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"*Blessed are the gentle, for they bring peace wherever they go.*" This passage from *Matthew 5:5* reminds us that in the busyness of family life, moments of gentleness can become powerful lessons of faith for our children. I wonder how small acts of gentleness at home might help our children become peacemakers in the world.

6th February 2026

Courageous Advocacy – Making a difference

Miss Morris and her intrepid helper delivered a second car-load of books to the Canterbury warehouse of *Books to Africa* last weekend. Many were former library books that still have plenty of life left.

Robins class continue to collect donations, so please keep sending books into school. We will select what is useful for our pupils and pass the rest on to where they can make a real difference. There is also a JustGiving page to support the costs of transporting and distributing the books, and any contribution would be greatly appreciated.

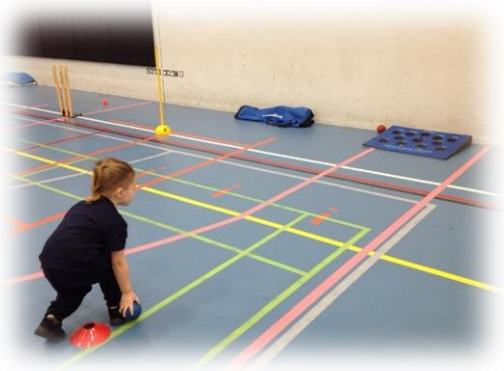
[Donate here!]

Meanwhile, our Year 3 and 4 children are reaching for the stars to help others. On Friday 13th February, the Woodpeckers Class will come dressed as superheroes for a day of '*Heroes for Homelessness*' activities. to raise funds for Porchlight, the charity supporting homeless people. Look out for photos of our little superheroes on the website soon!

Drop-in Zone

Do pop into your child's class next Tuesday 10th February between 3.30pm and 4.15pm to allow them to share their learning with you.

Bodsham Winners



Well done to the two teams from the Robins class, who had a fantastic time at Three Hills last week in the Infant Agility competition, and to our Sparrows who enjoyed their day yesterday. We're incredibly proud of the children's perseverance and the way they encouraged each other. Both classes represented our school brilliantly, with one team coming a very impressive second out of 15 teams.

Attendance Matters – Small Steps Make Big Changes

Progress doesn't have to be perfect to be powerful. Small steps toward better attendance are adding up, and I'd like to thank our whole community – our attendance has already shown a small but encouraging improvement over the last four weeks!

Miss Morris is Accredited!

We are delighted to share the fantastic news that Miss Morris has officially achieved her Forest School Accreditation! This is a remarkable accomplishment that reflects her dedication, resilience, and genuine passion for outdoor learning. Over the past months, Miss Morris has committed around 80 hours of additional study, evidence gathering, and portfolio work, much of it during weekends and school holidays, on top of her taught training days. This level of commitment has been truly inspiring. A huge thank you must also go to our brilliant children whose participation and enthusiasm formed an important part of the assessed portfolio. Miss Morris also wanted to thank you, our parents and PTFA who have provided tools and workforce. Although final verification for the official certificate is still under way, we couldn't wait to share this wonderful milestone with our community.

Safeguarding Update - Keeping Safe, Informed and Empowered

During Safety Week, KS2 welcomed PCSOs Rikki and Dom to discuss online safety. We also refreshed the children's understanding of consent and personal boundaries through the NSPCC PANTS rule. These sessions help children stay safe, confident, and informed.

[Enjoy the Pantosaurus song here!]

After School Club Booking Now!

TeachSport continue to run their exciting after school club at Bodsham. Children can relax and play until 6pm and will be given a healthy snack to keep them active! [Parents can book direct through their website.]

Have a wonderful weekend!

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

PTFA News

We have kicked off 2026 with gusto, and want to thank all the parents and pupils for your support! A bumper cake sale that raised over £120, an assortment of bottles so very generously donated for the dress-down day, and so many amazing entries for the PTFA logo competition - don't forget that there is still time to enter, as the closing date is Friday, 27th February.

Looking ahead, we have our first ever Bingo on Saturday 7th February (there are just a few spaces left so book your place!), the Valentines Tuck Shop selling roses and sweet treats will be open next Friday, the annual Movie Night in the first week back after half-term, a fun Easter Egg hunt where pupils work together to crack the clues, Daffodil Teas inviting old alumni back to Bodsham to share their time at the school, and, of course, the TCS Mini Marathon. These events are as much about creating social gatherings for the community as they are about fundraising. Last year's efforts helped fund the recently installed computers the children use daily, so we want to share our thanks in helping achieve these targets and in such a fun way!

Community News

THE YOUNG ARTISTS'

SATURDAY STUDIO

Challenge your creativity, grow in confidence, and develop your skills as an artist in an inspiring environment

PRINTMAKING WORKSHOPS

Small-group studio led by an experienced art teacher - building confidence, skills & creativity

🗓️ STARTS SATURDAY 28TH FEBRUARY (4 WEEK BLOCK)
💷 COST: £60
📍 LOCATION: SIMON LANGTON GIRLS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL, CANTERBURY
⏰ SESSION TIMES: 11:00 - 12:30 (SCHOOL YEARS 5-8)

For further info and to secure your place, email Sharon at: believe_in_art@yahoo.com
Spaces are limited to ensure small group sizes. Book early to avoid disappointment