Bodsham Church of England Primary School

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As the Bible reminds us, "Encourage one another and build each other up" (1 Thessalonians 5:11) - may we build our school community by supporting, encouraging and caring for one another, so that everyone knows they belong.

4th September 2026

Welcome Back!

A very warm welcome back to all our families as we begin another exciting school year at Bodsham Primary School!
It has been wonderful to welcome the children back through our doors, and a particularly special welcome to our new Reception children and their families. We are delighted to have you as part of our school community and hope that you will quickly feel at home here in the Bodsham family.
Today, you will have received your child's class newsletter, which contains some useful information about the year ahead. These will also be available on the school website later today, so that you can refer back to them whenever you need to.

Important dates

Over the coming weeks, we will be updating our online school diary with dates for events, activities and important occasions throughout the year. In the meantime, we wanted to make sure you have the date for our Harvest Festival, which this year **is** Friday 25th September. On that day school finishes at 2.15pm and we ask that you transport your children to Church ready for the service to begin at 2.30pm. We are hoping to hold the service at Elmsted Church, although this will be weather dependent. We will keep you updated as we get closer to the day and confirm the arrangements.

Our wonderful PTFA

I am looking forward to meeting with our PTFA next week to agree dates for all the amazing events they have planned for the year ahead. These events are such an important part of our school community, not only helping to raise much-needed

funds for the children, but also bringing families together and creating opportunities for us all to shared enjoy time together.
We are very grateful for the enthusiasm and commitment of our PTFA and look forward to sharing the plans with you very soon.
In the meantime, note in your diaries their AGM: 7pm on the 24th September, at The Bowl Inn, Hastingleigh. Everyone is welcome and as well as conducting PTFA business, it's also a lovely social event!

Community events

Please also take a look at the attached community events, which may be of interest to you and your families.

After School Club News!

You will have seen our exciting news that has secured our clubs for the year, with Elite Community Coaching running our wraparound care. We are still in the process of ordering the equipment we need, but will have details of the different Discovery Club options available for your as soon as we can, giving our children the opportunity to enjoy some fun and new activities after school. Do book through Arbor choosing either Discovery Club 3.30pm to 4.30pm, or for extended wraparound care until 6pm, choose Sunset Club. Do let the office now if you have difficulty booking, and they will support you through the process.

Census Day Menu

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

School funding is directly linked to uptake in School Meals on our Census Day. To support and encourage everyone to have a meal on that day, we are offering all children a school meal on Census Day, 1st October. The special menu for that day can be found below. If your child would still prefer a packed lunch, they can of course bring that from home.

We are looking forward to a happy, exciting and successful year ahead, filled with learning, laughter, friendship and opportunities to grow together. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for being such an important part of our Bodsham community.

Here's to a wonderful year ahead!
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

Pirate Day Lunch

Thursday 1st October 2026

~ MENU ~

Crispy Coated Chicken

or Veggie Dippers

Chips, Baked Beans, Peas

& Tomato Ketchup

Mini Doughnuts & Fruit

Also available: Jacket Potato with Fillings,
Salad Bar, Homemade Bread & Yoghurt

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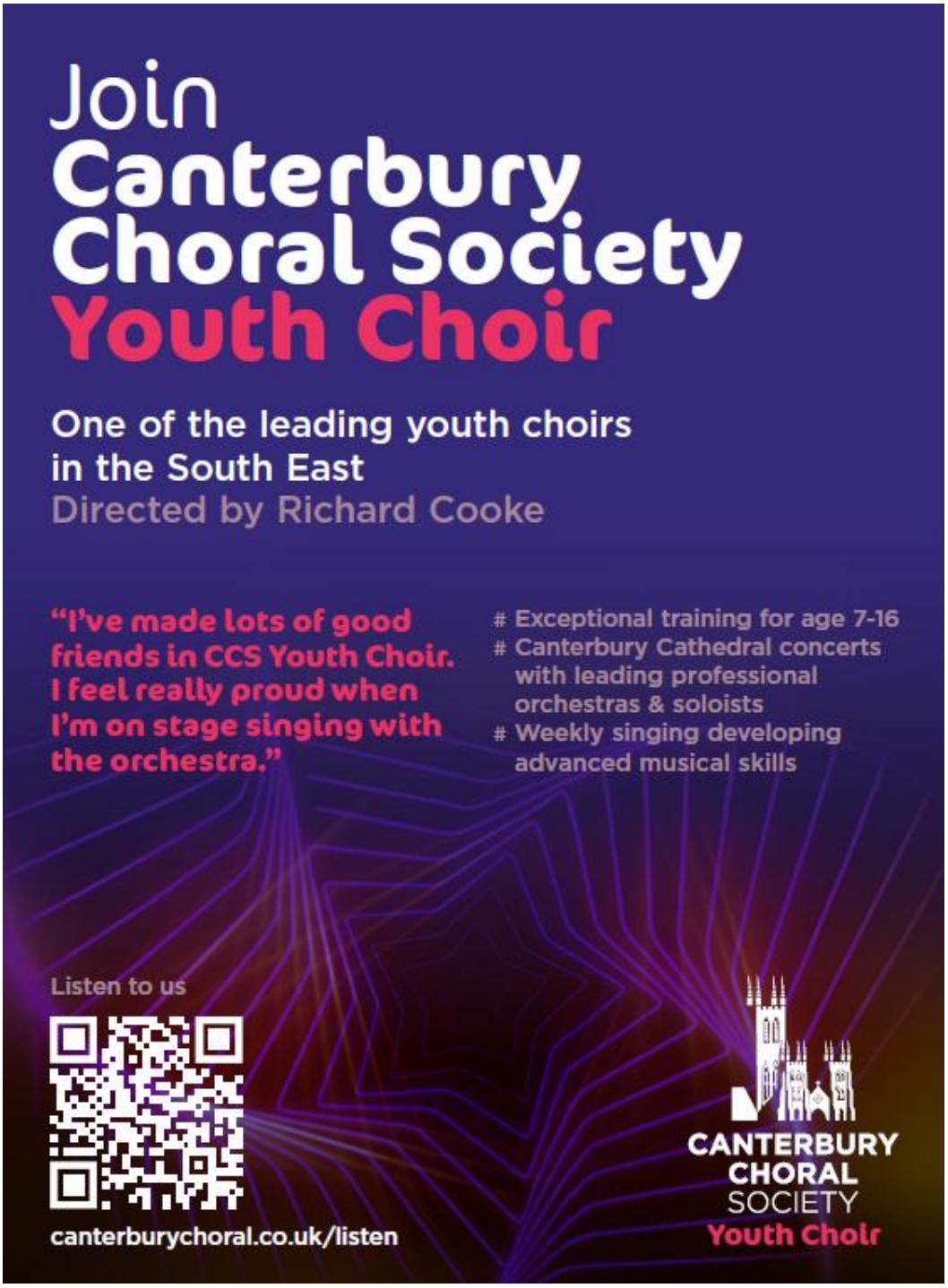
Community Events

Please click the link below to Simon Langton Girls' Grammar School where you will find details of their open days.

https://www.langton.kent.sch.uk/admissions/year-6-open-mornings-and-open-evening



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SATURDAYS	9AM - 10AM	BEGINNERS - INTERMEDIATES (AGES 7 - 13)
SATURDAYS	10AM - 11AM	INTERMEDIATES - ADVANCED AGES (11 - 18)

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