Bodsham Church of England Primary School

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This Holy Week, as we welcome a new Archbishop of Canterbury, Dame Sarah Mullally, the themes of pilgrimage, service, and being carried by God resonate deeply. Just as the Archbishop has completed an 87-mile pilgrimage, walking with others and depending on them, we are invited to walk through Holy Week, knowing that we do not walk alone, but are carried by the love of our community and the grace of God.

27th March 2026

SIAMS visit

On Tuesday we were visited by Mr Ben Hulme to complete our Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools. Mr Hulme was impressed with the dedication of staff, pupils, parents, clergy and Governors, working towards the common goal of supporting our children and adults to flourish in a caring Church school.

The final judgement will be available after Easter, but I wanted to extend my thanks to all the pupils and adults who took time to speak with Mr Hulme about their experience of being part of our special little community.

Daffodil Tea

Whilst our Inspection was taking place around the school, our hall was filled with members of our elderly and vulnerable community, who were invited to join the Year 6 children for afternoon tea. This reinvigorated event was led by Rebecca Smith who provided delicious cakes and set the hall up beautifully. The children were praised for their hosting skills, and we are grateful to Mrs Allen who lead the choir in song. In particular, the children were enthralled by Mr Ron Marsh, who at 96 was able to share his tales of Bodsham School when he was a boy, during World War II. A huge thanks to Rebecca and Virginia who ran the event!

Rocking out at Bodsham

Another lovely event this week was the Rocksteady Concert for children who have been learning alongside musician Jacob, to play rock guitar, drums, keyboard and vocals. Given that some of our children are still only 4 and the instruments were almost as big as they were, the progress in a short time has been phenomenal. They were able to showcase their musical ability, work as a team, develop their self-belief, and demonstrate exceptional resilience to perform in front of packed hall of parents! If your child is interested in joining Rocksteady, to perform such hits as 'Shake it off' and 'Green Green Grass' do click the link to join up – almost half our school take part and they absolutely love it.
Home - Rocksteady Music School

Attendance Matters -What does 95% attendance really mean over the school year?

Across 3 terms of 6 weeks, students attend around 90 school days. With 5 lessons each day, this equals 450 lessons in total. To achieve 95% attendance, your child needs to attend at least 428 lessons.

Why this matters is simple. Missing even one day means missing 5 lessons, and this quickly adds up.

- 1 day off equals 5 lessons missed
- 5 days off equals 25 lessons missed and drops below 95%
- 9 days off equals 45 lessons missed and is 90% attendance

Every lesson counts. Being in school every day makes a real difference to your child's learning.

This week's whole school attendance stands at 94.88%

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.

Mini Marathon Fundraising full steam ahead!

We have now allocated most of the spaces, with just a few 1 mile spaces left to fill This is now open to all Year Groups, so get in touch if you would still like to join. Do get fundraising please:- share the link on your social media and ask friends and family to donate. WE'RE RUNNING THE LONDON MINI MARATHON TO FUNDRAISE FOR AN OUTDOOR CLASSROOM FOR BODSHAM SCHOOL! | SuperKind

All danced out!

Well done Robins, you have raised £80 from your Danceathon, the proceeds of which go towards the transport costs for all those lovely books you collected to get to Africa. It was noisy and fun, and you have made a difference.

Looking ahead

Tuesday 31st	Easter Egg Hunt, egg rolling and decorated egg competition. (Get planning your creations now!)
Thursday 2nd April Collect from School at 2.15pm	Easter Service at St Mary the Virgin Hastingleigh – everyone welcome!
2nd April to 20th April	Easter Holiday Please note - Monday 20th April is a Staff Training Day **Children return to school Tuesday 21st April**
Saturday 25th April	TCS London Mini Marathon

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs 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

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Community News

Folkestone & Hythe Easter HAF Activities

Week 1

Thursday 9th April

New Romney Family Hub Day

10am - 2pm

Suitable for 5-11 year olds

Week 2

Wednesday 15th April

Folkestone Family Hub Day

11am - 2pm

Suitable for 5-11 year olds

Thursday 16th April

Ashford Bowl

2pm - 5:30pm

Suitable for Year 6+

Lunch Provided

Priority given to children receiving free school meals.

Transport available for outreach trips.