As we prepare to say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 children, we have talked about the parable of the wise man, who built his house on a strong foundation. I hope the children see their time at our school as all the foundation they need to have a bright future next year!

Ending on a High Note

As always, this term has been a flurry of activity and I feel we are finishing on a really positive note. We had a glorious Pilgrimage day in June which allowed the whole school to relax and walk in our beautiful setting.

Thanks to our PTFA we had an amazing summer fair which raised a fantastic amount towards repairing our pond and spiritual garden.

The sun shone on our Sports Day and in July our team won the Shepway District Sports competition in the small schools category!

On Monday the Owls performed their production to parents in the form of the musical ALICE! Which proved a great opportunity for them to display their talents as confident young actors!

Bodsham Boasts SATs Bonanza

Last week we received the results achieved by our Year 6 children in their end of Key Stage 2 SATs. I am delighted to say that 97% of the class reached the expected standard in reading, which compares very favourably to the national average for 2023 of 73%. I am also impressed by the fact that more than half the class reached the higher standard, in a year when there was controversy about how hard the test was! These are some of the best results Bodsham has seen, with 90% reaching the

standard in maths and 100% in Grammar, punctuation and spelling! Well done Year 6! The full set of results are available on our website.

Goodbye and Thank You Mrs Thomas

Mrs Thomas leaves us this week as she steps down from her role as our SENCO and moves on to pastures new. She has given Bodsham many years of service, including as my Deputy Head Teacher! She leaves us with a parting message:

> Dear parents, carers and children,
> I just wanted to take this opportunity to say a massive thank-you to you all, for making my time at Bodsham such a happy one. I have really enjoyed working with you all, as both SENCo and during my time as acting Deputy Head. Bodsham is a unique school, and the family ethos is one I will miss and never forget. I wish you all the very best for the future and know that the children will continue to make themselves, you and the staff proud.
> Always remember to....
> *'Reach for the moon, even if you miss, you'll land among the stars.'*
> Best wishes,
> Mrs Thomas

Mrs O'Neon takes over as our new SENCo in September.

Goodbye and Thank You Mrs Bilobrodskyi

We have been very fortunate to have secured the services of Mrs Bilobrodskyi this year at Bodsham. When we welcomed a number of Ukrainian children to into the Robins and Woodpeckers, she provided invaluable language support that enabled them to access the curriculum and also develop their English. Now most of these families have moved on to new lives, I'd like to say thank you to Mrs Bilobrodskyi for helping us to make Bodsham a special place for them all!

Bodsham make some noise at Charivari

Despite some concerns about the wind, Folkestone's annual Charivari carnival went ahead on Saturday. It turned out to be a lovely sunny day (admittedly with some challenging gusts!) but it was good to see Saltwood and Bodsham represented in the parade. The children had a great time dancing to the drums and showing off their costumes! Thank you to all the parents who supported us on the day.

Ice Cream Sale in aid of the Robins

Thank you to everyone who supported the after-school ice cream sale last Friday. Mrs Jones is pleased to report that the sale raised £71 towards the new picnic bench in Robins Class. Bodsham and the Robins in particular would like to say a special Thank You to Mrs Jones for organising and running the sale!

Holiday Activity and Food Vouchers now available

If your children are entitled to Free School Meals, you should already have received a Holiday and Activity Food voucher via email. If you would like your children to get involved in fun activities and enjoy some free, healthy food over the Summer Holidays, please visit the HAF website to see where activities are taking place locally. Our Summer Holiday Club provider, Elite Community Coaching are able to accept these vouchers for their summer school which is running at Saltwood and other schools over the holiday. For more information on how to use your voucher, please click here.

All that's left now then is to wish you all a very happy summer and to look forward to seeing the children again on **Monday 4th September** at the start of another exciting year at Bodsham!

Paul Newton

Executive Head Teacher

Summer Holiday Suggestions!

WHAT THE LADYBIRD HEARD AT THE FARM

Yew Tree Farm School

Wednesday 2nd & Thursday 3rd August

Tickets just £8. Under 1s go FREE.
www.yewtreefarmschool.co.uk

Follow Hefty Hugh and Lanky Len's map around the farm, meeting and feeding the animals as you go.
Get involved with horse grooming, pig feeding and goat walking experiences led by our expert farmers.

"Cluck said the Hen!", meet our fluffy chicks, bunnies, and guinea pigs in cuddle corner.
Enjoy a range of What the Ladybird Heard crafts and plenty of space for children to safely explore.

We have parking and toilets on site.

