Bodsham Church of England Primary School

Federation of

Saltwood Church of England Primary School

We are all different parts of the Body of Christ, and each of us has something unique to offer. When we work together and help each other, we show God's love. This is so apparent in our school where children work together to make our community the special place it is to be.

19th June 2026

Smartphone Free Childhood

The UK Government is dedicated to strengthening protections for children online and promoting safer digital habits.

In line with this, our school is committed to supporting a smartphone-free childhood. We believe that delaying children's access to smartphones can have a positive impact on their mental health, wellbeing, and overall development.

Please see the letter from our Chair of Governors, which outlines our school's position in more detail. It explains our belief that reducing and delaying smartphone use can help support healthier, happier childhood experiences.

Calling budding musicians – Free Music Opportunity!

Well done if you have already signed up your KS2 child for our string ensemble, offered **FREE,** as part of our wider music provision. This fantastic opportunity helps build confidence, focus, discipline and teamwork, while also developing creativity and musical expression. Places are limited, so please register interest via the school office as soon as possible. Please note there is a small annual charge for instrument hire.

Improving Attendance Together

I am pleased to share that attendance has continued to improve since the start of Term 6 and is now above 95%, meeting the government's attendance target. Through our close partnership with attendance officers at Kent County Council (KCC) and OCMAT, we will continue to provide targeted support for families who may need additional help to improve and maintain positive attendance. Our aim is to ensure that every child is able to access their education fully and benefit from all the opportunities available to them. As a reminder, we are unable to authorise holidays taken during term time. Where a child misses 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 school days) or more due to a holiday, this may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued.

Our priority remains working collaboratively with families to support children's wellbeing, attendance, and educational success.

Summer Fair

Just one more week to go until our spectacular Summer Fair on Saturday 27th June! Do keep promoting the fair to family and friends, sell those raffle tickets, and offer help and support to the PTFA team working very hard to make the fair a huge success, both as a wonderful community event, and one of our biggest fundraisers. Any final donations for the tombola very gratefully received!

Check out the raffle prizes in the flyer below – Wow!

After School Club Booking Now!

Over the next couple of weeks, Elite Coaching are offering a World Cup Football Fun Club on Tuesdays and everyone is invited. Teachsport will also continue to offer some clubs across the term, and we are offering days they cannot support. Do get in touch with the office if you can't find the dates you require and they will help navigate the bookings.

[Teachsport Bookings]

Bodsham C/E Primary School,
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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

Day of Prayer and Reflection

Usually at this time of year we are busy planning our Pilgrimage, however we have been unable to secure the village hall as our starting point on a suitable date. We still feel the day plays and important part in our children's spiritual development, but this year we will hold a special day of reflection, prayer and fun in school. Utilising our beautiful surroundings, we hope to offer our children the opportunity to find awe and wonder in the world around them through giving them time and space to connect with the natural world.

Have a great weekend everyone!

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Dear Parents and Carers

At Bodsham and Saltwood Primary Schools, we are committed to the wellbeing and development of every child, rooted in our values of Love, Creativity, and Strength. Our aim is to provide a nurturing, safe and positive environment where children can flourish, stay focused, and build strong, supportive friendships.

As part of this commitment, we would like to remind families that our school remains a phone-free environment for children. Children should not bring mobile phones, smartphones, smartwatches, or other internet-enabled devices onto the school site.

This means:

No Mobile Phones:
Children are not permitted to bring mobile phones into school or use them on the journey to and from school.

No Smart Technology:
Smartwatches or devices that can access the internet, send messages, take photographs, or connect with others are not permitted.

Keeping School a Safe Space:
Our existing arrangements mean that children can focus fully on learning, play, creativity and positive face-to-face relationships during the school day. If families need to contact a child during the school day, this should always be done through the school office.

We also respectfully ask that parents limit their own smartphone use on the school site.

Over time, schools nationally have seen increasing challenges linked to children's access to smartphones and online platforms, including friendship difficulties, social pressure and issues arising from inappropriate online content. Our approach is rooted in our responsibility to protect children's wellbeing and maintain a calm, respectful environment where they can learn and grow.

