Bodsham Church of England Primary School

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The Christian idea of Generosity means a bit more than the dictionary definition of the word. We talked about how Christians believe God wants us to be generous to each other all the time, not just with our money but with our time and our love. Can your child suggest ways they've been generous this week?

2nd May 2025

Sun's Out, Let The Fun Term Begin!

Right on cue, a brief spell of warm weather heralds the start of the summer term. For parents this is a busy time, so please do check our school website calendar to make sure you have all the important dates pencilled in: In May, Year 6 will be sitting their SATs, there is a Drop In Zone to view children's work and we have our traditional Spring Sing to look forward to (details below!). In June, we have our 150th Anniversary celebration, Sports Day, our Summer Fair and Pilgrimage day – and of course the Owls' production and leaver's service! Phew!

Bank Holiday Funday

Why not make the most of the long weekend by visiting the Hastingleigh Spring Fayre on Bank Holiday Monday? Bodsham children will feature heavily at the event as they have contributed some art work that will be on display around the ground and Mrs Wenham's group will be demonstrating their Maypole Dancing skills on the day. Please come along if you can!

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

Mini Marathon Marvels

On Saturday an intrepid group of Bodsham children and parents assembled in central London to run part of the official Marathon route. The London Mini Marathon is a wonderful way for children to enjoy running and raise money for their school at the same time. Thanks to the generosity of family and friends, the PTFA have now raised more than £3,000 towards our new computers.

A huge thank you to everyone who took part or donated (or both!). It's not too late to add to the total and you can find the Superkind donation page here

Thank you PTFA

Organising the London Mini Marathon again this year is just one example of the excellent work our PTFA do to support the school. They are always thinking of fun ways to raise money! You can read the PTFA's latest newsletter here. There is lots of information about past projects and also ways you can help at the forthcoming Summer Fair

New Spring & Summer Caterlink Menu Online

The new school meal menu for Spring and Summer 2025 has now been published on our website. Children can look forward to seasonal treats such as Chicken Korma with Rice, Greek Macaroni Cheese and Hot Dogs with Wedges. That's alongside the traditional Wednesday Roast and Friday Fish and Chips! The cost of these nutritionally balanced and very tasty two course meals is remarkably good value at £2.93

Caterlink are also planning a special 'Treat Day' menu on **Thursday 15th May** to encourage more children to try school dinners. If you usually send in a packed lunch, have a look at this menu to see if it tempts you! Remember, children in Years R,1 & 2 eat for free!

After School Clubs Now Running

Our partners at Teachsport are up and running with their exciting new After School Club offer on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The club combines active and creative activities each day and runs until 6pm. Children receive a healthy snack each evening. Parents can book onto sessions here. If you want to use Tax Free Childcare vouchers to make payments contact Elliot directly on 07522 250007 or email canterbury@teachsport.org .

Volunteer Readers Needed

Do you have a spare hour or two you could offer to help with reading in our school? We would be most grateful for any parent or grandparent who may be able to offer their help in this role. It is hugely beneficial to children across the school to have chance to read aloud with adults on a regular basis and your help could make all the difference. Please get in touch with the school office if you think you may be able to help.

VE Day Celebration Next Week

To mark the 80th Anniversary of VE Day, we are offering a special 1940s menu to the children on **Thursday 8th May.** Book now for a taste of history!

Car park care!

Our staff have been given permission to use the Timberbatts Car Park at the back by the owners, but we have noticed some parents sneaking in there too, with children reported to be running across the area. To ensure everyone is safe and our hardworking staff to leave on time, please use the public parking at the front of the pub or the concrete apron in front of the barns.

Attention Year 5 Parents!

