

# Bredhurst Church Of England Primary School



Parents As Partners

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## 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 30.01.25

Dear Parents and Carers,

Where has January gone? It seems hard to believe we are already heading into February!

**Well done to Forge class** for their class led worship about Matthew the Tax Collector and about how Jesus chose his disciples, this was linked very clearly to their class work in Understanding Faith. Every child spoke clearly and read their words well.



**On Wednesday Hurstwood class** visited St. Peter's Church, where they learned about and made Christingles. Their Christingles were decorated with tasty fruit and sweets, most of the children looked like they were too tempted by the Christingles to get them home in one piece!

**We are looking for an adult to listen to the children in Fir Tree and Forge read.** We know how vital this skill is, but with such busy lives parents are not always able to listen to children as often as they may like to and using the Big Cats online is not always the easiest! If you have a spare afternoon and feel this is something you would enjoy doing and you have the time, please contact the office so they can organise a DBS. *'Just 1 in 5 (20.5%) children and young people read something daily in their free time, the lowest levels recorded since 2005, with daily reading levels decreasing by 7.5% in the last year alone.'* (National Literacy Trust: Children and young people's reading in 2024).

For support on how to read with your child, have a look at the flyer from Harper Collins Publishers. Reading to your child is a wonderful thing to be able to do, sharing the love of a good book. Next week we will be celebrating story-telling with a variety of activities taking place throughout the week. The children will be able to choose to listen to a book read by a variety of adults across the school. They will also be listening to audio stories from the literacy trust, telling stories to each other as well as reading to each other. On Thursday we are inviting parents/grandparents to come into school and share a book with your child (younger siblings are welcome to join us.)

Please see attached flyer as a guide for reading with your children.



**Just a reminder: ALL children need to bring in their reading records on a Wednesday!**



**Our May King and May Queen speeches will be taking place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February.**  
We look forward to hearing them.

**We seem to have lots of bugs** going around, particularly stomach bugs, which are resulting in stomach cramps, diarrhoea and sickness. We are ensuring that we are reminding children about the importance of hand washing regularly.



### **Sports Events**

Our UKS2 Football Team entered the Utilita Kids Cup along with 12 other teams across Medway. This was hosted by Gillingham FC.

The first match was against Bligh School and we won 3-0 which boosted the confidence of the team. The standard of football was very high, keeping our team very focused in attacking and defending. Thomas pulled off some brilliant saves. We won a further three games and drew two, which put us through to the semi-finals which we also won. Then into the final against Loose. The whole team played very well and proved to be the winners of the tournament. Well done to Kairo, Marcell, Freddie, Felicity, Jude, Harper, Toby, Tate and Thomas. The Team will now go to Swindon in March for Regional Finals.



Our UKS2 Netball team consisting of Mia, Millie, Morgan, Arabella, Erin, Kairo, Freddie, Marcell and Lennie have a match this afternoon against South Borough – we wish them all Good-Luck!

Best Wishes for the weekend

Michelle Cox

## Weekly Awards

### Stars of the Week

Fir Tree	Name Withheld
Forge	Joseph Cripps
Hurstwood	Marnie Turner
Kemsley	Felicity Friday
Oakwood	Lennie Smith



### Spirit of Bredhurst

Fir Tree	Molly-Mae Nottage
Forge	Freya Tickner
Hurstwood	Vinnie Watson
Kemsley	Harper Horton
Oakwood	Samantha Ibitoye



### Writers of the Week

Fir Tree	Robyn Saunders
Forge	Olivia Arnold
Hurstwood	Lena Treeby
Kemsley	Betsy Parker
Oakwood	Oscar Sheridan



## Diary Dates

### February

Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Story Telling Week
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	LKS2 Football V Parkway ( <i>Away</i> )
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	LKS2 Football V Maginford ( <i>Away</i> )
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	MYG Table Tennis Medway Park
Tue 10 <sup>th</sup> - Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Evenings
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Netball v Eastborough ( <i>Home</i> )
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Cross Country Yr 5+6 Swingate
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	UKS2 Football v Northborough ( <i>Away</i> )
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Pancake Races

### March

Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Book Week
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	Bikeability Y6
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Cross Country Yr 3+4 Parkwood
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Dressing Up Day
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Mothers' Day Breakfast/Gift Sale
Tue 17 <sup>th</sup> or Thur 19 <sup>th</sup>	MYG Netball (TBC)
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Cross Country Yr 3, 4, 5 + 6 Medway Park

### Monday 16 – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Half Term