Bodsham Church of England Primary School

Federation of

Saltwood Church of England Primary School

This term we will be talking with the children about Jesus's life. They will hear about his words and actions while he was alive on Earth. We will also spend time talking about how Jesus described himself and what he was trying to teach us.

17th January 2025

Springing Into Term 3

It's always been a fact that schools start their 'Spring' terms in January – right in the middle of Winter! Despite recent cold snaps however, there are signs of Spring starting to appear and it's good to see how well the children have returned to school after their Christmas break. Three classes recorded 100% attendance last week, which is a great start to the new year! Parents will have received the Spring newsletter from each class teacher which sets out details of the curriculum over the next two terms. As always, there is lots going on and a busy time ahead. I can't wait!

Mini Marathon runs again!

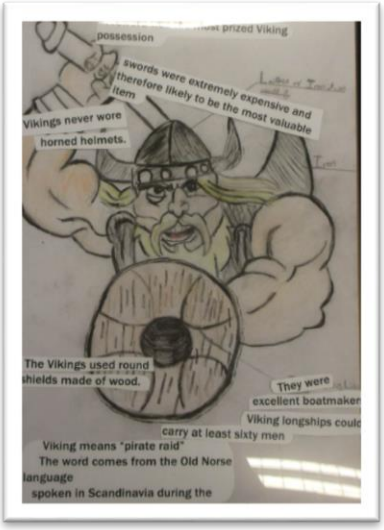
Last April a group of Bodsham children took part in the TCS London Mini Marathon. They had a great day out running part of the London Marathon route outside Buckingham Palace. I'm delighted to announce that our amazing PTFA have secured more of these much sought after places for Bodsham children again this year, so watch this space for more information soon!

New Playground Takes Shape

Another achievement of the PTFA was to raise the funds needed for put new games and lines on our playground for the children to enjoy. The installation was completed this afternoon and the Robins Class seemed to enjoy being the first children to try out the new games!

Viking History Project

The Owls pupils were set the project of creating a presentation on a chosen topic about the Vikings. Once chosen, they could research and present their learning in their own way. We had lots of excellent Powerpoint presentations, and some pupils made their own creations, too. Everyone presented confidently and was proud of their own work; additionally, we were all proud of each other too for everyone's super learning and for teaching everyone else about their area of expertise. You can see more examples of their work on the Owls web page!



2025-26 Term Dates Now Published

For parents who really like to plan ahead, we have published the term dates of our Federation in the 2025-26 school year. You can find them on the website and I have included them at the end of this newsletter in a printable format!

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

Christmas Reading Challenge

Well done to Sophie in the Woodpeckers who completed our Christmas Reading Challenge. She wins a £10 book token which should help to keep her nose firmly in her books in 2025!.

Half Term Fun

Our colleagues at Elite Community Coaching will be running their holiday club at Saltwood School in the February half term. Bodsham families are welcome to book in!

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TERM DATES 2025 - 2026 (All dates inclusive)

Term 1 – Autumn 2025

Wednesday 3 September – Friday 17 October 2025
Staff Training Days: Monday 1 September and Tuesday 2 September
(Children return Wednesday 3 September)

Half-Term Holiday: Monday 20 October – Friday 24 October 2025

Term 2 – Autumn 2025

Monday 27 October – Friday 19 December 2025

Christmas Holiday: Monday 22 December – Friday 2 January 2026
Includes Bank Holiday Thursday 1 January

Term 3 – Spring 2026

Wednesday 7 January – Friday 13 February 2026
Staff Training Days: Monday 5 January and Tuesday 6 January 2026
(Children return Wednesday 7 January)

Half-Term Holiday: Monday 16 February – Friday 20 February 2026

Term 4 – Spring 2026

Monday 23 February – Thursday 2 April 2026

Easter Holiday: Friday 3 April – Friday 17 April 2026
Includes Good Friday: 3 April; Easter Monday: 6 April and Staff Training Day: Monday 20 April

Term 5 – Summer 2026

Tuesday 21 April – Friday 22 May 2026
Staff Training Day: Monday 20 April (Children return Tuesday 21 April)
Includes May Day Holiday: Monday 4 May

Half-Term Holiday: Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May 2026
Includes Spring Holiday: Monday 25 May

Term 6 – Summer 2026

Monday 1 June – Tuesday 21 July 2026

[Folkestone Chess Club Juniors information - FJCC]

Folkestone Juniors Chess Club has been meeting for more than 10 years now, and teaches children from 5 through to 15+. The club provides lessons so that young players can have their interest in the game improved and given direction.

Calling all go-getters.

Ready to try something new?

scouts.org.uk/join

#SkillsForLife

Want to learn new skills and make new friends? Why not come along to a taster session at 1st Brabourne & Smeeth

Who
All young people aged 6 to 14 years old

When
Mondays: Beavers 5.00 - 6.00pm
Fridays: Cubs 5.45pm - 7.00pm,
Scouts 7.30pm - 9.15pm

What
Fun and challenging activities for girls and boys

Where
The Ridgeway, Smeeth, Ashford, TN25 6SE

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