Bodsham Church of England Primary School

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"I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy." Psalm 116 reminds us of the comfort of knowing we are truly heard. Even in moments when we feel overwhelmed or alone, God listens to our prayers and the quiet cries of our hearts. Today, remember that your voice matters. And you are never unheard.

13th March 2026

Wonderful World Book Day

A huge thank you to all our parents and carers for supporting the children with their wonderful World Book Day costumes. It was fantastic to see so many creative outfits bringing favourite book characters to life. Throughout the day, the children enjoyed shared reading across different classes, designed their own book covers, and proudly took part in a lively character parade around the school. It was a joyful celebration of stories, imagination, and the love of reading. Thank you again for helping make the day so special.

Attendance Matters – We're on the Rise!

During a recent visit, our Local Authority Attendance Officer commended the school on the positive gains we have made in attendance. Thank you to our whole community for your efforts. Let's keep the momentum going and continue building on this success.

TeachSport Clubs This Term!

TeachSport continue to run their fantastic enrichment activities at the after school club, as well as wraparound care until 6pm.

Monday – Table Tennis
Tuesday – Games Club (Board Games etc.)
Wednesday – Dodgeball
Thursday- Multi-Sports
Friday – Film Night

Parents can book directly through their website.

Parent Consultation Evenings

Sign-up for parent consultation evenings will open up at 4.30pm this evening. Do book in to see your child's teacher. Parent consultations are a great opportunity to hear how your child is progressing, celebrate their achievements and find out how you can support their learning at home. Learning Journeys for Years 1 to 6 will be sent home on Friday 27th March, ahead of the meetings. Consultations for the Woodpeckers class will take place in Term 5 when Miss Skinner returns to school.

Safeguarding Update - Parking

Parking around the school at drop-off and pick-up times continues to be a challenge. At times vehicles are blocking the drop-off area, farm access, staff parking and the road, which creates difficulties for staff, local residents and the working farm nearby.

We are very grateful to our neighbours, particularly the farm at Great Holt, who kindly allow parking on the hard-standing that helps make getting children to and from school safer. As these areas are part of a working farm, it is important that access is always kept clear and that everyone parks considerately.

We would really welcome parents' views on how the situation could be improved. **If you have any ideas for how we can better balance the needs of parents, staff and the working farm nearby, while helping drop-off and pick-up run more smoothly, please send any suggestions to the school office. All views are welcome.**

In the meantime, please help by avoiding parking in the drop-off zone, or blocking access to the farm, staff parking and the road.

Thank you for helping keep our school community safe.

Mini Marathon places going fast!

Six weeks to go until our mini marathon and we have a few places lest to fill. **Remember to sign up on Arbor** to reserve a space for your child at this amazing event so we can raise funds for our beautiful new outdoor area.

Sue smashes it!

Our lovely Mrs Sutton completed her half marathon in the most horrendous weather – 35mph gusts of wind and driving rain. We are so proud of her resilience and dedication, all in aid of our special little school. What a shining example she is to our children. So far she has raised over £400 with gift aid, but there is still time to show your appreciation for her brilliance.

https://superkind.org/campaign/bodsham-cep-school-sue-is-running-the-brighton-half-marathon-to-help-bodsham-school-build-a-new-outdoor-classroom

Itchy Friends are here again.

We have had reports of headlice in 3 of our 4 classes again. Do continue to check your child's hair every week and treat as soon as you notice any activity. Here is the advice from NHS, but it does rely on everyone's vigilance for us to beat this unpleasant problem.

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/

Coming Up!

Monday 16th	Robins Fundraising Danceathon
Thursday 19th 2.45pm	'The Witches' (Parents of Performers invited!)
Monday 23rd 9.30am	Rocksteady Concert (Parents of Performers invited!)
Tuesday 24th 2.00pm	Daffodil Tea for our local elderly residents
Friday 27th	Learning Journeys to go home Years 1 to 6
Tuesday 31st	Easter Egg Hunt, egg rolling and decorated egg competition. (Get planning your creations now!)
Thursday 2nd April 2.15pm	Easter Service at St Mary the Virgin Hastingleigh

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Stephen

Headteacher

This is a Nut Free School

Nuts can cause severe allergic reactions. A person with an allergy does not have to eat nuts to have a severe reaction, this can be caused by surface contact and airborne particles. Peanut allergy affects around 1 in 50 of children in the UK. Please do not send in any food or snacks that contain nuts or peanut butter

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Community News

Discovery Day

For pupils in years 4, 5 and 6

Saturday
28th March
9:00am - 12:15pm

Meet our expert teachers and find out, first hand, what makes an Ashford Senior School education so special!

Choose 3 from the following subjects to try:

Design Technology
Discover how to build your own LED torch! From templating and cutting the components to assembling a fully working light you can take home.

Spanish
Explore the colourful Mexican festival of the Day of the Dead - el Día de los Muertos, learning how families in Mexico remember & celebrate loved ones.

English
Capture your thoughts and feelings through the medium of poetry. You'll look at Blackout poetry amongst other activities, and will craft your own poem to take home.

Science
Jump into a world of colour, energy and curiosity as flame tests blaze, whoosh bottles roar and the screaming jelly baby demonstrate the Chemistry behind spectacular reactions!

Art
Learn to create simple handmade mini-zines, decorate them through collage, and turn them into portable keychain artworks.

Business
Use your entrepreneurial superpowers to research, design and present a 'fantasy product' in a Dragons' Den BBC1-style pitch.

Maths
Discover how pilots use bearings to navigate and find the right airport using puzzles and games.

ASHFORD SCHOOL
Inspiring Minds

Ashford Senior School
East Hill, Ashford, Kent, TN24 8PB

Reserve your place at:
www.ashfordschool.co.uk/discovery-day

SHEPWAY BRASS ACADEMY

Come and join a Brass Band

Calling all 8- 18 year olds!

Learn to play in a supportive band environment.
All are welcome, from complete beginners to more accomplished players.
We have a band for all.

RUNS SATURDAY MORNINGS TERM TIME

Christ Church School,
Brockman Road,
Folkestone,
Kent,
ct20 1DJ

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Sounds Folkestone Youth String Orchestra

We are a mixed-ability non-auditioned string orchestra for school-aged children and young adults, directed by Flo Peycelon.

From classical masterpieces to popular music from the stage and screen, we play a variety of genres in our relaxed, fun orchestra.

Add another string to your bow, make music with others, join SFYSO!

- We rehearse Tuesdays 4.30-5.30pm at Folkestone Baptist Church, Hill Road
- £6 fee but try out for free
- Instruments available for loan

Together sounds better!

soundsfolkestone.co.uk

flopeycelon@gmail.com

Dear Parents / Carers please see below email from Folkestone School for Girls regarding their opening mornings for Y5 pupils:

This year we are running five open mornings from Monday 27th April to Friday 1st May 2026 from 9.15am to 10.45am at the school.

It will give prospective students and their parents/carers the chance to see the school in action and hear from the principal about all the opportunities on offer at The Folkestone School for Girls.

If you wish to attend, can you please register via our website here:

https://www.folkestonegirls.kent.sch.uk/events-and-key-dates/year-5-open-mornings-2026/

Details of the Shepway test will also be given at these open mornings.

Thank you.

Kind regards

Mrs Nikki Petrie
Admissions Manager
Tel: 01303 251125 Ext: 249

The Folkestone School for Girls