.

Bridge Fireworks

We are all really looking forward to our annual fireworks display which will be held on **Saturday 9th November** (gates open 5.30pm).

We would love to see as many of our friends and families there as possible as this is always an enjoyable evening.

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.

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.



New Year R Parent Tours

It seems incredible to me that we are already having to think about September 2025 but across November, we will be holding parental tours for new prospective parents. Please note that these sessions are for new parents who are unfamiliar with the school and are not designed for parents of children who are already at the school (there will be other opportunities for your child to visit the school later in the year).

If you know anyone who is considering sending their child to Bridge School in September 2025 (and why wouldn't they!), please direct them to our school website where they can book a visit.

Is your child starting school next September? Tours are now bookable.

[Click here for more information](#)



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Bridge Bees Breakfast & After-School Club

For several years now, the school has been running Bridge Bees, our very successful extended schools provision which has, on average, between 60 and 70 children per day. In order to ensure the best service we can, we use Arbor to process bookings and payments and we ask parents to make their bookings themselves.

Due to the high level of demand, please note that we can only guarantee spaces for children whose parents have booked. Whilst we will always do our best to accommodate ad-hoc bookings, this may not always be possible where having extra children would cause us to exceed our child-to-adult ratios.

We are also finding that we have a number of children who are attending Bridge Bees without having been booked in. This means that these children may not necessarily be on our fire register and also increases the amount of work in the office as these attendees need to be retrospectively added.

From November, where children attend Bridge Bees without being booked in, there will be a £1 surcharge to allow for the additional work required. **This will only apply to children who attend without booking.**

- Breakfast Club can be booked up until 3pm the day before.
- After-School Club can be booked up until 11pm the day before.

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 November 9th 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.

Finally, thank you all for your support and donations for the food bank. Mr Taylor and Mrs Starling took the school council to the distribution centre and we have received a thank you letter from them.

Have a wonderful half-term break and we'll see everyone in November.



James Tibbles
Headteacher





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'Caring for local people in crisis'

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Unit 29 Joseph Wilson Industrial Estate, Millstrood Rd, Whitstable, CT5 3PS

Bridge and Patricxbourne School
c/o Mr Taylor

22nd October 2024

Dear Everyone

Support for Canterbury Food Bank

Thank you all so much for your support and for the contribution from your Harvest Festival collections this year.

Your generosity is so very much appreciated, particularly at a time when we are having to buy more stock to keep the shelves topped up enough for our parcels. Donations such as the one from you, mean that we can eke out our stocks for that little bit longer, so provide food to more families in the district.

Between the beginning of January and the end of September this year, we sent out over 9000 food parcels - enough to provide over 81,000 meals, as well as over 3600 bonus parcels which contain extra items to help the household, like pet food or nappies.

Thank you all for your support which makes it possible for us to continue to help those less fortunate.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Susan Roberts
Accounts Manager
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Upcoming Dates

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

Monday 11th Nov	Remembrance Day
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

Monday 21st Oct	Folkestone Creative – Reading Trip	Speech & Language talk for Year R parents
Tuesday 22nd Oct	Folkestone Creative – Reading Trip	Infant Agility Competition at Canterbury Academy
Wednesday 23rd Oct		
Thursday 24th Oct		Year 6 Battle of the Bands
Friday 25th Oct		

Dates for your Diary (2024-25)

Term 2 (Autumn)	
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 21 st 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)	
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