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Dear Parents/Guardians,

A short newsletter this week, as it's been particularly busy with consultations, trips and staff illness this week (always seems to be the last week in January!)

Mr Taylor has been absent from school for most of the week with 'ski lurgy' and I know Mr Perfect isn't feeling much better – I have noted that Mrs Brooks and Mrs McInnes (who also went on the ski trip) seem to be fine; they're obviously made of sterner stuff!

Safer Internet Day

Next Tuesday, the children will be taking part in learning linked Safer Internet Day and, as a starting point for parents, I would recommend these [resources from the UK Safer Internet Centre](#). I would also advocate for open conversations between parents and children about what their children are accessing online.

Children's Internet Use

Whilst on topic of being safe online, I received an email from the Kent Police team in Canterbury about an incident where local primary school-aged children had been invited to a Snapchat group by someone that they did not know; this resulted in them seeing some highly inappropriate and offensive content which caused a great deal of distress.

Whilst this is being investigated by the police, I would ask parents to ensure that they are fully aware of what children are accessing online. We have also been offered a session from Kent Policy on cyber-crime and online safety and this is something that we are exploring.

If you have any concerns or queries then do please speak to a member of our safeguarding team.

A Plea from Mrs Pearman

To further develop our use of the polytunnel, Mrs Pearman is on the scrounge for some old shelves and has provided a very helpful picture for reference. The shelves could be wooden, metal or plastic. If you have any shelves sitting around then I know she would appreciate them – please email Mrs Pearman via the school office.



Bridge Podcast

Episode 5 of the Bridge Podcast is now live on the school website.

It's our first episode of 2025 and we have some new members of the team. Tune in to hear their reasons for joining the club along with what they would like to record. [Radio Stars | Bridge & Patricbourne CEP School](#)



**Artsmark
Gold Award**
Awarded by Arts
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Improving Playtimes

We know that the children have an amazing experience at Bridge School but we're also aware that where there are issues, they tend to come from the more unstructured times of the time, specifically break and lunchtime. These times can be challenging for a variety of reasons and since September, we have been looking into ways of making playtimes better for our children.

To help us we have brought in the OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) Primary Programme to help us improve opportunities for play, make sure our outdoor environment provides the best range of experiences for the children and help our staff feel even more confident in helping all children have a great playtime every day. This means that soon our playtimes will be getting even more fun and we hope every child will love them.

First though, before we begin the programme, we need to know what you think about playtimes now. **We would be so grateful if you could complete this survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DQ2BCZV> by 10th February please.**

This data will help us know where we are now, and plan for and measure the changes across the school over the next couple of years.

In the coming 18 months you will be invited to events where you can come and see for yourselves what is happening and have the opportunity to join in too.

We are really excited about this project and hope that you will support us in our efforts to improve playtime for all children.

Find out more about Outdoor People, the non-profit that runs the OPAL programme across East London and East Kent from their website: <https://outdoorpeople.org.uk/>

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Tibbles". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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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| ☆ Erica H-C (Elm) for great care, perseverance and determination in all of her work. <i>Mr Redpath</i> | ☆ Hubert M C (Beech) for creating a detailed and colourful poster comparing London and Paris with a partner. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> |
| ☆ Denzel (Ash) for great improvement with his phonics and new-found confidence. <i>Miss Ellison</i> | ☆ Jack W (Hazel) for his incredible participation and enthusiasm in our dance sessions. <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i> |
| ☆ Keziah S (Willow) for her positive attitude and enthusiasm to all of her learning! <i>Mrs Cork & Miss M Smith</i> | ☆ Amna F (Birch) for her improved fluency in reading and raising her reading age significantly! <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
| ☆ Eli K (Rowan) for his fantastic use of adjectives in English this week! <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Niamh N (Holly) for her confident and knowledgeable presentation on anaphylaxis and epi-pens. <i>Mr Ablett</i> |
| ☆ Wren J (Pine) for your fantastic contributions in our lessons. <i>Mrs Tomsett & Mrs Perfect</i> | ☆ Reeva H (Maple) for her creativity in writing and Mandarin this week. <i>Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ Archie A (Oak) for producing some amazing independent work this week and following all instructions. <i>Miss J Smith</i> | ☆ Jack L (Sycamore) for working incredibly hard and creating some brilliant verses for his Windrush poem. <i>Mr Chamberlain</i> |
| ☆ Esme W (Chestnut) for consistently trying her best and being a shining example of our school values. <i>Mrs Amelia</i> | ☆ Rupert P (Poplar) for sharing his enthusiasm for reading and working his way through the Year 6 book list! <i>Mrs Saint & Mrs Allen</i> |
| ☆ Bailey C (Beech) for creating a detailed and colourful poster comparing London and Paris with a partner. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | |



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:

- Lorin (Willow) – Lovelace
- Bess (Beech) - Behn
- Belle (Hazel) - Hadrian
- Layla (Willow) - Fairservice
- Lexie (Birch) - Zborowski
- Oscar (Maple) - Fairservice

BLOG

23 January 2025



Year R colour mixing

Throughout term 2 and within the first two weeks of term 3, Year R

16 January 2025



Year one - observational drawing

Year 1 children are working towards

18 December 2024



Year 5 moon buggy toys

Year 5 have completed their Moon

Upcoming Dates

Monday 3rd February	Yr 3 Parent Consultations	Year 5 Trip to The Pig
Tuesday 4th February	Yr 2 Parent Consultations	
Wednesday 5th February	Yr R Parent Consultations	
Thursday 6th February		
Friday 7th February	Year 5 Forest School Trip	

Monday 10th February		
Tuesday 11th February	Safer Internet Day	Year 3/4 Football
Wednesday 12th February		
Thursday 13th February		
Friday 14th February		

Half Term Holiday

Monday 24th February		
Tuesday 25th February	Hazel Class – Creative Folkestone Trip	
Wednesday 26th February		
Thursday 27th February		
Friday 28th February		

Dates for your Diary (2024-25)

Term 4 (Spring)	
World Book Day	Thursday 6 th March
World Down Syndrome Day (charity fundraiser)	Friday 21 st March
PTFA Quiz Night	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 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