

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 17.12.25

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have made it to the end of the term! It has certainly been a very busy and tiring one - we have VERY excited but VERY tired children. We also seem to have a nasty virus going around which is resulting in a horrid sounding cough and a cold.

Our junior children took part in the performance of 'The Little Shepherd.' a retelling of the nativity story. It was a super performance, with the children having to learn so many lines for the parts they played. As I said at the end of each performance, I was amazed how they all sang and performed so well. From dancing camels and sheep to three kings and three wise men, I was blown away by the amount of words the children had to learn and how well they delivered them. Oscar was a fabulous shepherd – surrounded by great supporting cast of shepherds and sheep. A wonderful solo performed by Millie Jeary. The nativity tableaux was really beautiful and I know you will agree that the Christmas message of kindness and caring for others really shone through. Well done to all our children and staff; in particular Mrs. Carey, for the hard work in adapting a script to ensure every child had a role supported by Mrs Mealey, Mrs Drewitt, Mrs Ahluwalia, Mr. Peters and Miss Meade for helping to teach all the songs and putting the play together and reminding us of the Christmas story and the events leading to the birth of Jesus in a very memorable and lively way! Lastly, Thank you for coming to watch it, parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles.

We have had a very busy term with so many events and activities taking place: badminton competition, basketball competition, football matches, cross country, infant and junior nativity plays, the pantomime trip, the choir singing at Rochester Cathedral, friendship week, remembrance service and the advent event to name a few!

Most classes have now finished their topic learning for this term, and all classes will begin a new topic during next term, although some maybe finishing off their previous topics from this term first.

Fir Tree: I have an idea!

Forge: David Attenborough and Amazing Animals

Hurstwood: The Water Cycle

Kemsley: Ancient Greece

Oakwood : The Battle of Britain

The overviews of the learning are on the curriculum page on our school website.

As your child will be likely to be spending more time on devices or may receive a new device for Christmas it is vitally important, we remind ourselves in how to keep our children safe whilst online.

- Enable access to devices with limited features - Device usage at this age is best kept to devices with limited capability. This could include tablets without data and non-smart phones that only allow calls and texts.
- Keep tech use visible in the home - Try to keep tech use in shared family spaces or used with bedroom doors open. This will allow you to support your child and be more aware of what they are doing online.
- Follow age ratings – Apps, sites and games come with age ratings which are important to follow. You can find out the age rating on the website for the platform or by visiting Common Sense Media's reviews.
- Use safety settings – Explore the in-app and device safety settings with your child and check them regularly to make sure they are still in place.
- Revisit parental controls – as children grow up and need the internet more for schoolwork you may want to adjust your parental controls. Keep checking these regularly to make sure they are in place.
- Have regular safety conversations – at this age online safety conversations should be happening regularly. Visit our advice on talking to your child about online safety.
- Build healthy habits - acknowledge the positives it brings as part of your safety conversations and agree rules and boundaries together as a family.

Useful websites:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.barnardos.org.uk/get-support/support-for-parents-and-carers/child-abuse-and-harm/keeping-children-safe-online>

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/help-and-information/nspcc-phone-safety-toolkit>

This morning the whole school skipped to the church to sing carols together. Thank you to the Year 6 readers who read a lovely nativity poem beautifully. Violet Giles, Millie Jeary, Bella Wood, Morgan Humphries, Erin Charnock, Holly Abdey and Mia Jones. Thank you to Mim Noble for organising this for us. A crib service is held on Christmas Eve at 3pm for families to attend should you like to.

After lunchtime the children had a great time celebrating together at their Christmas parties and were delighted by a surprise visit from the man in red! What a lovely way to end the term! Thank you to the FOBS team for the Christmas sweets.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year, see you all in January!
Michelle Cox & Mrs Place



Don't forget swimming trials take place on the first day back after the Christmas break for those children in years 5 and 6 who signed up to take part. Please make sure they are sent with their swimming equipment and are dropped off at Medway Park or the school depending on the information sent home.

