Bodsham Church of England Primary School

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Saltwood Church of England Primary School

This week we have been talking about Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who cares for each of us, keeps us safe and helps us to flourish and become all that we can be. We have been asking the children 'Who are the people who help you to flourish, and how can you help someone else to flourish this week?' Their thoughtful and often surprisingly profound answers have given us plenty to reflect on!

2nd October 2026

Brilliant Bowles!

Next week, our Year 6 pupils will be heading off on their residential to Bowles. It's a wonderful opportunity to step outside their comfort zones, try new things and make memories together. We hope they will grow in confidence, independence and resilience, while supporting one another and discovering just how much they are capable of. This year the coach will leave from Saltwood Green at 9.30am – I look forward to seeing them there to wave them off. We wish them a fantastic time filled with laughter, adventure and plenty of new experiences. And we look forward to hearing all about it when they return!

Beautiful Bodsham

Just a reminder that on Saturday 10th October, we will be holding our first Beautiful Bodsham morning of the year from around 9.30am to 12pm. Look out for communication from Rachel Jones and Rosie Baur who are coordinating the morning. They will be in touch with what needs to be done and what to bring.

Harvest Thanks

A huge thank you to all the parents and children who gave so generously this year at our service of harvest thanks. Bright City Church have collected bags brimming with tins and packets today and are truly grateful for the kindness shown. The packages will be turned into meals to be served at Vinnie's Diner and to support their food parcel programme.

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.

Attendance Matters

With a new school year comes a renewed focus on attendance. We are delighted that children's attendance across the school is positive, and this plays an important part in supporting children's learning, friendships, wellbeing and progress. Every day in school matters, and we want to work with families to help children attend regularly wherever possible.

We also appreciate that children do sometimes become unwell. NHS guidance is that children can usually come to school with a minor illness, such as a mild cold, cough or sore throat, provided they are otherwise well and do not have a high temperature. If your child has a high temperature or is genuinely unwell, they should stay at home until they are feeling better and their temperature has returned to normal without medication.

Please do speak to us if you are unsure whether your child is well enough to attend. Thank you for your continued support in helping our children make the most of every school day.

Village News

We were delighted to meet our new neighbours, Claire and Andrew, who have recently moved into the old Timberbatts pub. They are hoping to restore this rather sad-looking building and create a welcoming space for the community once again, which is lovely to see.

Their arrival does, however, mean that staff are no longer able to use the car park behind the pub, so we would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone about considerate parking around the school.

Please use the concrete apron in front of the barns and double-park where possible, while taking care not to block The Shippen, so that residents can continue to access their properties. Also, do avoid parking on the grass opposite the barns or in the residents' parking for Collet Close.

We would also like to remind everyone to take extra care with their speed when arriving and leaving school. There have been a number of near misses, and with children, families and residents all moving around the area, please keep speeds low and allow plenty of time and space for everyone to move safely. Thank you, as always, for your understanding and for helping us to be considerate and supportive members of our local community.

Discover at Discovery Club!

The children have been enjoying our new clubs this term including Parkour, Scooter Club and Archery. See the flyer below for details and book through Arbor choosing either Discovery Club 3.30pm to 4.30pm, or for extended wraparound care until 6pm, choose Sunset Club. You can book right up to 3.30pm on the day of the club.

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

Pirate Day fun!

Thank you to our Chef Elizabeth, who made the Pirate-themed Census Day so much fun, with a colouring competition and prizes, pirate biscuits and a special pirate ship melon! She even got the staff to join in with dressing up too! Arrrrrr!

Rockin' Rocksteady

We have had a communication from Rocksteady who do such a fantastic job at delivering high-energy music tuition at Bodsham, about some free music sessions at Hobgoblin music – do see the flyer below!

<u>And finally</u> …. a huge thank you to the army of parents who organised and ran the film night tonight, including the mammoth clear up. It was an absolute hit with the children – well done team!

