

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 09.01.25

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a restful break and have come back feeling re-energised after Christmas – although I am never sure it is actually a time to rest as everyone seems so busy trying to fit everything in!

We returned to school with the children all looking very smart and ready for the new term. They were very excited to see the delivery of all the new lunchtime equipment! Please do remember to make sure you send your children in with a warm coat, a hat and gloves. The weather is very cold at the moment and although we do have the option of an inside place to colour and play at lunchtime we do encourage the children to go outside and get fresh air for 10-15 mins. All children are outside at breaktime.

This term, every class will be starting a **new topic**. The curriculum maps for the topics are on our website on our curriculum page. We are currently in Year B.

Fir Tree class are learning all about inventions! They will be looking at famous inventors and finding out about how they made an impact on our world. They will be planning and making their own inventions too, using mechanisms. In English, they will be reading stories and poems related to their topic. In Art they will be exploring colour, line and shape. They will create artwork using different machine parts (cogs) to provide texture. In DT they will be looking at mechanisms and creating their own sliders with moving pictures. Look out for their masterpieces, they could make them famous one day!

This term, **Forge class** will begin the topic, Amazing Animals, by identifying who Sir David Attenborough is and why he has become such a significant individual in our lives today. They will investigate the technology used over the years to capture the footage of amazing animals around the world and how changes in natural life has evolved. In geography they will name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans, identify where the Equator is and locate the North and South. In Art and Design they will be identifying what a sculpture is and understanding how artists create sculptures. They will use clay creatively to design and make a chosen animal. In music they will be learning and singing songs about animals, listening to and composing music to represent different animals.

Did you know that the water we drink and use today is the same water dinosaurs drank! In **Hurstwood's** geography led topic this term, they will learn about the water cycle and rivers. The children will develop a growing understanding of the physical processes that shape rivers. They will identify the different parts of the water cycle and the different parts of a river and understand how they are formed. They will be able to

locate the main rivers in the UK and the world and understand how flooding has affected communities in the UK. In art they will be using water colour paint mixing, looking at the still life work of the Dutch masters as well as modern water colour work based on seashells and using these to create their own sketches and water colour pictures. In Music, they will be listening to Handel's Water Music and they will learn the Skye Boat song and record their own music in stave and dot form.

Kemsley class will be learning about many aspects of Ancient Greece with the aim of understanding what Greek life was like, the achievements of the Ancient Greeks, including the expansion of the Greek Empire, and the influence they had on the western world. They will become familiar with a range of Greek myths and legends and the Gods and Goddesses that are prominent in Greek mythology. In art they will learn how Greek pottery was created and what it was used for, before creating their own Greek pot. In music they will use their voices with increasing accuracy, fluency and expression to be able to sing songs linked to Greek or Greek Myths and legends.

Oakwood class are learning about why the Battle of Britain was such a significant turning point in British history. They will be looking at the impact it had on life in Britain and how this has affected social change in Britain today. They will be finding out about the reasons for and the main events of WW2. They will be reading the text 'Letters from the Lighthouse' to contextualise their learning. In art they will be focusing on Henry Moore, a war sculptor, and analysing and evaluating his work as well as using a variety of media to recreate his style of art. In DT they will be designing and making their own air raid shelters. In music they will be listening to the music of Glen Miller and learning about his life and career, as well as composing their own music, focusing on beat, rhythm and ostinato.

Some of the **upcoming events** for this term are:

- Cross Country Race, at Cliffewoods, information will be sent to the children who took in part in the previous races of the series Yr 5+6 only
- Year 3 and 4 football match Tuesday 13th January @ Greenfields, 3pm Kick Off
- Mini Youth Games swimming competition for years 5 and 6, Friday 16th January
- FOBS meeting @2.00pm on 23rd January
- Thursday 29th January, years 5 and 6 Utilita Football Tournament at Gillingham Football Club
- Story telling week - starting on Monday 2nd February
- Safer Internet Day 2026 will take place on the 10th of February 2026, with celebrations and learning based around the theme '**Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI**'.
- Parent's Consultation Evenings will take place on Wednesday 7th February and Thursday 8th February – more information will follow nearer the date
- Mini Youth Games Table Tennis on Thursday 6th February
- Tuesday 10th February Netball Match at home, after school
- Parent Consultation Evenings will take place on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th February.
- Cross Country Race, at Swingate Primary, information will be sent to the children who took in part in the previous races of the series Yr 5+6 only
- Pancake Races will take place on Friday 13th February at 2.45, all will be welcome to join us to watch the children in our annual pancake races, more information to follow

This term the children will once again lead their **class worship**. The dates for each class are below. If you would like to join us please go into the hall after dropping your child off. Each worship will start at approx. 9.05am and be finished by 9.30am.

Fir Tree	- Thursday 15th January
Kemsley	- Thursday 22nd January
Forge	-Thursday 29th January
Hurstwood	-Thursday 5 th February
Kemsley	-Thursday 12th February

Congratulations to **St. David's house** who were the winning house for term 2. Their House Tag Day will take place on **Wednesday 14th January**.

House Point Results for Term 2:

1st St. David's 1129

2nd St. Patrick's 1092

3rd St. Andrew's 1031

4th St. George's 942

Clubs start next week and finish on Friday 6th February due to Parent Consultation evenings the following week. They will resume again the week immediately following the half term break on Monday 23rd February.

After school clubs:-

Mondays KS2 Gymnastics

Tuesdays KS1 Gymnastics (**Please note Gymnastics next week will be on Thursday as Mrs Peters is at a football match on the Tuesday)**

Wednesdays KS2 Table Tennis

Thursday KS2 Choir

Fridays KS2 Dance

Stay safe and warm this weekend!

Michelle Cox

Weekly Awards

Stars of the Week

Fir Tree	Finley Watts
Forge	William Larkin
Hurstwood	Name Witheld
Kemsley	Charlie Fifield
Oakwood	Mia Jones



Spirit of Bredhurst

Fir Tree	Elliot Thomas
Forge	Joey Avis
Hurstwood	Lara Knowles
Kemsley	Felicity Friday
Oakwood	Lennie Smith



Writers of the Week

Fir Tree	Evan Cason
Forge	No writer this week
Hurstwood	Milo Carr
Kemsley	Joel Cripps
Oakwood	Morgan Humphries



Diary Dates

January

Tuesday 13 th	LKS2 Football @ Maginford
Friday 16 th	MYG Swimming
Thursday 22 nd	KS2 Football @ Allington
Friday 23 rd	FOBS Meeting 2p.m.
Thursday 29 th	KS2 Football Utilita Cup

February

Mon 2 nd -Fri 6 th	Story telling Week
Thursday 5 th	MYG Table Tennis
Tues 10 th +Wed 11 th	Parent evenings
Tuesday 11 th	KS2 Netball Match (home)
Wednesday 11 th	Cross Country Yr5+6
Thursday 12 th	KS2 Football @ Northborough
Friday 13 th	Pancake Races

Mon 16th – Fri 20th

Half Term