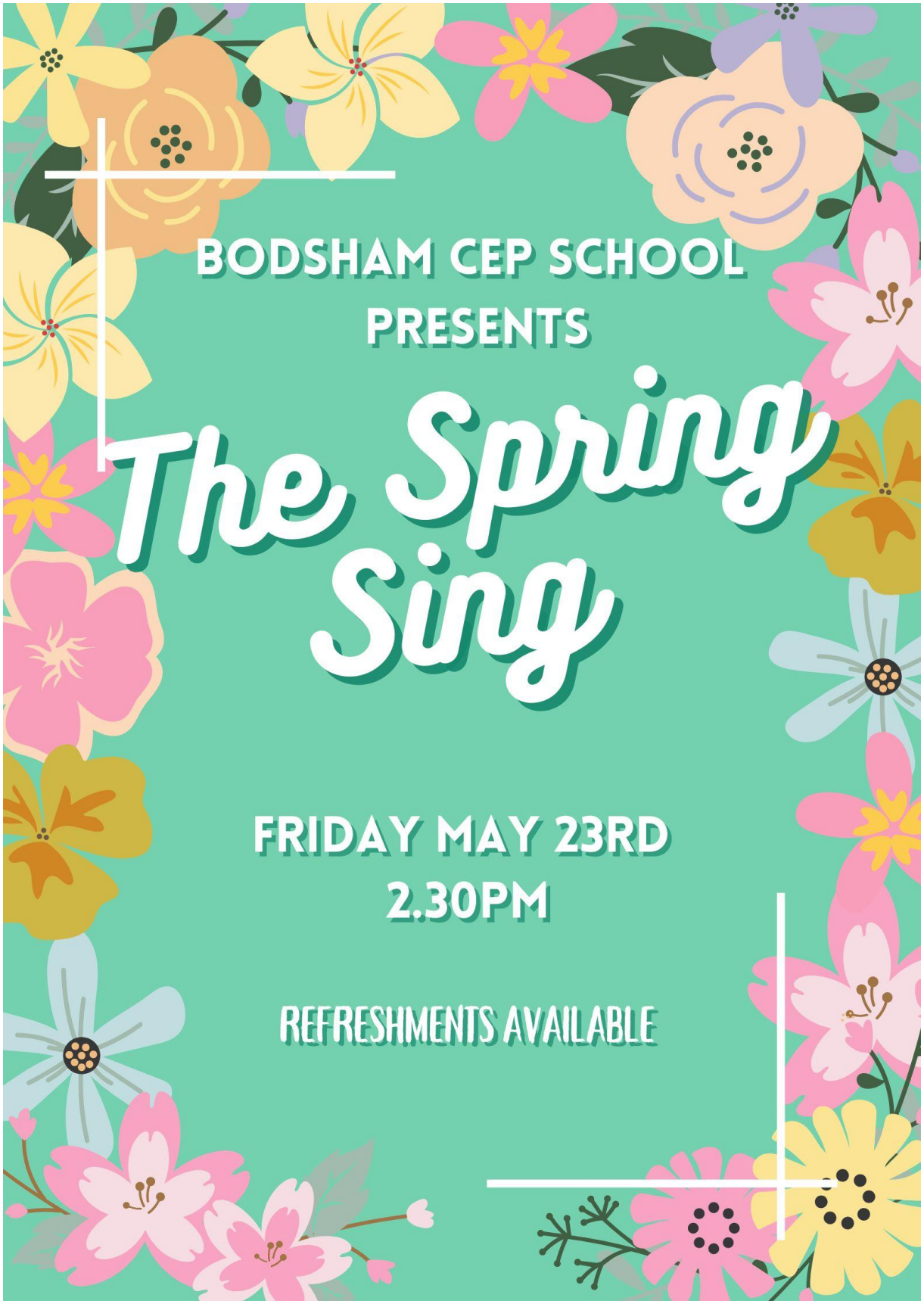
We are approaching the time when Year 5 parents need to start thinking about their choice of secondary schools in September 2026. To help you with this, we will be offering individual meetings with all Year 5 parents in early June, but before then I will be hosting an online briefing to outline how the whole process works, including the Kent Test and the dates for secondary school applications. This briefing will be via Zoom at **5:30pm on Thursday 22nd May**. Please put that date in your diary and we will send the required link before the meeting.

And Finally…

Don't forget school is closed on Monday for the May Bank Holiday!

Paul Newton

Executive Head Teacher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The Spring Sing
FRIDAY MAY 23RD
2.30PM
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

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The Ashford School
SUMMER BIATHLON

Do you enjoy swimming and running?

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Swim Distance (20m Pool)	20m	20m	40m	60m
Run Distance (Grass Track)	400m	800m	800m	1200m

Thursday 22 May 2025

16:00 - 18:00

(Registration 15:00 - 15:30)

Ashford Prep School
Great Chart, Ashford, TN23 3DJ

To enter, please complete the Booking Form or scan the QR code

Entries £8 per athlete
Deadline for entries: Monday 12 May 2025
Limited spaces so book fast!