Yew Tree Farm School are excited to open their gates to the public every Wednesday and Thursday this summer for our most hands-on experiences yet

FAIRYTALES ON THE FARM

Yew Tree Farm School

Wednesday 30th & Thursday 31st August

Tickets just £8. Under 1s go FREE.
www.yewtreefarmschool.co.uk

Goldilocks and The Three Bears, follow the trail of Goldilocks' hair ribbons to find our three bears having a teddy bears picnic, will you dare sitting in Daddy Bears chair?

The Three Billy Goats Gruff, tempt our goats across the bridge with yummy treats.

Jack and the Beanstalk, help us prepare our cows for the market and visit the canopy for a range of craft activities.

The Three Little Pigs, can you recall the story with the help of our guinea pigs in cuddle corner?
Horse grooming, a sheep show, and plenty of space for children to explore.

We have parking and toilets on site.

SUMMER FUN AT THE FARM

Yew Tree Farm School

Wednesday 26th & Thursday 27th July
Wednesday 9th & Thursday 10th August
Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th August

Tickets just £8. Under 1s go FREE.
www.yewtreefarmschool.co.uk

Have you ever fancied getting hands-on at the farm? Well this summer you and your family can do just that!

Meet the horses, get involved, and hear more about equine care. Feed the pigs and walk our greedy goats.

Come and help Flaus perform his famous sheep show. Splash with the noisy ducklings, hold a fluffy chick and meet our rabbits and guinea pigs in cuddle corner.
Visit the canopy to make a fruit kebab for the chickens . There will be craft activities to take home or display on the farm. and plenty of space for children to safely explore.

We have parking and toilets on site.

THE GRUFFALO AT THE FARM

Yew Tree Farm School

Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th August

Tickets just £8. Under 1s go FREE.
www.yewtreefarmschool.co.uk

Follow the footprints, feeding and meeting our larger animals along the way, to find the Gruffalo hiding with his friends in the woods.
There will be horse grooming, pig feeding and goat walking experiences led by our expert farmers.
Meet the friends of the Mouse in cuddle corner, a chance to hold our little guinea pigs, hens, and bunnies. Explore the allotment and gather natural materials to use for your own alfresco art attack. Visit the canopy to explore a range of Gruffalo craft and activities.
We have parking and toilets on site.

Seapoint Canoe Centre is pleased to continue its regular Saturday morning kayak club for ages 8-13, and a few extra summer activities for the children to enjoy once they break up from school, please see below the details:

Saturdays 10am – 12pm Kayak Club, ages 8-13 (all abilities)

July Canoe and Camp overnight, depart 4pm 25 July and return 10am 26 July, ages 10-14 £45

Monday 7 August – Friday 11 August SUP beginners 10am-12.30pm Ages 10-14 £99 for 5 day course

4 Afternoons of Kayak Club, 1.30-3.30pm for ages 8-13 £10 per session
Monday 7 August
Tuesday 8 August
Wednesday 9 August
Friday 10 August

We hope Bodsham pupils will come and join us this Summer!

Exercise for the brain!

If you are looking for some chess over the summer, there are two dedicated junior clubs in East Kent.

Folkestone Juniors
https://folkestonejnrchess.wixsite.com/juniors

and Sandwich https://sandwichess.uk/

The Summer Reading Challenge is Here!

The annual Summer Reading Challenge in Kent libraries is now underway and runs until 9 September. Children aged 4-11 will be able to visit Kent Libraries to join a superstar team and their marvellous mascots and get involved in "**Ready, Set, Read!**", which is themed around the power of play, sport, games and physical activity.

Through taking part in the challenge, with free materials from all Kent Libraries and online via the Challenge website, children will be encouraged to keep their minds and bodies active over the summer break. The characters – brought to life by children's author and illustrator Loretta Schauer – navigate a fictional summer obstacle course and track their reading as they go, rewarded by free incentives including stickers.

PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE 6 WEEKS SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2023

COURTESY OF MONEY SAVING CENTRAL

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

TESCO

Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from Mon 24th July - Fri 1st September 2023

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

TRAVELODGE

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays & up to 2 Kids get free breakfast with 1 adult breakfast

PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 & get one free kids meal all day, every day.

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

BILLS

2 kids eat FREE all day, every day from Monday 24th July – Friday 1st Sept 2023

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

SA BRAINS PUBS

Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Valid All Day Wednesdays

FUTURE INNS

Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal. During the school holidays

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

YO! SUSHI

From Mon 17th of July until Fri 11th of Aug kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

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BIGGER SUMMER FESTIVAL

Bug Hunts
Nature Walks
Rock Pooling
Fossil Hunts
& much more

2 - 29 AUGUST 2023

This year's festival is bigger and better than ever. We have a month of exploration, crafts and activities throughout August with a Sunday Funday at Fort Burgoyne!

For more information visit: **whitecliffscountryside.org.uk**

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