

Bredhurst Church Of England Primary School



Parents As Partners

Website: www.bredhurst.kent.sch.uk



Bredhurst Church of England Primary Vision:

To learn and grow through the guidance and love of God.

Jesus said *"It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all the seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade."*

Drawing on the parable from St Matthew's Gospel, all at Bredhurst are included and encouraged to grow and flourish; to be the best they can be.

Self Control

Perseverance

Inclusion

Respect

Inspiration

Trust



Newsletter 21.07.26

We have made it to the end of the academic year, some of our children (and staff) certainly seem to be flagging and look in need of a well-earned break. The children have enjoyed the many events which have taken place over the course of the academic year, which as ever, were incredibly well supported by you all: fireworks night, pancake races, May Day, nativities, sports days, discos, school trips, football tournaments, field work week, music mornings, and the Easter Egg Hunt. We celebrated World Book Day by dressing as characters, we took part in several Mini Youth Games tournaments with some fantastic results—1st place in hockey, 3rd place in tag rugby and 3rd place in basketball. We came 1st place overall in the cross country league for our year 6 boys with Kairo Sage winning every race out of 64 boys. Connie Blackman came in 2nd place overall for year 5 girls, out of 51 girls. Callum Williams came 3rd for the year 4 boys out of 62 boys and Freya Jones came 4th for the year 4 girls out of 54 girls. We ended the league in 5th place out of 15 schools. Our choir had a successful year singing in the choir festival at Central Theatre. Our year 6 children attended their residential trip at PGL and took part in several water sports activities, all of which they thoroughly enjoyed.

We had excellent results in our phonics and our Key Stage 2 SATs, with our year 6 results being in the top 2% nationally for combined expected for the 2nd year in a row.

It has been a busy year and a challenging year - with me having had 4 lots of surgery and over a term out of school. I aim to have a relaxed holiday this year – with no swimming in the sea!

Our year 6 children left for the final time today. They have been an amazing year group, kind, caring and hardworking. They were in year R when covid hit so their education was impacted in both years R and 1. They are a year group who have embraced every opportunity available to them, showing courage and resilience. As our school is such a close knit community, you truly know each child and their families, which makes it even harder when they leave us to start the next part of their learning journey. Every child will be missed, as every child makes an impact in a school of this size. We know they will go on to thrive in the next stage of their lives. They have the resilience and perseverance to succeed, whatever life throws at them. They have all achieved so much during their time here, academically, socially and emotionally, growing and maturing into confident, kind, capable young people. Go and spread your wings year 6, keep believing your selves. You will be missed; we are so proud to have been the beginning of your learning journey.

The awards during the Leaver's Service today went to:

Maths Award: Armaan Ahluwalia

English Award: Alannah Coles

Understanding Faith: Erin Charnock

Humanities: Arabella Wood

Sport:	Kairo Sage
Arts:	Lily Rose Bennett-Smith
Progress:	Jamie Jackson and Ava Hands
SPIRIT:	Morgan Humphries

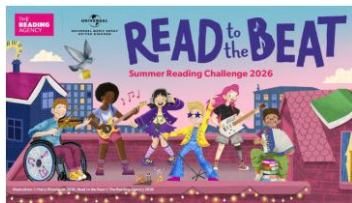
Over the Summer it is really important your child continues to read. Reading is a vital skill that opens up the rest of the curriculum to a child and is a predictor of their future success. Researchers have identified the importance of reading in developing vocabulary in young children.

Here's how many words children would have **heard** by the time they were 5 years old:

- Never read to, 4,662 words
- 1 - 2 times per week, 63,570 words
- 3 - 5 times per week, 295,660 words
- 5 - 7 times per week, 1,483,300 words.

Children who have **heard** over a million words will be able to draw on that knowledge as their learning continues. **Reading to your child** is a very important part of their development. You should still be reading too and sharing books with children right up until the end of their primary education and beyond. Remember, re-reading known books improves word recognition and fluency. This is true for well-loved stories and books that you have at home. You can also access books through the library and by joining in with the Summer reading challenge. The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays - and to choose anything they enjoy to read! It's free to take part and children can sign up at their local library or online. This year's theme is **Read to the Beat!**, which celebrates the joy of music and the power it has to move, inspire, and connect us – all through the magic of reading. This year's Challenge is brought to life with illustrations by award-winning author and illustrator, [Harry Woodgate](#).

