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Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It was an absolute pleasure to go down to the church on Wednesday morning to see the final performance of *The Nativity Story* by our Year 2 children. They sung (11 songs!) beautifully and spoke confidently in front of a full church. Well done to all the children for performing so well and thank you to all the parents who came along on either Tuesday or Wednesday.

Thank you too to everyone who attended our Senior Citizens Tea Party in the school hall this Thursday. It was fantastic to see all the children take to the stage to perform some of the music that they have learnt this year, with special guest appearances from our school choirs and orchestra. Year 6 took great joy in helping the office staff hand out a range of snacks and cups of tea and coffee to all who attended. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Miles and Mrs Brookes for helping foster such a love of music across the school and encouraging all children to perform and Mrs Starling for arranging our guest list, snacks and decorating the tables.



This morning we have had some PTA volunteers come in and support the children with making their own Christmas tree decorations. The decorations, and pens, are all donated by the PTA. Thank you to them for giving this opportunity to all the children in the school and to all the volunteers who helped this morning.

### Christmas Singing

Last Sunday, Mrs Brookes (ably assisted by Mrs Brooks and Mrs Loughlin) took some of Year 5 to the St Nicholas Family Service at Canterbury Cathedral where they joined children from other schools to lead the singing for the service. Staff highlighted how beautifully the children sung and how well behaved they were. If you are interested in watching the service you can watch it on the Cathedral's YouTube account [here](#).



We have also had 15 children from the choir sing at St Paul's Church hall on Monday and these same children then performed at the Gulbenkian on Tuesday evening. Thank you and well done to all the children who have been out performing with Mrs Brookes et al this week.

### Christmas Angel Competition



We have been contacted by Harriet, who has recently taken over the running of The Duck in Pett Bottom, who has said they are in desperate need of our help. They currently have a lovely [real!] Christmas tree with lights, baubles and all the great trimmings but no Christmas angel. They are hoping that the children of the school could help solve this Christmas catastrophe! Their chef - Kyle - along with the manager Victoria would love to come and do a formal judging (the Prue Leith and Paul Hollywood of Pett Bottom!) and present the winner with a voucher for Sunday roast for four at The Duck. Entries will need to be in by Tuesday for the judging – which will take place on Wednesday. Please hand your entry into Mrs Hurley in Reception.



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



## Art

As part of the **Canterbury Festival 2024**, Bridge and Patricxbourne CEP worked with Canterbury College's Level 3, Year 2, Art and Design students to create artwork for the woodland trail exhibition at Walderchain Wood's **Artists' Open House**. Our lanterns are now displayed at **Streets Ahead** in Canterbury (the old Currys building) until Christmas Eve. **COMPETITION**. Please pop in and take a selfie with the lanterns and email it to Mrs Smith - [cally.smith@bridge.kent.sch.uk](mailto:cally.smith@bridge.kent.sch.uk). **Best selfie gets a prize!**

Our Art leaders also ran their first workshop this week with Year 3 this week. You can read all about what they did [here](#). On our blogs page of the website you will also see what [Year 1](#) have been learning in Forest School this term.

## Road Safety

Last week, the children were thinking about 'Road Safety' and how they can keep themselves and others safe when crossing or being near a road. Each class watched a video which contained challenges for them to discuss.

One of the most key points the children learned was the five steps involved when crossing a road:

1. STOP
2. LOOK
3. LISTEN
4. THINK
5. HOLD HANDS (age-dependant)



The children also learned about 'who' would be able to help them cross a road and the best places to cross. Your child has been given a 'Be Bright Be Seen' badge which they can clip to their bag or coat if they wish.

'The Kent Road Safety team believe that road safety education is a vital part of a child's primary and secondary learning and we know parents want to be involved too. Children in Kent primary schools are currently learning some key messages and you can play a part by helping to deliver and reinforce roadside training every time you go out and about.

- Talk to your child about road safety whenever you are out and about.
- Encourage your child to talk to you about keeping safe near roads.

