

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 05.12.25

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy week this week in the build up to Christmas and the end of term. Our year 6 children visited St. Matthew's on Monday for the **Experience Christmas Event** - their behaviour was impeccable as ever and their responses were both insightful and thoughtful. The children all came back talking about the experience, saying it allowed them the opportunity to reflect and the activities they were engaged in were fun too. Thank you to the St. Peter's team who organised this and led the event for our children - the biscuits and squash also went down very well and were much appreciated by the children!

Our **choir visited Rochester Cathedral** yesterday as part of the Schools Carol Festival. They have been practising the songs during choir and the singing has sounded beautiful from Kemsley classroom. They had an amazing day, giving two performances. Mrs Carey said how clearly our two readers read – a particular well done to Holly Abdey and Arabella Wood; lovely reading girls! Singing in the beautiful cathedral gives such a sense of occasion and our children really rose to this, singing their hearts out. As ever, their behaviour was outstanding with every child showing the school values throughout the day. Mrs Carey said what a pleasure they were to take out of school and what a fabulous day it was for everyone involved.



Today we watched **Dick Whittington at the Hazlitt Theatre**—what a lovely experience to be able to do as a school. The children loved it! Their faces were filled with laughter and enjoyment and it was just wonderful to see them really enjoying and engaging with the performance, especially when they recognised Amelia Martin (*pupil from last year*) in the performance. Thank you to FOBS for their donation towards this, making it a very affordable trip for the whole school. It is so special when we get the opportunity to go out as a whole school.

The **wreath making workshop** proved a success on Friday night, with just under £400 being raised for the school from the activity. Thank you to Nicky Dowdall-Smith for running the workshop and for all those parents who took part.



Next week will be another busy week with the Infant Nativity performance on both Tuesday and Wednesday, the cross country league taking place for year's 3 and 4 on Wednesday, year R+6 height and weight on Friday as well as the Gift Sale on Friday!

We will not be sending paper tickets home and we experienced problems when we tried to send them to your account. All the tickets that were requested have been granted and the teachers have a list of your requirements. If you require more tickets please ask the office who will be able to help you with this. I can't wait to see the infant play, the singing has sounded interestingly loud and the children are so excited to be able to perform to their families too. Please remember we will not be opening the doors until approx. **2pm** on the Tuesday and **3.45pm** on the Wednesday. The children will need collecting at approx. **4.45pm**, the performance will be approx. 30 minutes, but we need to get them all changed into their clothes ready to go home and believe me this can take some time! I have had several people ask about older and younger siblings and babies coming to watch. If you do arrive with an older child there **will not** be a seat for them unfortunately, unless one of your tickets is for them. We will ask you to leave should you arrive with a younger child/baby who does disrupt the play as it really is unfair for the children who have spent so long learning lines and songs to have them disrupted by a crying baby. They will also need to sit on your lap if you do arrive with them, please do try to ensure they are left home where possible.

The **children are becoming increasingly tired** as the weeks go on, particularly our younger children. You may find they are becoming more irritable and tearful at home - this is normal! They have now been at school for a long time and really need a break. The school days are very busy and they are also very excited - most children do not fare well with the build up to events. If your child (or you!) are having the odd melt down at home - you are probably not alone! Make sure your child has lots of reassuring cuddles and an early night or two! Often easier said than done!

Have a lovely weekend,

Michelle Cox

Don't forget to fill out those Advent Calendar Sheets, return them to the school office for a treat on Wednesday 17th December!

Salvation Army Christmas Present Appeal – BE A STAR



Thank you to those of you who have already donated a gift. We will be accepting donations of **new toys** until **Monday 15th December**. The toys will be distributed by the Salvation Army to children in our local area.



Please be aware there is NO pressure to purchase any item to donate, this is purely a voluntary donation as we fully understand Christmas is a very expensive time for all families and we know how expensive the cost of living has made things. Please only donate if you can.

FOBS Gift Sale – next Friday – all children will have the opportunity to purchase gifts for their family. Gifts start from as little as £1 please make sure your child bring their money in a named purse/wallet/envelope and a gift bags/carrier to take their presents home.



December Activities and Dates

Monday 8th December – Infant Dress Rehearsal

Tuesday 9th December – KS1 Nativity 2.15p.m.

Wednesday 10th December - KS1 Nativity 4.00p.m.

Wednesday 10th December – Cross Country Yr 3+4

Thursday 11th December – Christmas Dinner Day and ‘Wear your Christmas jumper’ and donate £1 to the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Appeal- we don’t mind what you wear on your lower half!

Friday 12th December – Fobs Christmas Gift Sale – Children will need spending money to purchase gifts for their family. Please include a gift bag to take presents home.

Monday 15th December- KS2 Production 2.15pm and 6p.m.

Tuesday 16th December – Bethlehem Walk – children will walk around the village to see various Nativity themed pictures and enjoy hot chocolate on their return.

Wednesday 17th December – Christmas Party Day – All children can come to school in their party clothes and bring with them a ‘party plate’ of food for them to eat in the afternoon. This plate will need to be just for them and labelled with their name. Please put their food on paper plate which can just be thrown away!

Wednesday 17th December – Last day of Term.





Monday 5th January 2026 - All children return to School
Remember School starts at 8.55a.m

Weekly Awards

Stars of the Week

Fir Tree	Oscar Harris
Forge	Everlyn Alderman
Hurstwood	Vinnie Watson
Kemsley	Joel Cripps
Oakwood	Morgan Humphries



Spirit of Bredhurst

Fir Tree	Percy Blackman
Forge	Emilia Hale
Hurstwood	Lily Avis
Kemsley	Imisi Awofeko
Oakwood	Holly Abdey



Writers of the Week

Fir Tree	Ellie Hayes
Forge	No writer this week
Hurstwood	No writer this week
Kemsley	Thomas Holder
Oakwood	Arabella Wood



Diary Dates

Monday 5th January

Back to School

8.55a.m.



December

Monday 8 th	Infant dress rehearsal
Tuesday 9 th	Infant Play 2.15
Wednesday 10 th	Cross Country
Wednesday 10 th	Infant Play 4p.m.
Thursday 11 th	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 12 th	Gift Sale
Monday 15 th	KS2 Play
Tuesday 16 th	Bethlehem Walk
Wednesday 17 th	Christmas Parties

