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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Some say a picture is worth a thousand words. I'm not sure I always agree but in the case of the sandpit this week it is probably true. It has been very popular with children across the school.



More [OPAL news](#) will follow next Tuesday as we continue to roll out further play opportunities for the children.



**Artsmark
Gold Award**
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Inclusion Lead Changes

In other news, at the end of the academic year we will find ourselves bidding farewell to a valued member of our Bridge & Patricbourne family. Carla Long, our Inclusion Leader, will be retiring after an incredible 33 years of dedicated service to our school and the local community. Her impact on countless pupils' lives cannot be overstated. Whilst I have only worked with her for the last 8 of these years, I know that she has always been a positive presence across the school and I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the legacy she leaves behind where her sense of humour, wealth of knowledge, and constant support has helped to shape our school's inclusive ethos.

As one door closes another door opens. We are delighted to announce that we have appointed Charlotte McLean to take over the role of Inclusion Leader from September. Some of our more established parents may remember she worked in the school a few years ago. We are really excited to have her joining the team and she will be popping in during Term 6 to support with her transition into the role.

Year 3 Performances

A massive well done to all of Year 3 for their fantastic opera performance/mini lesson, to parents on Thursday morning. They went through the full array of music learning that they have been taught over the last term, ending with two fantastic performances of Hansel and Gretel. It was especially enjoyable to see how much the children have enjoyed their recent learning (they even had the opportunity to watch their recent Stone Age dance). A special thank you to Mrs Brookes, the year 3 team and Laura Andrews for all the effort they have put in to the pupils' performances.

Clubs

Our summer clubs will be starting from next week. You will be able to sign up from Saturday morning (tomorrow) at 9am until Monday at 6pm. Please only sign up for one club to allow as many pupils as possible to have the opportunity to attend a club. As you know, clubs do get booked up extremely quickly. If you try to book a club and a blank screen appears, it means that the club is already fully booked.

Day	Time	Club name	Adult leading the club	Year groups club available to	Capacity of club
Monday	3.15 – 4.15	Yoga	Mrs Saint	Year 2-4	10
Tuesday	3.15 – 4.15	Story Club	Mrs Cork	Year R and 1	16
Tuesday	3.15 – 4.00	Dance	Miss Ellison	Year R	10
Wednesday	3.15 – 4.15	Girls' Cricket	Mrs Langsdon	Year 4-6	16
Wednesday	3.15 – 4.15	Choir	Mrs Brookes	Year 3-6	30
Thursday	3.15 – 4.15	Clarinet	Mr Miles	Year 4	30
Thursday	3.15 – 4.15	Philosophy	Miss Allison	Year 4-6	15
Thursday	3.15 – 4.15	Bat and Trap	Mr Chamberlain	Year 4-6	12
Thursday	3.15 – 4.15	Outdoor Games	Miss Andrews	Year 1 and 2	16
Thursday	3.15 – 4.15	Football (mixed)	Mr Perfect	Year 3 and 4	24
Friday	3.15 – 4.15	Craft	Mrs Scott	Year 1 and 2	15

Sports Reports

Year 2 Cricket

On Monday, some children from Year 2 went to a Quick-fire Cricket Competition. We played 3 games in total. We won the first game 44-41 runs. The second game we drew 47 all. The third games we also drew 43 all. Overall, we came 2nd. We had a really fun time and worked hard as a team.

Isobel, Nessa, Sienna, Eloise, Wren, Oliver, Thomas, Frankie, Harry and Elias

"My favourite part was the batting and cheering on our team". Elias

Year 6 Football – Girls

On Wednesday 30th April, eleven girls from Year 6 played in a Football Tournament at the University of Kent Sports Pavilion. Our first match was against Selling. We started off the game strong with great teamwork. Selling then managed to score a lucky goal ending the match 1-0. Our following match was against Hampton. Although we were disappointed with our previous match results, we kept our hopes high and powered through. It was a hard match but with a powerful assist from Sophie, Clara scored a goal closing the match 1-0 to Bridge! After a quick break we headed on to our hardest game yet in opposition to Wickhambreaux. We sadly lost 3-0.