Research and guidance from organisations such as Smartphone Free Childhood highlights the benefits of delaying smartphone access, including supporting children's mental health, protecting attention and sleep, reducing exposure to online pressures, and encouraging creativity, independence and real-world interactions.

We recognise that decisions around children's technology use can sometimes feel challenging for families, particularly as children get older and peer pressure increases. By

maintaining a clear and consistent approach across our school community, we hope to support families in making choices that prioritise children's wellbeing.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us create a school environment focused on learning, friendship and meaningful experiences.

Yours sincerely

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Sam Slee
Chair of Governors

Community News

Win a fabulous prize at the

Bodsham Bake-Off!

With guest judges from the Hastingleigh WI

Two categories: adults and 12 years & under

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Entries by 12 pm on Saturday 27th June at the Bodsham Summer Fair, ready for judging at 12.45 pm

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Free to enter

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All entries sold post-competition

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BODSHAM SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR

The Big Raffle

Harveys Water Softener!

(includes installation)

&

Peppa Pig & Paultons Short Break!

2 adults & 2 kids 2-day entry to Paultons Park & Peppa Pig World & 1 night stay

£200 Holiday Cottage Collection Voucher
Posh Karaoke Evening for 10 at The Pound, Canterbury
Mid-week Lunch or Dinner for two at Boys Hall
Escape Room for 5 at the Old City Jail, Canterbury
Twilight Spa Package for 2 at Eastwell Manor
Rachel Jackson Jewellery
£50 Voucher for Sea Scrub Sauna Folkestone
5 Gift Vouchers for a Family Photoshoot Experience worth £170 with Images Unlimited
Family Voucher for Quex Adventure Park
Wooden Spoon Preserves Hamper
Wine Tasting & Tour at Brabourne Vineyard
£25 Gift Voucher for Ashford Designer Outlet
Gift box full of LUSH goodies
Round of Golf for Four at Ashford Golf Club
Bodsham Tea Towel
RHS Flower Pot
£50 Gift Voucher for Green Farm Spa, Shadoxhurst
£20 Gift Voucher for the Vault Beauty, Wye
Six Person Flower Headband Masterclass at Nonnington Farm
Family Ticket (2 adults & 2 children) for Wildwood, Kent
Tray of Dog Food thanks to Little Eaton Farm
Afternoon Tea at Perry Court Farm
Meal and Drinks for 2 at Tadpole Tea Rooms, Bishopsbourne
Two Gulbenkian Cinema Tickets
A hack/walk about at Nightingale Stables for child under 11 years
£25 Five Bells Brabourne Voucher
Case of Shepheard Neame Beers

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Coaching (UK) Limited

BODSHAM SCHOOL

BODSHAM
★ PRIMARY SCHOOL ★
FIFA WORLD CUP
★ FOOTBALL CLUB ★

OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN!

3 WEEKS OF FOOTBALL FUN!

DATES:
- TUESDAY 16TH JUNE
- TUESDAY 23RD JUNE
- TUESDAY 30TH JUNE

TIMINGS:
3:30pm – 4:30pm
3:30pm – 6:00pm
Please choose your preferred time when booking.

WHAT TO EXPECT
- World Cup-themed football activities
- Fun football skills and coaching sessions
- Exciting challenges and competitions
- Team games and mini tournaments
- Activities suitable for all abilities and experience levels

OTHER FUN PROVISION AVAILABLE!
If you rather your child doesn't want to do football other fun provision will be available.

LED BY:
ELITE COMMUNITY
Coaching (UK) Limited

Our experienced coaches create a positive, inclusive environment where children can develop confidence, teamwork and physical skills while enjoying the excitement of the beautiful game.

ALL BOOKINGS THROUGH SCHOOL OFFICE
Please book via the school office. Spaces are limited.

COME ALONG AND BE PART OF OUR WORLD CUP ADVENTURE!

FUN ★ FRIENDSHIP ★ FOOTBALL ★ TEAMWORK