Bodsham Church of England Primary School

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The hope of the Resurrection, told in John 20, reminds us that death isn't the end, but the beginning of new life. It encourages us to face each day with courage and kindness, trusting that even in hard times, new beginnings are possible and God's love never fails.

24th April 2026

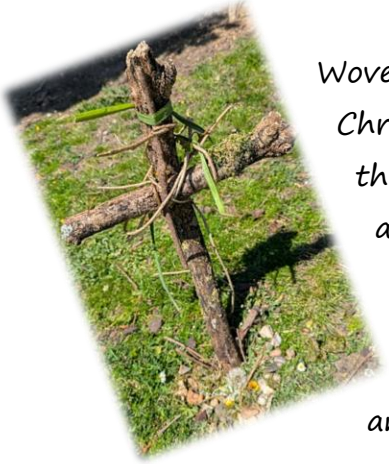
THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

## Recognising What Makes Bodsham Special

I am delighted to share the outcome of our recent Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS), along with the final report. We are very pleased that the inspector, Mr Hulme, recognised our deeply embedded Christian vision, which fosters an inclusive and caring community where pupils and staff flourish spiritually and academically. This truly reflects the ethos of our school, the strength of our community, and the impact of our Christian vision in action each day.

A special thank you to the parents who took the time to speak with the inspector. Your contributions were greatly valued and helped to present a full picture of our school community.

This outcome is a testament to the dedication of our entire school community, including staff, pupils, governors, clergy and families. I hope you feel as proud as I do of what has been recognised.



Woven throughout the report is a clear understanding of how our Christian values of Love, Strength and Creativity are the golden threads that shape who we are – lived out in the way we carry one another, and have the courage to be carried, inspired by the Parable of the Paralysed Man.

I look forward to celebrating this achievement with the children and to continuing our work as we develop the school even further.

With warmest thanks!

## (S)Miles of Determination!

Wishing all our TCS London Mini Marathon runners the very best of luck tomorrow. Have an amazing day and take pride in what you are achieving; your resilience, determination, and excitement to get involved are inspiring! Do keep fundraising to reach our £3,000 target – even if you're not running this year please donate and share the link on your own social media!

# Please donate and share the link!

## Helping Children Grow with Our Curriculum Aims!

As well as the Golden Threads of our Christian Values, our school supports the development of the whole child through our eight Curriculum Aims. We are excited to relaunch these Aims this term to ensure the children understand that they are at the heart of everything we teach, supporting pupils to grow academically, socially and personally.

Our aims are: **Independence, Communication Skills, Self-expression, Resilience, Creativity, Self-belief, Enquiry and Diversity.** These are woven through our lessons and school life, helping children become confident, curious and capable learners.

To bring these Aims to life, we've worked with Rebecca Smith, Sam Thompsett and the PTFA to create stories, images and displays focused on the animals found in our local environment - thank you to our clever, creative team!

During our Friday Celebration Worship, we will be commending children who demonstrate these qualities by sending home beautiful certificates and stickers that highlight your child's achievements in these Aims. You can support at home by talking about the Aims and noticing when your child shows these in everyday life. We look forward to celebrating our pupils as they continue to grow and shine.

## Adventures Ahead

Over the coming term, we have an exciting programme of visits planned for our classes. We are very grateful for the support of parents, particularly with transportation, without which these opportunities would be much more difficult to provide, and expensive for parents! Our visits are designed to give children

the chance to participate in competitive sport, engage deeply in their learning, and to help make learning more memorable. Here is what they have to look forward to: -

| Class | Date | Trip/Location |
|---|---|---|
| Woodpeckers | 26th April | Canterbury Catherdral |
| Woodpeckers | 7th May | Golf Event, Etchinghill |
| Owls | 20th May | Netball Event, Three Hills Sports Park |
| Owls & Woodpeckers | 21st May | Sikh Gurdwara, Gravesend |
| Sparrows | 5th June | Canterbury Cathedral |
| Woodpeckers | 10th June | Cricket Event, Elham |
| Woodpeckers | 18th June | Richborough Roman Fort |
| Selected KS2 Athletes | 1st July | District Sports Competition, Three Hills |
| Whole School | 3rd July | Day of Pilgrimage and Prayer, Local Walk |

**If you are able to support any of our upcoming trips please do let us know as soon as possible.**

## Welcome Back!

Welcome back to Miss Skinner who has returned in health this term – we are very happy to have her back in school giving support and care to the class!