After a reassuring talk with Mrs Langsdon, we began our final match against Herne Bay Juniors. With a few minutes remaining, we did everything we could to score a last-minute goal. A second assist from Sophie and a second goal from Clara, we won the match 1-0! Unfortunately, we did not make it into the Semi-Finals. Even though we weren't completely overjoyed with our outcome, Mrs Langsdon made us feel much better. Thank you lots to Mr Taylor for driving us, Mrs Langsdon for coaching us and our amazing team-mates for encouraging one another. Thank you!

Year 6 Football – Boys



On Wednesday 30th April, some boys from Year 6 went to the University of Kent to compete in a Football District Tournament. Going into the tournament, we felt confident as we won the last tournament we played in. Our first game was against Joy Lane Primary School, we went into the game with great confidence. Within the first four minutes we were winning 2-0 with great goals from Henry and Rupert. Not long after, Joy Lane conceded an own goal. Full time 3-0 to Bridge. After a two-game break, we were fully refreshed and were fired up for the next game against Herne Bay High. The first five minutes of the game, we were all over Herne Bay but unfortunately their striker used his immense pace and

slotted it in the goal. He tried his luck again, but Louis made a fantastic tackle. Sadly, we lost 1-0 but we still remained confident as we should have won. Our final group stage was against Herne Bay Juniors B team. It was a great game with shots from Nik, Charlie and Stanley and tackles from Dexter but sadly neither team could score the winning goal. Full time 0-0.

All the schools lined up and we were about to find out if we were through to the knock outs. We all knew it was going to be tight, but not as tight as it was. Rupert's calculations were correct – we had made it through by goal difference. Bridge erupted in joy. Our Quarter Finals were against the toughest team there. Players on the Herne Bay Juniors A team played for Kent, Gillingham and Charlton. We held them off for the first half with Finn pulling off FANTASTIC saves. Callum was subbed on, and made a great addition to our team. Sadly, with all our efforts put in, we conceded two goals. We lost to the team that won the tournament. We were happy that we competed. We would like to thank Mr Wren for coaching us and Mr Taylor for taking us.

School Meals and Bridge Bees

Just a quick reminder, that lunches should be ordered on Arbor before the week starts. You can find the term's menu on the [school meal page](#) of our website to talk through with your child. By ordering in advance we are better able to judge the amount of food we order (saving costs) and it allows for more learning time in the classroom (this is especially true for our younger years).

While we are on reminders, please could you make sure that you book Bridge Bees before and after school provision in advance. This helps us to ensure that staffing levels are appropriate. Thank you.

Year 5 PESE/Kent Test Presentation to Parents

In a few weeks' time (on Thursday 15th May), parents of children in Year 5 are invited to a short information session about applying for secondary schools and the process of the Kent Test. This will take place in one of the Year 5 classrooms (whichever is tidiest!) at 3.30pm – we will pop any children in the other classroom where they can watch a video.

There will also be an online session at 5pm for any parents that can't make the one after school and this will be recorded for any parents that can't make either.

The link for the online session will be sent out closer to the time.

I hope you all enjoy a lovely Bank Holiday weekend.