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk>



As the children will be very likely to be spending more time on technology over the break please can I encourage you to talk to your child about **internet safety**.

Children are turning to the internet, using tik tok and snap chat for example, to interact with their friends. This can mean them accessing resources and information which is too old for them and too hard for them to understand. Please take time to chat with them about their on line activities - the more we talk the more we can support them <https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/have-a-conversation/> The internet can be a wonderful and informative place but it can also be scary - it is part of our life so we need to do all we can to keep our children safe and informed in this digital world.

For advice and support regarding safe internet use or if your child has reported that they have suffered abuse whilst on line and to protect them visit <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety> and <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/6-10/#guides>. Both of these sites have a list of practical tips to help children aged 6 to 10 to have a safer online experience and build up their resilience to get the best out of the digital world as they grow. You'll also find a range of helpful tools and expert tips under the parent support page.

If you have any safeguarding concerns over the holiday period I will be monitoring my emails, but will not always be able to reply. If this is of an urgent matter then please contact:-

Medway Safeguarding [Medway Safeguarding Children Partnership](#) 01634 334 466 Monday to Friday or 03000419 191 (out of hours)

Kent Safeguarding [Protecting children - Kent County Council](#) 03000 411111 Monday to Friday or 03000 419191 (out of hours)

Thank you to all our volunteers who give up their time to: hear children read, take children to and from sporting events and school trips, organise gift sales, help with FOBS events. Without you all your children would not have access to the wonderful opportunities they do, these really do enrich their lives.

Finally, I wanted to express my thanks and gratitude for the lovely gifts, cards and kind words so many of you have given to me this week. I am very grateful for these, it is so kind and thoughtful of you. I am extremely lucky and privileged to be the Head Teacher of Bredhurst School, with our wonderful children and caring families.

Have a super, relaxing and safe Summer,

Michelle Cox



St Andrew’s Winning Sports Team



St Andrew’s Winning House Team

House Points for the Year 2025 - 2026

1 st place	St. Andrew’s	5504
2 nd place	St. Patrick’s	5435
3 rd place	St. David’s	5128
4 th place	St. George’s	4887

Swimming Days Next Year

Swimming will start week beg: Monday 7 th September	
Fir Tree:	Friday
Forge:	Tuesday
Hurstwood:	Wednesday
Kemsley:	Wednesday
Oakwood:	Friday

2026 – 2027 Term Dates

Term 1	01/09/26 - 23/10/26	26/10/26 - 30/10/26 Half Term
Term 2	02/11/26 - 18/12/26	21/12/26 - 01/01/27 Christmas Holiday
Term 3	04/01/27 - 12/02/27	15/02/27 – 19/02/27 Half Term
Term 4	22/02/27 – 25/03/27	26/03/27 – 09/04/27 Easter Holiday
Term 5	12/04/24 – 28/05/27	02/06/27 – 04/06/27 Half Term
Term 6	07/06/27 – 21/07/27	22/07/27 End of Year

Tuesday 2nd September Staff Development Day

Thursday 22nd October Staff Development Day

Friday 23rd October Staff Development Day

Friday 25th June Staff Development Day

Monday 28th June Staff Development Day

September

Tuesday 2nd	Staff Development Day
Wednesday 3 rd	Children return to school
Thursday 10 th	Kent 11+ Test
Wednesday 16 th	Phonics Talk to parents of year R
Friday 25 th	Macmillan Coffee Morning

November

Monday 2 nd	Children return to school
Friday 13 th	Fireworks Event
Friday 20 th	Flu Immunisation

October

Friday 2 nd	Individual Photographs
Tuesday 6 th	Hurstwood Trip Kent Life
Wednesday 7 th	Harvest Celebration
Tuesday 20 th	Parents Evening
Wednesday 21 st	Parents Evening
Thursday 22 nd	Staff Development Day
Friday 23 rd	Staff Development Day

Monday 26th – Friday 30th – **Half Term Break**



MYG Athletics Team