We also have good news about our lovely office admin Mrs Clare Mason. Following a nasty accident skiing she is due to return on Tuesday 5th May. A huge thank you to Sue Sutton who has kept the office going in Mrs Mason's absence – we really appreciate everything you have done!

## Class Newsletters Incoming

Do look out for your child's class newsletter today as well. It is full of useful information about the class and shares information about the curriculum across the whole summer term.

## After School Club Booking Now!

TeachSport continue to run their exciting after school club at Bodsham. Children can relax and play until 6pm and will be given a healthy snack to keep them active! Parents can book direct through their website.

## Join the May Fayre Magic!

Do come and join the fun at the Hastingleigh Spring Fair on Bank Holiday Monday, 4th May. Some of our children have created beautiful birds to adorn the hedge, and our wonderful Mrs Wenham will be leading the maypole dancing that the children have been practising so enthusiastically over the past term.

It's a fantastic community event – if you haven't been before, you're in for a real treat! See the poster below for more details

Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

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

Bodsham C/E Primary School,
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# Community News

# BE PART OF SOMETHING BIG

KENT VOLUNTEER POLICE CADETS

**SEARCH: KENT POLICE CADETS**

**EMAIL: CADETS@KENT.POLICE.UK**

**Aged 11 – 18?**

Become a Kent Volunteer Police Cadet and explore some of the most exciting roles and departments in Kent Police. Learn real policing skills, build your confidence, and make friends for life! Junior Cadets are aged 11 – 13 and meet in Dover, Maidstone, Folkestone and Medway with more units on the way. Senior Police Cadets are aged 13 – 18 and meet at locations across Kent.

**Aged 18+?**

The fun doesn't stop at 18. Our adult volunteer leaders have access to the same amazing opportunities as our cadets, plus extra training for the role. We need volunteers from both inside and outside of the police and would love to hear from you if you're interested!

**Interested?**

Search 'Kent Police Cadets', or email cadets@kent.police.uk for more info.

# KESTREL GYMNASTICS ACADEMY

**AFFILIATED TO**


**Unit 1 Counter Buildings**

**Woodchurch**

**Ashford**

**TN263SP**

**Email:** kestrelgymnastics2009@gmail.com

**Phone: 01233861441**

**Regional Grades NDP 2026**

EST in 2009

# Timetable

All abilities welcome

**Open Playgym (toddlers)**
Monday and Friday 12:15-13:15 (pay on day)

**Preschool 3years +**
Monday and Friday 13:30-14:30

**Adult Gymnastics**
Tuesday 19:00-20:30 (pay on day)

**Beginner's classes General/Recreational gymnastics**
Monday to Friday 16:00-17:00 And Saturday 9:00-10:00

**Advance Gymnastics**
Tuesday to Friday 17:00-19:00 and Saturday 10:00-12:00

**Tumbling/Acro**
Friday 17:00-19:00

**Teen Gym**
Saturday 12:00-14:30

**Squad Development**
Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 16:00-17:30

**Floor and Vault Squad**
Tuesday, Thursday 17:00-19:00 and Saturday 10:00-12:00

**Women's and Men's Artistic Squad**
Monday, Wednesday and Friday 17:00-20:00

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Saturday 12:00-15:00

**Trampolining**
Wednesday 17:00-18:00

Friday 16:00-17:00

New member limited time offer valid till end of June 2026
15% of your first month please use code **Welcome15** to be used at reception on arrival
To book please Email: kestreleymnastics2009@gmail.com

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## Ashford & District Young Farmers Club

# LAMBING DAY

Lambing & farm animals

Tractor & trailer rides

Craft stalls

Have a go at spinning

BBQ & local food & drink

Sheep shearing demo's

**Sunday April 26th 2026**
**10am - 4pm**

## Hope Farm, Wittersham, Kent TN30 7NP

**£5 per head (Under 2's free)**

**Tickets on the gate only - cash only** **Sorry no dogs**
**This is a working farm with limited disabled access**

**Supporting:**

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