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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we reach the end of term, I trust that everyone is looking forward to Christmas. Whilst everyone will be celebrating the occasion in different ways, I hope that you each make the most of the valuable time with your families (before the inevitable relief of their departure!)

Firstly, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all the children in Year R for their outstanding performance in the Nativity play. It was a delight to see their confidence shine through as they took to the stage and brought the story of Christmas to life. Well done to them all and thank you to the Year R staff who supported the children in putting on such a wonderful show.

Carols in the Village

As has been our tradition for the past few years, on Thursday we took our choir around the village to sing at Bridge Haven and Saxon Lodge. IF you heard us as we walked around (there was some impromptu singing en route!) then I hope that you enjoyed the festive cheer.

Thank you to Bridge Haven and Saxon Lodge for hosting us.



Generosity

I would like to say a huge 'thank you' for all your thoughtfulness and kindness over the past few weeks.

Following an incredible amount of donations, we have been able to deliver presents for the Salvation Army appeal; food items to the Canterbury food bank and over 100 chocolate oranges which will be delivered to the incredibly grateful and deserving staff from Pilgrims Hospice, South East Coast Ambulance Service and East Kent Hospitals



Charitable Fundraising

Over the past few weeks, Ava and Imogen in Year 6 have been running 1.5km every day (5 laps of the school field) for the charity 'Catching Lives'. Their target was £100 but they have surpassed this raising £110 for this worthwhile cause. They have asked me to include their thanks to everyone who supported them either financially or by running with them. Well done girls – we're all very proud of you.



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



Bridge Podcast

Episode 4 of the Bridge Podcast is now live on the school website. It features a roundup of 2024 at Bridge School and is well worth a listen. [Radio Stars | Bridge & Patricxbourne CEP School](#)

Christmas Angel Competition

Thank you to all the children who took part in the Christmas Angel competition for the Duck at Pett Bottom. Kyle (chef) and Victoria (manager) said that there were some fantastic angels and that it was a really tricky decision.

Well done to Robin C (Year 1) for being the 'angel of choice' which is now proudly displayed at the Duck (pictured right). Her family have been gifted a roast dinner for four people which I'm sure they'll enjoy.

They have sent us a photo of their new angel in situ and I think we can all agree it looks amazing.

Our runners up Harper (Year 2) and Isabella (Year 4) have each been presented with a tub of miniature heroes (which the children may even prefer over the roast!)



Christmas Video 2024

Every year, I know that the children are excited to see what the staff get up to in our annual Christmas video and this year's offering does not disappoint. As my daughter said when she watched it: *Do your staff not have any self-awareness?*

Click on the image below and I'll let you be the judge!



Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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Celebration

Star Pupils

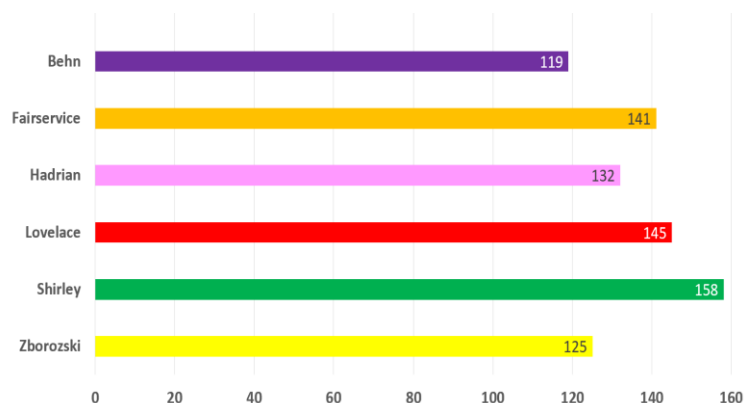
Each Friday, we celebrate children who have impressed the adults in school either through their learning or demonstrating one of our Christian values.

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| ☆ Albert N (Elm) for an excellent portrayal of Caesar Augustus in our nativity. <i>Mr Redpath</i> | ☆ Lexi K-B (Birch) for her exceptional multiplication and division knowledge. <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
| ☆ Alvin (Ash) for being a kind friend and for being a great sheep. <i>Miss Ellison</i> | ☆ Henry S (Holly) for brilliantly supporting the younger children with their present wrapping yesterday. <i>Mr Ablett</i> |
| ☆ Keziah S (Willow) for her enthusiastic approach to her learning and creativity in her craft making! <i>Mrs Cork & Miss M Smith</i> | ☆ George C (Maple) for showing creativity, kindness and resilience and working so hard this term. <i>Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ Annabel S (Rowan) for her great enthusiasm with her learning this week! <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Gagandeep S (Maple) for fully embracing the part of a lion in the Drama Club show. <i>Mrs Loughlin & Mr Taylor</i> |
| ☆ Anabel C (Pine) for your creative Christingle acrostic poem. <i>Mrs Perfect & Mrs Tomsett</i> | ☆ Ava B (Sycamore) for challenging herself in Maths and achieving amazing results. <i>Mr Wren</i> |
| ☆ Milya U (Oak) for writing a thoughtful acrostic poem about the Christingle. <i>Miss J Smith</i> | ☆ Ayra N (Sycamore) for stepping in at the last minute and acting wonderfully in Drama Club's show. <i>Mrs Loughlin</i> |
| ☆ Esme (Chestnut) for being a shining example of all our school values. <i>Mrs Amelia</i> | ☆ Jaiden C (Poplar) for being an amazing role model showing our school values in everything he does. <i>Mrs Langsdon</i> |
| ☆ Oliver T (Beech) for his informative and well-presented book on Ancient Egyptians. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | |
| ☆ Darwin H (Hazel) for showing thought and care whilst creating his Mayan mask. <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i> | |

House Points Competition

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

Well done Fairservice house who, this week, both earned the greatest number of house points this week although Shirley maintain their lead over the others!



Each week, we select six random children to come and enjoy a hot chocolate with either myself or Mr Taylor. This week's lucky six are:

- Arthur (Rowan) - Hadrian
- Alice (Willow) – Hadrian
- Callum (Sycamore) - Lovelace
- Callia (Pine) - Fairservice
- Taha (Elm) – Behn
- Eva (Hazel) - Zborowski

Upcoming Dates

Monday 6th January		
Tuesday 7th January		
Wednesday 8th January		
Thursday 9th January		
Friday 10th January	2pm: PTFA Meeting	2.45pm: Second-hand Uniform Sale (playground)

Monday 13th January		
Tuesday 14th January	12pm: Dodgeball Competition	
Wednesday 15th January	9.15am: Year 5 (Maple) Class Assembly	
Thursday 16th January	9.15am: Year 5 (Holly) Class Assembly	
Friday 17th January		

Monday 20th January	<i>Ski Trip (all week)</i>	
Tuesday 21st January		
Wednesday 22nd January	Sensory Workshop for parents	
Thursday 23rd January	11am: Young Voices	
Friday 24th January	School Nursing in school (Hearing tests)	

Dates for your Diary (2024-25)

Term 3 (Spring)	
Year 5 Sharing Assemblies	Wednesday 15 th January (Maple)
	Thursday 16 th January (Holly)
Ski Trip to Italy	Sunday 19 th January to Friday 24 th January
Young Voices	Thursday 23 rd January
Parental Consultations	w/c 27 th January and w/c 3 rd February
Term 4 (Spring)	
PTFA Quiz Night	Friday 21 st March
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 24 th 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 12 th July, 12pm to 4pm
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