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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have had another busy time in school this week (bank holiday Monday seems a long time ago). I had the pleasure of supporting the Year 4 Team with their [trip to Richborough Roman Fort](#) on Wednesday. The children were really excited to have the opportunity to investigate the landing place of the Roman Empire which helped them understand the impact of Roman rule in Britain. The children toured the sight and museum and had the opportunity to go up the tower to see why the Romans chose the site for their gateway to Britain. My personal highlight was watching them singing and marching across the bridge to enter the fort, a taster for their parent sharing session in a couple of weeks.

Thursday was a busy day across the school. It was great to see so many Elm class parents join Mrs Pearman and the class team on Thursday for a Forest School session. I know that opportunities to go to Forest School are always a highlight for our pupils and, from the feedback I have heard from staff, parents enjoyed the session almost as much as the children.

In the morning, we also had Ian, from KIC theatre, come and help Year 2 with their current topic of Indonesia. You can read all about it on their [blog here](#).

Finally, in the afternoon, I was amazed at the talent on offer across Year 6, as they auditioned for roles in their Year 6 production of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. It was clear that they have been working really hard, both at home and at school, to develop their acting skills and I was especially impressed (and surprised) at how many of them were brave enough to stand up and sing solos in front of their peers. I am certain that, given the effort and enthusiasm shown at auditions, we are in for a real treat at the end of Term 6 for their performances. Hopefully, the children will focus on how proud they are of themselves and not me falling off a chair in front of them all!

## Term 6 Dates

There are a few dates that we wanted to flag up before next term starts. We have a new date – an OPAL Parent session - where you can come and meet our OPAL representative to gain a clearer understanding of what OPAL is and then join the children outside for an extra play session at the end of the day. Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have also had to change our End of Year Services. We have also flagged up our Sports Afternoons.

<b>Sports Afternoon (Year R to 2)</b>	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June
<b>OPAL Parent Session</b>	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June (2pm to 3pm)
<b>Sports Afternoon (Year 3 to 6)</b>	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>End of Year Services</b>	Moved to morning of Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July from Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July



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### Christian Aid Week

Next week is Christian Aid Week. In class, and through our school worships, we will be thinking about the impact of Christian Aid across the world and UK. On Friday, we will have donation buckets on the playground and pots in classrooms to help raise more money for this valuable cause.

### Messy Church

Just a brief reminder that next Saturday (17<sup>th</sup> May), we are hosting Messy Church at Bridge School. This wonderful event is a fantastic opportunity for families to come together, engage in creative activities, and explore the teachings of Christianity in a fun and interactive way.



Rev. Estella and her team of helpers will be running craft activities for children from 4pm.



### Dare to be Different Day

The last day of term (Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May) will see our children *Dare to be Different*. This is a great opportunity for children to show off their individuality whilst also raising money for the PTA. Each child can choose a range of things to change, this could be as simple as wearing their own clothing, or as complicated as fancy dress, or temporary tattoos. I know Mr Tibbles has been looking for a good reason to dust off his red lobster costume, so I look forward to this being worn for the day.

*There is a full size print out of the poster at the bottom of the Newsletter.*

### Year 5 PESE/Kent Test Presentation to Parents

Final reminder that next Thursday (15<sup>th</sup> 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 weekend.

All the best,

Michael Taylor

## Sports Reports

### Year 6 Netball

On Tuesday a group of Year 6's took part in a Netball competition at St Anselm's. Our first match was against Blean 2. We were all a little nervous about it being the first match. Although we were passing quite well Blean took an early lead. They had several shots on the goal and then scored a second. Play continued and we got the ball down to try and score but sadly a great shot by Amaya bounced on the rim and went over. Unfortunately, we lost the match 3-0.

Our second match was against Selling. It was a very close match with Selling scoring first. We felt more confident in this match with some great marking and movement across the court. An amazing move towards our goal and some great passes past their defence opened up Charlie to score a fantastic goal. The game ended in a 1-1 draw. We came off the court feeling ecstatic.

The third game was against Pilgrims Way. We went into the game full of confidence. In a very tight matched game which could have gone either way with great play from both teams. We missed 6 goals during the course of the game, then just from the inside of the shooting area, Ava scored an outstanding winning goal.

Unfortunately, we didn't make it to the Semi-Finals but we had an absolutely amazing time. We want to thank Mrs Brooks for driving the bus and Mrs Langsdon for being so supportive.

