Bodsham Church of England Primary School

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Saltwood Church of England Primary School

At Harvest Festival we talk to the children about the idea of fairness. We can't ignore the fact that we live in a world that is not fair, where some have a lot and many have little. The Bible tells us to share our wealth, and by giving food at Harvest our children learn about the difference they can make.

3rd October 2025

Academy Conversion Consultation Continues

Thank you to all those who came to our consultation event with leaders of OCMAT earlier this week. There was a very good discussion around how this Multi Academy Trust is structured, and the level of support it will be able to provide for our schools. Questions included what the future size of the trust might be, who holds trust leaders to account and how the role of our governing body will change after conversion. I hope the OCMAT team were able to give you constructive and reassuring answers to all these points. The consultation continues on our website, where all stakeholders can give their opinions and ask questions, which will be answered as soon as we get them!

[Visit our consultation webpage]

Award Winning Woodpeckers!

I am pleased to announce you that our Woodpecker Class Team has been selected as a winner for the Kent Mental Wellbeing Awards 2025. These awards celebrate mental health, kindness, and wellbeing best practices in the community, business, education, and charity sectors.
Well done to Miss Skinner, Mrs Norris and Mrs Carmichael! It's wonderful that the care and support you give to our children has been recognised – I hope you enjoy the prize giving dinner later in the month!

Open Days for September 2026!

It seems hard to believe, but we are already showing families around the school for places in our reception class of 2026! Our first open day took place on Thursday and was very well attended. Our Year 6 children acting as guides really allows prospective parents to get a feel for the way Bodsham works. Our next Open Day is in November, but individual tours can be booked at any time

Story Time with Barley Bear

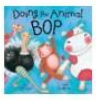
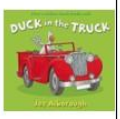
Next Wednesday at 2.15pm, we will be hosting our first school taster session of with year for families with children starting school in September 2026. Do spread the word!

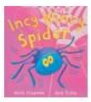
Are you looking for a school place for September 2026?

Six, free school taster sessions for you and your child at our beautiful, rural school led by our EYFS teachers.

Storytime with Barley the Bodsham Bear

Wednesdays 2.15-3.00pm in the Art Studio at Bodsham Church of England Primary School, TN25 5JQ

Weds 8th October		If you sometimes dance and like to sing, the animal bop is just your thing. Come and make a shaker and join in with dancing like the animals and singing your favourite songs!
Weds 15th October		Learn some Makaton signs with Barley and join in with the story 'Duck in the Truck'. This is the tale of a duck who gets stuck in some yucky brown muck. After the story you can play with some muddy messy gloop!
Weds 29th October		Bring your wellington boots and join us on a walk around our school field to learn about fun, friendship and how to make an alien!

Weds 5th November		Come along and listen to the story about a spider called Incy Wincy. This week, you will have the opportunity to make your Incy Wincy spider puppet.
Weds 12th November		Listen to the story 'Whatever Next!' and learn how to make moon sand and join in with Barley's favourite space song 'Zoom, Zoom, Zoom We're Going to the Moon'!
Weds 19th November		Come and visit Sparrows Wood in our EYFS garden and find everything you need to make your very own Stick Man. Children from our school council will be on hand to help you in the Art Studio.

Barley the Bodsham Bear is looking forward to meeting you!

Complimentary light refreshments will be available for you and your child/children.

If you would like to come along then please email admin@bodsham.kent.sch.uk to register your interest. You are welcome to attend as many sessions as you wish.

Parent Governor applications.

We continue to seek nominations for the role of parent governor at Bodsham. Our governing body are steering both of our schools through a period of exciting change and development and it is important that the voice of Bodsham's parents is heard throughout this process and beyond. If you think you would be interested in this you can find full details and a nomination form here.

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

Half Term Holiday Club Bookings Now Open

October Half term courses bookings are now open with Elite Community Coaching. They run holiday clubs in several venues in the local area, including Saltwood. Parents can book [directly via Elite's website]

Please Park Considerately

Our small little school relies on the goodwill of our neighbours in the Bodsham community. The area behind the old Timber Batts building has been granted as a parking area for staff only, and if parents use this space, we may not keep that permission.

Please also be considerate around the cottages near the school. We've had reports of a parent parking in front of 'The Shippen' this week, which is a private space and not for our use. There is plenty of space to park either in front of the Timber Batts on the common land, or around the corner on the concrete apron in front of the barns. Thank you.

After School Clubs Booking Now

Elliot and his team are now running their excellent after school club every day until 6pm. Children are offered a range of fun activities and games, along with a healthy snack. Bookings can be made directly with the TeachSport team.

Meet the Teachers at Parent Consultations

Parent Consultation appointments are now open to book on Arbor and will take place on Monday 13th and Wednesday 15th October (Sparrows class on Wednesday 15th only). Each appointment is 10 minutes per child, and if you are booking for more than one child, please leave at least a 10-minute gap between appointments so you have time to look through their books. Do try to arrive on time as late arrivals may need to rearrange their appointment. The consultations are very busy, and we want to ensure a smooth evening for our staff. We look forward to seeing you and sharing your child's journey!

Woodpeckers Go Wild!

On Wednesday the Woodpeckers travelled to Wildwood as part of their Science learning. The children had the opportunity to look at animal skeletons and handle animal bones. We managed to find some time to enjoy seeing the animals at the park...from wolves, to wallabies, bisons and bears! We were very brave crossing bear bridge too!

Paul Newton

Executive Head Teacher

Community News

PERRY COURT FARM

ANNUAL APPLE FAYRE

★ SATURDAY 4TH & SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2025 ★

All proceeds to the Ashford Pilgrims Hospice

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WEEK 2 - OCTOBER

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