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

ELITE COMMUNITY Coaching (UK) Limited

BODSHAM SCHOOL

DISCOVERY CLUB

EVERY DAY
3.30PM TO 4.30PM

AT BODSHAM CEP SCHOOL

Monday - Archery
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

ROCK STEADY FOUNDATION

YOUR CHILD'S INVITED TO JOIN A FREE BAND WORKSHOP!

Free to sign up! Relaxed, friendly session focusing on songwriting. Play drums, guitar, bass, keyboard or vocals.

Rocksteady has partnered with Hobgoblin Music Stores for this free 'Learn to Play' band workshop.

Saturday 10th October
4x 30-minute sessions to choose from between 12pm and 2pm

Hobgoblin Music Store,
22 Lower Bridge Street,
Canterbury,
Kent,
CT1 2LG

CALL HOBGOBLIN TO BOOK YOUR PLACE ON
0333 800 9500

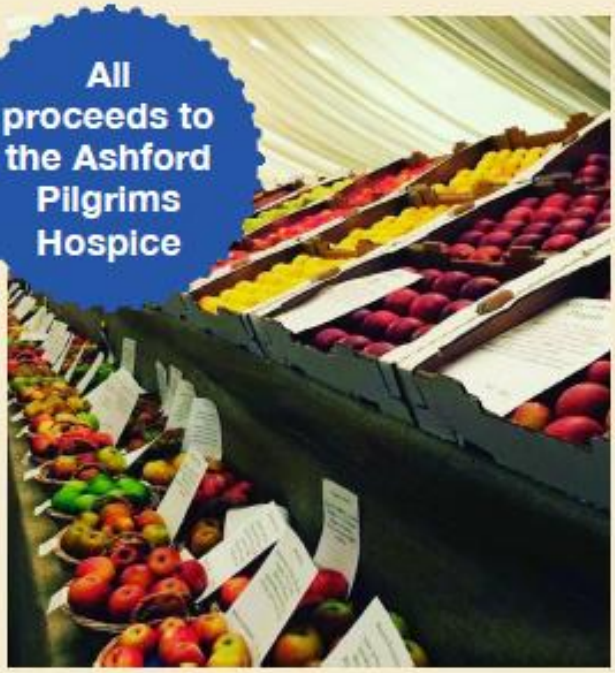
rocksteadymusicschool.com

PERRY COURT FARM

annual apple fayre

★ SATURDAY 3RD & SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2026 ★

All proceeds to the Ashford Pilgrims Hospice



★ JOIN US FROM 10AM - 5PM ★

APPLE PIE COMPETITION ENTRIES BY 11AM SATURDAY

APPLE AND PEAR DISPLAY OF OVER 200+ VARIETIES OF APPLES & PEARS ★ LOCAL CRAFTS STALLS
★ APPLE REFRESHMENTS ★ JUICE TASTING ★ ORCHARD WALKS ★ RAFFLE ★
FARM SHOP & TEAROOM ★ SHIRE HORSES ★ STEAM ENGINES ★ MORRIS DANCERS

PERRY COURT FARM ★ CANTERBURY ROAD ★ ASHFORD ★ KENT ★ TN25 4ES
SEE WWW.PERRYCOURT.FARM FOR MORE DETAILS AND TIMINGS

PERRY COURT FARM

apple pie competition

AT OUR ANNUAL APPLE FAYRE

★ SATURDAY 3RD & SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2026 ★

★ JOIN US FROM 10AM - 5PM ★

APPLE PIE COMPETITION ENTRIES BY 11AM SATURDAY

Entries £2.50 per pie

ALL PROCEEDS TO THE ASHFORD PILGRIMS HOSPICE

PERRY COURT FARM ★ CANTERBURY ROAD ★ ASHFORD ★ KENT ★ TN25 4ES

NAME

CONTACT

NUMBER OF ENTRIES ADULT CHILD (UNDER 12)

FOR FAYRE USE ONLY (PIE NUMBER)