Bodsham Church of England Primary School

Federation of

Saltwood Church of England Primary School

As we celebrate the harvest, we give thanks for the seeds God has planted and the blessings they have produced. Like the harvest, our children grow through love, care, and guidance; may we nurture them with faith so they may flourish and bear good fruit.

18th September 2026

Harvest Joy

Next Friday is our Harvest Festival Service, which we expect to hold at Elmsted Church (St James the Great). School finishes at 2.15pm and parents are asked to transport children to the church in time for our 2.30pm service. Do note there are no after school clubs on this day. Please bring donations of dried or tinned food to support Bright City Church in Ashford, which provides food parcels and hot meals through Vinnie's Diner for those in need. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Beautiful Bodsham

On Saturday 10th October, we will be holding our Beautiful Bodsham morning from around 9.30am to 12pm. It's a lovely opportunity for our community to come together to help care for our school, from cleaning windows and clearing gutters to putting up noticeboards – just like Georgie is doing here! Do join us, bring the children along to play together, and help us get the school looking beautiful ahead of our first Open Day. Rachel Jones and Rosie Baur are coordinating the morning and will let parents know if they need to bring anything in particular. Tea and cake will be available for everyone!

Open Day for School entry in September 2027

We are inviting all parents and carers of children due to start school in September 2027 to join us on our Open Day on Thursday 15th October. Please spread the word far and wide. Details are on the flyer below, on our website, and on Facebook.

After School Club News!

Our new resources are now in and the children have voted for the enrichments clubs they would like to see at Discovery Club. This term these will include Cricket, Archery, Scooter Club and Parkour! See the flyer below for details. Do book through Arbor choosing either Discovery Club 3.30pm to 4.30pm, or for extended wraparound care until 6pm, choose Sunset Club. Do let the office know if you have difficulty booking, and they will support you through the process. Just a reminder that we cannot accept children into the club unless they are booked through Arbor. You can book right up to 3.30pm on the day of the club.

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

Census Day Menu

School funding is directly linked to the number of children taking a school meal on Census Day. To encourage everyone to join in, we are offering all children a free school meal on 1st October. The special Pirate Day menu can be found below and can include Gluten Free options. If your child would prefer a packed lunch, they are, of course, welcome to bring one from home. We are also delighted that Elizabeth, who has been our chef for some time, has decided to stay with us permanently. To make Pirate Day extra special, we'll be making pirate hats, decorating the hall and holding a colouring competition, with prizes kindly provided by Elizabeth. Ahoy, me hearties!

Movie Night

We are looking forward to a fun movie night organised by our PTFA on Friday 2nd October – no after school club on this night. Do book through the PTFA to join in the fun from 3.30pm to 5pm.

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

Pirate Day Lunch

Thursday 1st October 2026

~ MENU ~

Crispy Coated Chicken

or Veggie Dippers

Chips, Baked Beans, Peas

& Tomato Ketchup

Mini Doughnuts & Fruit

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Salad Bar, Homemade Bread & Yoghurt

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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 15th October
Thursday 12th November

Individual Tours also available
Contact our office at:
admin@bodsham.kent.sch.uk 01233 750374

Community Events

Dear Parents and Pupils

I am writing to let you know about orchestral opportunities for young instrumentalists in years 3-6 from grade 2 level upwards. We warmly invite instrumentalists to join our East Kent Children's Orchestra each Wednesday from 4.30-5.20pm in the Music School at St Edmund's School, Canterbury. Rehearsals each week culminate in 2-3 concerts per year towards the end of each term. Pupils will benefit from improving sight-reading skills, performance etiquette, and learning core repertoire whilst playing alongside others in a warm, encouraging and supportive environment.

Do contact us if you would like more information

With warmest wishes

Spencer Payne
Director of Music
St Edmund's School, Canterbury

St Thomas Hill, Canterbury, Kent CT2 8HU
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01227 475 600 ext: 239

Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)

HAF offers free activities in the Easter, summer and Christmas holidays for children aged 4 to 16 who get benefits-related free school meals. Children can play games, learn new skills and have a healthy meal.

Click Below to Find out More

Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) - Kent County Council

The 1st Ashford Boys' Brigade and girls' association are inviting you to try something new and meet other children and young people.

The group provides opportunities for children and young people to learn, grow and discover in a safe, fun, and caring environment. There are opportunities to develop skills, build confidence, make friends, work towards awards, make a difference in the local community and of course have fun.

The Brigades **meet at Ashford Baptist Church, St Johns Lane, Ashford TN23 1PS**, the groups meet every Thursday, the ages and times are:

Anchors **4 – 8 yrs old: 6:15 – 7:30pm**
Juniors **8 – 11 yrs old: 6:15 – 7:30pm**
Company **11- 14 yrs old: 7:30 – 9:15pm**
Seniors **14 – 18 yrs old: 7:30 – 9:15pm**

We are back for the new academic year this Thursday 19th September. Any Thursday is open to new members. So, we hope to see you this Thursday or sometime soon. Please spread the word

Find out more about The Boy's Brigade at www.boys-brigade.org.uk

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