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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Today has been an extra special day as we welcomed back Tom Delahunt, who has been working with us on the butterfly project, and Roland Brown, a butterfly specialist. We have had caterpillars across the school for the last couple of weeks and, rather well-timed for Tom's arrival, the first came out of its cocoon this morning. He has been named by Year 5 as Brian.



Tom and Roland spent this morning with the children. Roland discussed the sciences behind the changes a caterpillar makes to turn into a butterfly, whilst Tom focused on what children might learn about themselves by observing and thinking about these changes. They then discussed children's own ideas about how they change during their own lifetime, as well as answering questions from the children.

I would like to also extend our congratulations to the Year 6 children who have completed their KS2 SATs this week. They approached these assessments with remarkable calm and determination, and we are incredibly proud of their efforts. Well done to each and every one of you!

Next week sees Mr Tibbles, Mrs Amelia, Miss Amelia and seven Year 5 and 6 children fly off in the early hours of Monday morning to Montpellier, for a French Exchange (Mr Tibbles has told me I am not allowed to call it a holiday!). This is a great opportunity for the children to truly experience a different country, staying with host families and going to a French school. I am sure the children, and adults, will have a great time out there.

Sports Report

Year 4 Golf

On Tuesday 13th May, ten children from Year 4 went to Canterbury Academy to take part in a Golf event.

There were nine different activities, and some of our favourites of these were: Tunnel Ball - where we had to putt the ball into a semi hoop; Bullseye - for this we had to hit five shots onto a giant target mat and get as many points as possible; Go for Green - where we had to hit specific cones which had different values; Zone Ball - a driving activity with different zones to try and hit the ball into without it rolling out.



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



In total our team scored 580 points. We were very proud! Little did we know, when the results came out Bridge finished in 2nd place out of seven schools altogether. We had great fun and would like to thank Mrs Brooks and Mrs Langsdon for taking us.

Messy Church

This Saturday (17th 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. Revd. Estella and her team of helpers will be running craft activities for children from 4pm.



Dare to be Different Day

Next Friday (23rd 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.

I hope you all enjoy a lovely 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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| ☆ Isla S (Elm) for a fantastic story map linked to the story What the Ladybird Heard. <i>Mr Redpath</i> | ☆ James S (Hazel) for showing determination when working with decimals in Maths! <i>Mr Chamberlain</i> |
| ☆ Joseph (Ash) for his perseverance with his Very Hungry Caterpillar story writing. <i>Miss Ellison</i> | ☆ Leo B (Birch) for his excellent efforts in all subjects this week. Keep it up! <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
| ☆ Justin L (Willow) for your excellent writing in English this week. Well done! <i>Mrs Cork & Miss M Smith</i> | ☆ Ajaay S (Holly) for showing excellent teamwork skills and resilience when raft building at the river Dour! <i>Mr Ablett</i> |
| ☆ Ralph T (Rowan) for his excellent understanding of arrays in Maths this week. <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Mari M (Maple) for being kind, considerate, thoughtful in your learning and reflecting our school values consistently. Well done Mari! <i>Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ Harvey W (Pine) for always working well in Maths, especially in out topic on fractions. <i>Mrs Tomsett & Mrs Perfect</i> | ☆ Daisy R (Sycamore) for always trying her hardest to improve in all subjects. <i>Mr Wren</i> |
| ☆ Nessa U (Oak) for using a loud, clear and expressive voice when reading aloud to the class. <i>Miss J Smith</i> | ☆ Tadisa M (Poplar) for excellent effort during our dance rehearsals – well done! <i>Mrs Saint & Mrs Allen</i> |
| ☆ Leo S (Beech) for his fantastic skills in fielding and batting during in Cricket. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | |
| ☆ Esther D (Chestnut) for consistently showing pride in her work and taking great care with her presentation. Well done! <i>Mrs Amelia</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 Behn and Lovelace 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 me this afternoon are:

Hunter (Birch)	Jack (Hazel)	Ellis (Maple)
Reeva (Maple)	Alex (Beech)	Barnaby (Hazel)

Upcoming Dates

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	Dare to be Different PTA Fundraiser		

Monday 2nd June	School Closed – Staff INSET day		
Tuesday 3rd June	Year 5 and 6 Girls Cricket Competition		
Wednesday 4th June			
Thursday 5th June	Tennis Competition Year 2-6		
Friday 6th June	Year 5 Taster Day at St Anselm's		

Monday 9th June	Science Week	Year 6 Bikeability	Year 4 MTC Check Week
Tuesday 10th June		Year 6 Bikeability	
Wednesday 11th June	Mixed Dynamos Cricket	Year 6 Bikeability	Simon Langton Girls Art Project – Year 2
Thursday 12th June		Year 6 Bikeability	Simon Langton Girls Art Project – Year 2
Friday 13th June	Year 2 Forest School Trip to Covet Woods	Year 6 Bikeability	

Dates for your Diary (2024-25)

Term 5 (Summer)	
French Exchange (to Montpellier)	Monday 19 th May to Thursday 22 nd May
Dare to be Different (PTFS fundraiser)	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
OPAL Parent Session	Wednesday 25 th June (2pm to 3pm)
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	Tuesday 15 th July (morning) Thursday 17th July
Year 6 Leaver's Assembly	Tuesday 22 nd 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