Lead by example use the Kent Road Safety Code;

- STOP before the kerb
- LOOK and LISTEN for traffic
- THINK about what to do
- CROSS the road safely with an adult, looking and listening all the time'

If you would like to read more about supporting your child further, or your child would like to watch the video again, please go to [Kent Road Safety Club - KCC Road Safety](#)

## Parking

As we have been focussing on Road Safety in school, please can I get the wider communities support with a few concerns that have cropped up in the last week. No cars should be coming down at school lane at the start of the day and the end of the school day, especially down the road parallel to the playground. We have recently put in signage for two Blue Badge Holders parking bays on school lane but we do only have two parking bays (parking behind them is creating a danger for our children). Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate any other cars so please consider this when you are thinking about picking up and dropping off your child. If you do have to come down School Lane please note this is a private road – where hundreds of young children walk daily - so drive appropriately, the speed limit we strongly advise is no more than ten miles an hour.

### Thank You for your Generosity

Thank you very much for all your support with the various charitable collections we have been supporting over the last few weeks.

- We had our Christmas jumper day on Thursday with the children and, combined with Christmas jumper sale from last week, we raised over £250 for Save the Children!
- I am delighted to say that we have collected 78 Chocolate Oranges for the staff at the Pilgrims Hospice, East Kent Hospitals, and South East Coast Ambulance.
- Amazingly, we collected over 100 presents for The Salvation Army present drive, where they are looking for new toys to give to over 400 children that the Salvation Army have identified as in need of a toy this Christmas.
- We have also collected over five boxes worth of food for the [Canterbury Food Bank](#) for their Reverse Advent Calendar.

Thank you so much to anyone who has contributed to these valuable causes.

### Buy and Wrap a book at Christmas whilst helping those in need

Miss Allison has been busy liaising with Mrs Evans, one of our ex members of staff and has managed to secure a wonderful selection of over 700 books to raise money for charity and also afford the children an opportunity to independently select a book for a loved one. On **Thursday 19th December**, during the day, Year 5 will be holding a book fair in their classrooms with a wide range of books from the Pilgrims Hospice Bookshop in Canterbury.



All children are invited to bring in £2.00 (proceeds to go to Pilgrims Hospice). The idea is that each child will choose a book for someone they know as a gift to put under the tree and give on Christmas Day. Children will bring the book home wrapped and tagged so no worries about a surprise being spoilt!

We feel that this is a wonderful opportunity for children to choose and share a book for someone else, wrap a gift and support a charity close to all of our hearts.

## Christmas Events

### Year R Nativity

I hope that our Year R families are looking forward to the Year R's performance on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December (2.15pm) and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December (9.30am) – doors will open 15 minutes before each performance. This will be a seated performance and you have been able to book up to two spaces for each performance from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Please note that, in the interests of fairness, seating will be randomly allocated.

### Christmas 'Party' Day

Our class party day on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December will see the children wearing their Christmas jumpers once more for festive activities led by Year 5 (see above) and Year 6. In the afternoon they will also be having their own Christmas parties in their classrooms.

### Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner sign-up closes at the end of the day. Sandra and the team in the kitchen will have their roller-skates on as they will, at the time of writing, be cooking Christmas dinner for over 330 children pupils on Friday. Just a reminder that children can wear their Christmas jumpers to celebrate the occasion

Thank you, in advance, for all of your support and if I don't see you over the next week, may I wish you all a healthy and merry Christmas.

All the best,

Michael Taylor  
Head of School

## Celebration

### Star Pupils

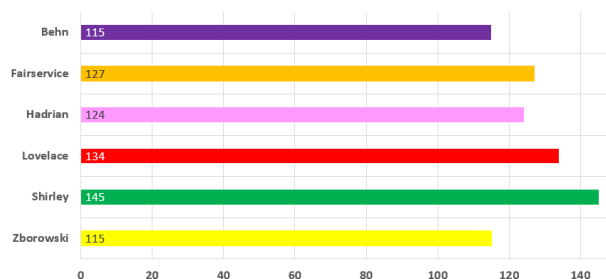
Each Friday, we celebrate children who have impressed the adults in school either through their learning or demonstrating one of our Christian values.

