Bodsham Church of England Primary School

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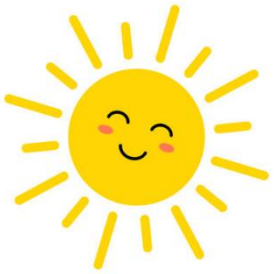
Saltwood Church of England Primary School

The Lord's Prayer is said by Christians around the world. It was taught to the disciples by Jesus when they asked Him how they should pray. Over the next two weeks we will be examining the text of this prayer in detail. Can your child recite it?

4th July 2025

What a Sizzling Summer Term



Lots in the newsletter this week to let you know what is coming up over the last two weeks of our school year. We have already had some fantastic events in truly summery weather and there's more to come!

- Your child's end of year report will be coming home (via the children) on Friday 11th July. Please check book bags at home! Teachers will be available after school on Tuesday 15th July until 4:30pm if you need to drop in and discuss the report for any reason – no appointment necessary.
- The Owls are preparing their own version of Peter Pan as their end of year production at Evington Hall on Thursday 17th July at 1.30pm. Year 5 & 6 parents are invited to purchase a ticket for the show from the school office.
- The school will be watching a dress rehearsal of Peter Pan at Evington Hall on the morning of the 17th July. Please drop all children (including breakfast club) at the Hall instead of school that day.
- The Leaver's service for our wonderful Year 6 will be taking place at Elmsted Church on the last day of term, which is Friday 18th July. All parents are invited to this traditional send off. Please collect the children from school at 2pm and arrive at the church for a 2:15pm start. Parking for parents will be in the field opposite the church.

Teaching Arrangements for September

There are no changes to our class teachers next year and children will move up to meet their new teacher on Friday 11th July. For some, this will involve spending the morning in a new classroom and for others it will mean greeting the younger children who will be joining their class next year.

Goodbye and Good Luck Mrs D Allen

One piece of sad news is that Mrs Debbie Allen, who has been the Robins' Teaching Assistant this year will be moving on to pastures new at the end of this term. Mrs Allen will be greatly missed by staff and children and we wish her all the best in her new job. A collection for her and also for Mrs Carter who is "putting down her paintbrushes" this term is being held in the school office if parents would like to contribute.

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 Gains Well Being Award!

We've just received the fantastic news that Bodsham has been given the Kent School Award for Resilience and Emotional Wellbeing. This NHS initiative seeks to identify schools that offer excellence in their emotional support for children. Most of the credit for this award should go to Mrs Thompson, who works so hard to support children with their emotional struggles across our Federation!

District Sports 2025

On Thursday this week Mrs Anderson led a team of hand-picked Bodsham athletes to the Three Hills Sports Centre to take part in this year's Shepway District Sports competition. Thanks to their amazing team efforts, Bodsham achieved second place in our school category. It was noted that the team values of resilience, encouragement, determination and respect for each other was high. Well done to all who took part!

Special Menu Next Thursday

Caterlink are offering a special 'Wimbledon' menu next Thursday to encourage more children to take a school dinner that day. Please book as usual if you're tempted by the strawberries!

After School Clubs Now Running

Since Easter, our partners at Teachsport have been running their exciting After School Clubs on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays (when there has been enough demand). The club runs until 6pm and children receive a healthy snack. From September, they will be offering their clubs Monday to Friday as Elite step back from running our clubs at the beginning of the week. Parents can book onto sessions here and can use Tax Free Childcare vouchers to make payments if you are signed up to this scheme. Bookings for the Autumn term will open up at the beginning of September.

A Message from our PTFA - Thank You to Our Wonderful Parents!

We want to extend a huge thank you to all the parents who helped the PTFA arrange this year's Bodsham School Summer Fair in June. Your time, effort, and enthusiasm made it a truly memorable event.

Despite it being the hottest day of the year, everyone had an amazing time, and the fair was a fantastic success! We're thrilled to share that the money raised will go towards new PCs for the computer room, which will benefit all our children. Thank you once again for your incredible support — we couldn't have done it without you!

Sarah, Virginia, Natalia and Rebecca x

... and I'd like to add my own heartfelt thanks to the PTFA itself. The amount of time and effort that went into organising this event was considerable and the results were spectacular! – thank you team!

String Group

Our music teacher, Stelios, has been teaching his string group all year and they are now ready to perform to an audience. There will be an ensemble piece along with individual performances in the hall on Tuesday next week (8th July) at 2:30pm – parents of performers are invited to attend!

Sign up for The Summer Reading Challenge!

Teachers highly recommend this summer holiday activity for readers of all ages!

THE READING AGENCY **Summer Reading Challenge**

Help Your Child Discover the Joy of Reading This Summer!

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The **Summer Reading Challenge**, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, is a FREE, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long.

This year's theme is **Story Garden**, where imagination blossoms and stories grow! Children will explore creativity, storytelling, and the magic of books through exciting activities and adventures.

Why Join?

- It's **FREE**! Available at local libraries and online
- Inspires a **lifelong love** of **reading**
- Boosts **confidence**, **creativity**, and **imagination**
- Earn **rewards**, **certificates**, and **prizes**
- Fun for the whole **family**. Vsit your **local library** together
- **95%** of children said they **read more** after joining!
- Children **choose their own books** to read over the summer, **collect rewards** for each milestone they reach, and **receive a certificate or medal** when they complete the challenge.

Visit your local library or go online at
👉 summerreadingchallenge.org.uk
to get started from 5 July 2025.

Help your child start their reading adventure today!

Do You Need Support In The Summer Holidays?

KCC are offering financial support to families whose children may not be entitled to Free School Meals, but who could still qualify for additional financial help. The Summer Food Voucher Scheme opened on 24 June 2025 and will run until 26 August 2025, or until funds are fully allocated—whichever comes first. We strongly encourage eligible households to apply as early as possible to avoid missing out.

Full details of the scheme, including eligibility criteria and the application form, are available at:

www.kent.gov.uk/householdsupportfund

What's included:
Successful applicants will receive a £90 food voucher, delivered either by email or post, depending on their preference. Please note that funding is limited and will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, with one award per household

Paul Newton
Executive Head Teacher

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Community News

BROOK RURAL MUSEUM

Sunday Funday

No unattended children

With a range of fun and educational kids' activities on-site

£5 entry. Children under 14 go free

Last Sunday of the month from June - September 2025

Light Refreshments Available on-site from Blooming Beans Coffee

Made possible with Heritage Fund

29 June
27 July
31 Aug
29 Sept

brookruralmuseum.org.uk

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Events 2025

Entry £5* per person

Brook Easter Bunny Trail
Sat 19 April, 10am-12pm
Adults FREE

Hop Exhibition Launch
Sat 24 May, 2pm-5pm
Children under 14 FREE

Birds of Prey Display
Sat 14 June, 2pm-5pm
Children under 14 FREE

Medieval Fayre
Sat 19 July, 11am-4pm
Children under 14 FREE

Rural Craft Workshops
Sat 6, 13 & 20 Sept, 2pm-5pm
+16s only. £10 per person

Harvest Festival
Sat 4 Oct, 2pm-5pm
Children under 14 FREE

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brookruralmuseum.org.uk

*entry £5 per person unless otherwise stated.

BROOK RURAL MUSEUM

Medieval Fayre

Saturday 19 July 2025
11.00am - 4.00pm

Entry: £5
Children under 14 go free

Includes a wide range of demonstrations, and drop-in activities for all ages!

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