Diary Dates for 2026 – Please note some dates maybe subject to change

January

Tuesday 6 th	Swimming trials (invitation only)
Thursday 8 th	LKS2 Football Match v Maginford (Away)
Friday 16 th	MYG Swimming Medway Park
Wednesday 21 st	Cross Country Yr5+6 Cliffe Woods
Thursday 22 nd	KS2 Football Match v Allington (Away)
Friday 23 rd	FOBS meeting 2p.m. all welcome
Thursday 29 th	KS2 Football Utilita Cup GFC

February

Mon 2 nd - Fri 6 th	Story telling Week
Thursday 5 th	MYG Table Tennis
Tues 10 th – Wed 11 th	Parents Evenings
Tuesday 10 th	Netball Match v Eastborough (Home)
Wednesday 11 th	Cross Country Yr5+6 Swingate
Thursday 12 th	KS2 Football Match v Northborough (Away)
Friday 13 th	Pancake Races
Monday 16th – Friday 20th HALF TERM	

March

Mon 2 nd – Fri 6 th	Book Week
Mon 2 nd – Thur 5 th	Bikeability Yr 6
Wednesday 4 th	Cross Country Yr3+4 Parkwood
Thursday 5 th	Dressing up Day
Friday 13 th	Mother's Day Breakfast + gift Sale
Tue 17 th or Thur 19 th	MYG Netball (TBC)
Wednesday	Cross Country – Yr 3, 4, 5+6 Medway Park

April

Thursday 2 nd	Easter Service + Easter Egg Hunt
Friday 3rd - Friday 17th EASTER HOLIDAYS	
Monday 20 th	Return to School
Tuesday 28 th	Sweet Tombola (Tag Day for May Day)

May

Monday 4th	BANK HOLIDAY
Mon 11 th – Fri 15 th	SATS Week
Saturday 16 th	MAY DAY – ALL CHILDREN ARE TO ATTEND
Thursday 21 st	MYG Tag Rugby
Monday 25th – Friday 29th HALF TERM	

June

Thursday 4 th	MYG Football (Anchorians)
Tuesday 9 th	Safety in Action Yr 6 Maidstone Barracks
Mon 15 th – Fri 19 th	PGL (Yr6)
Friday 19 th	Father's Day Breakfast + Gift Sale
Wednesday 24 th	MYG Kwik Cricket
Thursday 25 th	Sports Day
Friday 26th	DAY OFF IN LIEU OF MAY DAY
Monday 29th	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

July

Wed 1 st Thur 2 nd	Transition Days
Tuesday 7 th	MYG Athletics
Wednesday 15 th	Leavers Disco
Friday 17 th	Whole School Trip
Monday 20 th	Leavers Pool Party
Tuesday 21 st	Leavers Service



Salvation Army Christmas Present Appeal – BE A STAR

Thank you to those of you who donated a gift. The toys will be distributed by the Salvation Army to children in our local area.



House Points Term Two

1 st	St. Davids	1129
2 nd	St. Patrick's	1092
3 rd	St. Andrew's	1031
4 th	St. Georges's	942

Well done St. David's House Team!

Attendance for Term 2

Class	Attendance	Unauthorised	Lates
Fir Tree	96.5	0.4	0.4
Forge	97.5	0.7	0.1
Hurstwood	96.0	0.8	0.7
Kemsley	97.5	0.4	0.7
Oakwood	95.8	0.8	0.9

Overall attendance is good with just a few children dropping below 95% attendance. Our lates have improved from last year which is a very good sign so that all the children do not miss the start of the day.

Weekly Awards

Stars of the Week

Fir Tree	Edie Gardiner
Forge	Noah Charnock
Hurstwood	Summer Coles
Kemsley	Evie Shaw
Oakwood	Holly Abdey



Spirit of Bredhurst

Fir Tree	Pippa Kirby
Forge	Olivia Arnold
Hurstwood	Jiya Gor
Kemsley	Fletcher Relf
Oakwood	Fern Grant



Writers of the Week

Fir Tree	Ruby Rose Fleming
Forge	No Writer this Week
Hurstwood	Leo Kirby
Kemsley	No Writer this Week
Oakwood	No Writer this Week

