Bodsham Church of England Primary School

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This week we have been talking about Resilience. Resilience is the faith to rise after every fall, trusting that even our struggles can shape us into who we are meant to be. Jesus teaches us to never stop trying, with hope in our hearts and courage in our steps; And knowing that God is with us can help us face every new day as a chance to begin again.

16th October 2026

Thank you Beautiful Bodsham!

What a fantastic turnout! A record number of families came together to help our school shine, from gardening and jet washing to cleaning windows, gutters and our minibus. A huge thank you to all our volunteers, and to everyone who kept us fuelled with cakes and coffee. We're so lucky to have such a wonderful community. A special thank you goes to Rachel and Rosie who co-ordinate the event!

Still want to help? Every little bit counts - raking leaves, sweeping paths or donating a spare broom all make a difference. See you in April for our next community effort. Thank you for making Bodsham shine!

Ready....Steady....Read!

After half term we are holding a Sponsored Read to celebrate 2026 Year of Reading. We are delighted to be working in partnership with Usborne to add some beautiful new books to our library. Please see the letter attached for details of the Sponsored Read which will take place during the week beginning Monday 2nd November. Please support us in this exciting opportunity to expand our children's reading opportunities!

Open Day Success

Thank you to our Year 5 and 6 children who expertly guided visitors around our Open Morning yesterday. They are a shining example of what we seek to do at Bodsham – develop children who are confident, articulate, kind and considerate, and who take pride in their school and community. Their warmth, enthusiasm and maturity were a real credit to them and to the school, and they helped to make the morning such a success.

If your child is starting school in September 2027 or you know a family who are currently looking for a school place, please note we have a further Open Morning on Thursday 12th November from 9.30am to 11am. All are welcome.

Attendance Matters

School is about so much more than lessons. It is about the conversations with friends, the confidence gained from trying something new, the excitement of discovering a talent and the sense of achievement that comes from being part of a team. At Bodsham, so much of this happens in the small, everyday moments that make school life special. Regular attendance helps children feel connected, keep up with their learning and take part fully in the opportunities that come their way. One practical way to help your child get the day off to a positive start is to make use of our Breakfast Club. It offers a relaxed start to the morning, giving children time to settle in, socialise with friends and arrive at the school day feeling ready to learn. If busy mornings can be a challenge for your family, Breakfast Club could be just the helping hand you need!

Let's work together to make mornings smoother and help every child make the most of their day at Bodsham.

Discover at Discovery Club!

Next week we will be asking the children what clubs they would like for term 2 – keep an eye out for our Discovery Club offer flyer. Bookings are made through Arbor choosing either Discovery Club 3.30pm to 4.30pm, or for extended wraparound care until 6pm, choose Sunset Club. You can book right up to 3.30pm on the day of the club.

Bodsham C/E Primary School,
uk.arbor.sc

Autumnal Fun!

Next Thursday is Crazy Clothes dress down day, Pumpkin Carving Competition, and a delicious cake sale after school. Thank you to our PTFA for organising this autumnal event, details of which are below. We look forward to seeing the fun and creative carvings – please bring them in on **THURSDAY** next week – not before!

Secondary Admission – Year 6

Children who took this year's Kent Test will now have received the results and it is therefore time to make your Secondary School selection. The online application window for children enrolling into Year 7 in September 2027 is currently open and will close at midnight on Saturday 31 October 2026.

Attached is an informative leaflet outlining the process. The leaflet is interactive so parents can click on the links to take them straight to the KCC website and directly email admissions if needed.

If you have any queries, the admissions team can be contacted on:- kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk.

Christmas Card Orders in Soon!

Don't forget to order your Christmas Cards by 31st October. If you have lost your child's order form, we can email the link if needed.

Have a wonderful weekend

Warmest wishes

Mary 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

ELITE COMMUNITY Coaching (UK) Limited

BODSHAM SCHOOL

DISCOVERY CLUB

EVERY DAY
3.30PM TO 4.30PM

AT BODSHAM CEP SCHOOL

Monday - Archery
Tuesday - Parkour
Weds- Scooter Club
Thursday - Cricket
Friday - Film Night

ALL WELCOME

PLAY & LEARN

£5 PER CHILD

MAKE FRIENDS

For extended childcare up to 6pm
book Sunset Club at £11 per child
to join in with Discovery Club and stay late

Book in Advance on
Arbor

IS YOUR CHILD STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2027?

Come and meet the children, staff, parents and Barley the Bodsham Bear to find out what makes our school special

9.30am to 11am

Thursday 12th November

Individual Tours also available

Contact our office at:

admin@bodsham.kent.sch.uk 01233 750374

Autumn Blessings & Halloween Fun

Enter our free Pumpkin Carving Comp! Bring a carved pumpkin to school with a chance to win a Bootacular prize!

Free Crazy Dress Down Day! You are invited to wear Halloween-inspired or autumn-themed clothing for a fun-filled dress-down day.

Bake Sale - A Little Taste of Heaven. We're looking for donations of Halloween/Autumn-inspired yummy treats for our Halloween cake sale to round off this fun day! We'd be so grateful for any contributions from our lovely parents to help make the event a success!

Community Events

Please see attachments for the wider community events this week!