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| ☆ <b>Oliver H (Elm)</b> for using a really loud voice and speaking at the correct time during our Nativity rehearsals. <i>Mr Redpath</i>  | ☆ <b>Eva S (Hazel)</b> for showing improved confidence and resilience when challenging herself in Maths. <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i>           |
| ☆ <b>Lexi (Ash)</b> for huge progress in phonics! <i>Miss David</i>   | ☆ <b>Finn H (Birch)</b> for creating a brilliant design of a new machine that substantially generates electricity! <i>Mr Chamberlain</i> |
| ☆ <b>Denzel (Ash)</b> for huge progress in phonics! <i>Miss Ellison</i>   | ☆ <b>Bear C (Holly)</b> for an excellent acrostic poem summarizing his learning about Jesus as the Messiah. <i>Mr Ablett</i>             |
| ☆ <b>Ava M (Willow)</b> for finding fact families in Maths. Well done! <i>Mrs Cork &amp; Miss M Smith</i>   | ☆ <b>Evie J (Maple)</b> for showing kindness and being a very good friend indeed. Keep being you! <i>Miss Allison</i>                    |
| ☆ <b>Jayla A (Rowan)</b> for her fantastic thank you letter to the year 2 children. <i>Miss Andrews</i>   | ☆ <b>Henry T (Sycamore)</b> for pushing himself and attempting the most difficult Maths challenges. <i>Mr Wren</i>                       |
| ☆ <b>Sienna S (Pine)</b> for learning all your lines and performing them bravely in our Nativity play. Also for joining in with all of our class activities! <i>Mrs Perfect &amp; Mrs Tomsett</i> | ☆ <b>Malena V (Sycamore)</b> for producing a terrific newspaper report on the WWII blitz. <i>Mr Wren</i>                                 |
| ☆ <b>Anousha H (Oak)</b> for being one of the politest girls we know – you are a super star! <i>Miss J Smith</i>  | ☆ <b>Finn J (Poplar)</b> for great enthusiasm in all areas of his learning. <i>Mrs Saint &amp; Miss Allen</i>                            |
| ☆ <b>Esther D (Chestnut)</b> for consistently trying her hardest and being fantastic role model to her peers. Well done! <i>Mrs Amelia</i>  |  |
| ☆ <b>Tilly B (Beech)</b> for her fantastic attitude towards all of her work both at home and in school. <i>Mrs Dennett</i>  |  |

### House Points Competition

Children across the school have been working hard and the numbers of house points are still shooting up. The results were shared with the children at celebration worship today.

Well done to **Fairservice house** who earned the greatest number of house points shooting themselves into first place.



Mr Tibbles has the pleasure of hosting the following 6 children for a quick cup of hot chocolate this afternoon. Arthur – don't worry we haven't forgotten about you – we hope to see you next week!

- Angus (Chestnut) - Lovelace
- Freddy (Beech) – Behn
- Farren (Birch) – Shirley
- Talya (Poplar) - Shirley
- Jaxon (Hazel) - Lovelace
- Oliver H (Holly) – Zborowski

## Upcoming Dates

<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>			
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	School Christingle Service in school (just pupils)	Reception Nativity 2.15pm School Hall	Ski Trip Pre-Meeting 4.30pm Year 6 classroom
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Reception Nativity 9.30am School Hall		
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Christmas Party Day – Wear Christmas Jumpers	Pilgrims Book Donation	
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Christmas Lunch – Wear Christmas Jumpers		

<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>			
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>			
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>			
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>			
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>			

<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>			
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Dodgeball Competition		
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Maple Sharing Assembly 9.15 – 9.45		
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Holly Sharing Assembly 9.15 – 9.45		
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>			

## BLOG

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### Year 6 Art Leaders

We have appointed Year 6 Art Leaders. This is a new role that will

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### Year 1 Forest School Term 2 2024

The first session was all about

9 December 2024



### Year R - colour and Kandinsky

This term, Year R have been

Dates for your Diary (2024-25)

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