### Year 4 Tennis

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May, six children from Year 4 went to play tennis at UKC. There were ten different schools and ten different activities. We each completed the activities twice over and had to try and beat our score from the previous round which we did on most of the activities. Some of the activities were: Forehand, Across the Valley - where we had to catch the beanbag with a tennis racket and The Wall where we had to shout a number and our partner had to touch that number on the wall behind them. All in all, we had a lot of fun, learnt some new skills and were very active. Thank you, Mr Perfect and Mr Taylor, for taking us.



## 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>Innes M (Elm)</b> for a fantastic effort with his independent writing. <i>Mr Redpath</i>   | ☆ <b>Otis P (Chestnut)</b> for his fantastic efforts in Fractions this week! Well done. <i>Mrs Amelia</i>  |
| ☆ <b>Jasmine W (Ash)</b> for her very creative chrysalis and for her very hungry caterpillar story writing. <i>Miss Ellison</i>   | ☆ <b>Taylor S (Hazel)</b> for facing her fears and climbing the guard tower at Richborough Roman Fort! <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i>                                       |
| ☆ <b>Alice H (Willow)</b> for her excellent use of conjunctions in English this week. Well done! <i>Mrs Cork &amp; Miss M Smith</i>                                     | ☆ <b>Millie B (Hazel)</b> for always being an excellent role model to her peers at school. Well done! <i>Mr Perfect</i>  |
| ☆ <b>Alexander T (Rowan)</b> for always working hard and trying his best. <i>Miss Andrews</i>   | ☆ <b>Alf H (Holly)</b> for his excellent determination to improve his handwriting, keep it up! <i>Mr Ablett</i>  |
| ☆ <b>Mila-Rose M P (Pine)</b> for resilience that you have shown in your maths. Well done for working hard at school and at home.. <i>Mrs Tomsett &amp; Mrs Perfect</i> | ☆ <b>Matilda W (Maple)</b> for the most thoughtful and reflective poem for our V.E. Day learning. There is a hidden poet inside you Matilda! 😊 <i>Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ <b>Aryatara T (Oak)</b> for her enthusiasm, drama skills and participation in our workshop on Indonesia! <i>Miss J Smith</i>  | ☆ <b>Lennon K (Sycamore)</b> for spending time with children in younger year groups during OPAL. <i>Mr Wren</i>  |
| ☆ <b>Freddy E (Beech)</b> for his great efforts in Cricket and Athletics this week. <i>Mrs Dennett</i>  | ☆ <b>Tessa P (Poplar)</b> for listening well in class and building the confidence to share answers! <i>Mrs Saint &amp; Mrs Allen</i>                               |



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 me this afternoon are:

Kosmas (Beech)	Michael (Hazel)	Tasmin (Poplar)
Henry (Chestnut)	Senna (Birch)	Bear (Holly)

## Upcoming Dates

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

<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	French Exchange Trip – Montpellier	Year 6 First Aid Lessons	
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	French Exchange Trip – Montpellier	This Girl Can – Year 6 Sports Event	
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	French Exchange Trip – Montpellier		
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	French Exchange Trip – Montpellier	Year 2 Tennis Tournament	Year 4 Sharing Assembly (2.30 – 3.15)
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	Dare to be Different PTA Fundraiser		

<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	School Closed – Staff INSET day		
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	Year 5 and 6 Girls Cricket Competition		
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>			
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Tennis Competition Year 2-6		
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>			

### Dates for your Diary (2024-25)

<b>Term 5 (Summer)</b>	
<b>Christian Aid Week (charity fundraiser)</b>	Friday 16 <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 Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May
<b>Dare to be Different (PTFS fundraiser)</b>	Friday 23 <sup>rd</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>OPAL Parent Session</b>	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June (2pm to 3pm)
<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 12 <sup>th</sup> July, 12pm to 4pm
<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>	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July (morning) Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Year 6 Leaver's Assembly</b>	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July, 2pm



Friday 23rd May

# Dare to be different

Which of these will you dare to wear?

Your own clothes  
Nail varnish  
Temporary tattoos  
A funny hairstyle  
A funny hat / wig  
Fancy dress  
Face paint  
Odd socks

50p per dare  
£2 max  
Funds support  
the PTFA