All the best,

Michael Taylor

Celebration

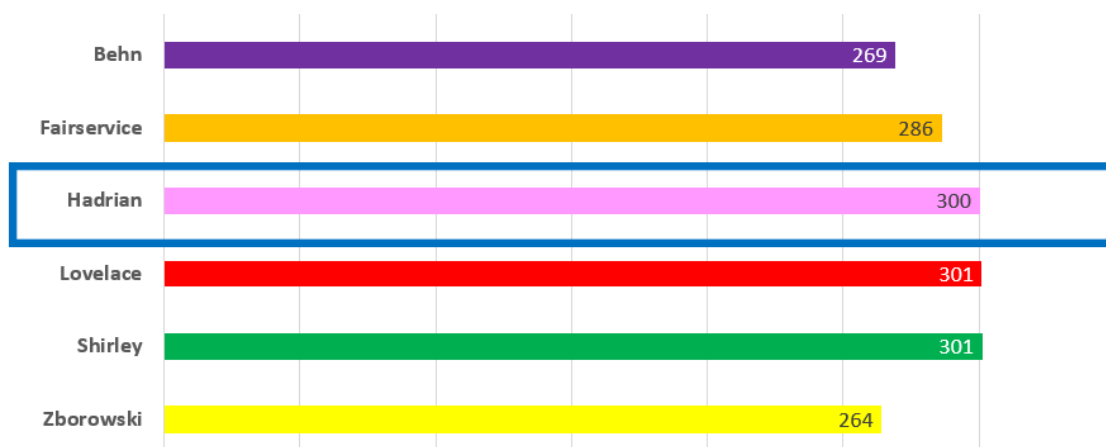
Star Pupils

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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| ☆ Taha A (Elm) for working really hard during phonics lessons and reading activities. <i>Mr Redpath</i> | ☆ Cassidy S (Chestnut) for her enthusiastic performance in our opera sharing assembly! <i>Mrs Amelia</i> |
| ☆ Omi C-S (Ash) for her amazing independent writing on the very hungry caterpillar story. 😊 <i>Miss Ellison</i> | ☆ Beatriz E (Hazel) for her incredible focus in lessons this term equating in some excellent work! <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i> |
| ☆ India B-S (Willow) for her clearly written instructions and neat diagrams in English this week. Well done! <i>Mrs Cork & Miss M Smith</i> | ☆ Oscar H (Hazel) for some excellent writing as a news reporter in English this week. Well done! <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
| ☆ Adar T (Rowan) for his fantastic instruction writing on 'hot to make a pizza' in English. <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Raphael T (Holly) for creating a brilliant character profile using evidence from the text. <i>Mr Chamberlain</i> |
| ☆ Harper P (Pine) for all of the effort and creativity you put into your writing. <i>Mrs Tomsett & Mrs Perfect</i> | ☆ Thomas R (Maple) for sharing his thoughts with the class being polite and trying hard with his reading. Well done Thomas! 😊 <i>Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ Sebby B-G (Oak) for always having a positive attitude towards his learning and having the cheekiest smile ever! <i>Miss J Smith</i> | ☆ Darcy B (Sycamore) for tackling difficult maths questions with lots of perseverance. <i>Mr Wren</i> |
| ☆ Year 3 for their amazing operatic performances in the Year 3 sharing assembly (Mrs Brookes) | ☆ Scarlett O (Poplar) for being a kind and polite member of the class who always gives her best! <i>Mrs Saint & Mrs Allen</i> |
| ☆ Stone M-W (Beech) for his fantastic writing about Paddington. <i>Mrs Dennett</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 to the Hadrian House who earned the greatest number of house points this week.



Each week, we select six random children to come and enjoy a hot chocolate. This week's lucky six had the pleasure of having hot chocolate with Mrs Long.

Ethan (Chestnut)	Josh (Willow)	William (Beech)
Oliver (Elm)	Isla (Elm)	Oliver (Holly)

Upcoming Dates

Monday 5th May	May Bank Holiday <i>School closed</i>		
Tuesday 6th May	School Nurse in – vision checks for Year R		
Wednesday 7th May	Year 4 Richborough Trip		
Thursday 8th May	Year 4 Tennis Tournament	Elm Class Forest School Session 9.15-10.15	Year 2 Indonesian Workshop
Friday 9th May			

Monday 12th May	Year 6 SATS (am)	Christian Aid Week	
Tuesday 13th May	Year 6 SATS (am)	Year 4 Tri Golf competition	
Wednesday 14th May	Year 6 SATS (am)	Maple class trip to Kearsney Abbey	
Thursday 15th May	Year 6 SATS (am)	Holly class trip to Kearsney Abbey Ash Class Forest School Session 9.15-10.15	3.30pm PESE/Kent Test Information Session
Friday 16th May			

Monday 19th May	French Exchange Trip – Montpellier	Year 6 First Aid Lessons	
Tuesday 20th May	French Exchange Trip – Montpellier	This Girl Can – Year 6 Sports Event	
Wednesday 21st May	French Exchange Trip – Montpellier		
Thursday 22nd May	French Exchange Trip – Montpellier	Year 2 Tennis Tournament	Year 4 Sharing Assembly (2.30 – 3.15)
Friday 23rd May			

Dates for your Diary (2024-25)

Term 5 (Summer)	
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 Thursday 22 nd 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