Bodsham Church of England Primary School

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Being a church school, we talk about the Bible regularly. This week we've explored the meaning of Ascension and Pentecost with the children – can they explain these Biblical events to you?

6th June 2025

Bodsham is Looking Beautiful

The 1st June was officially the first day of meteorological summer and the sun shone on the small army of volunteers who turned up on Sunday to help us spruce up our school grounds. This was the second occasion in less than a month that our 'Beautiful Bodsham' team have sprung into action. Thank you to everyone who gave up their time – the school is looking better than ever! The next such event will be in the Autumn, when there will be plenty of leaves to sweep up!

Sports Day Approaching!

Please come along to Bodsham's annual Sports Day on **Thursday 19th June**. As long as the weather permits, parents are invited onto the playground at 12pm and can bring a picnic to eat with your child (or order a hot dog lunch from Caterlink which the children can bring outside to have with you). After lunch the sporting events begin and children will compete in house teams in a variety of fun activities. We hope to see you there!

Happy Anniversary Bodsham!

Next week marks a special date in our school history. It is 150 years since Bodsham School buildings were officially registered as complete. We are celebrating with the unveiling of a new mural, created by the children and unveiled by Sarah Nancollas who grew up at the school whilst her father was head teacher - 1954-1986. We invite all members of our community to join us in marking this special moment.

Robins' Learning is on Fire!

Robins Class have been studying The Great Fire of London. As part of their work, they have been looking at how modern firefighting differs today from in 1666. The engines and equipment used at Canterbury Fire station couldn't have been more different to the leather buckets and water squirters of London in 1666. They had a wonderful morning hearing all about the hard work of the modern fire service. You can see more pictures on the Robins' web page!

Woodpeckers at Fort Burgoyne

The Woodpeckers had a great day out at Fort Burgoyne, Dover last term. They took part in bug hunts and practised their classifying skills! In the afternoon, the children collaborated in trust games, culminating in a treasure hunt. The weather was perfect and we all enjoyed taking our learning outside of the classroom! You can see all the pictures on the Woodpeckers' webpage.

Sparrows' Pilgrimage to Canterbury

The Sparrows visited Canterbury Cathedral yesterday to find out why it is such a special building. They discovered the origins of the Cathedral, and dressed up as Kings, Queens, Knights and Archbishops to help them understand the story of its past whilst having a tour around the magnificent building. They enjoyed creating their own stained glass windows, writing with quills just like the monks used to, and even had a go at stone masonry! More pictures will appear on the Sparrows Webpage soon.

Summer Fair Bake Off Competition

Our fantastic Summer Fair is set for Saturday 21st June and we will be holding another 'Bodsham Bake Off' as part of the event. If you would like to submit a tasty creation, then please bring them to the tent at the Fair by 12pm. Judging will take place at 12:45. (how do you get that job I wonder? ☺)

A Day of Music and Poetry for The Owls

I'm delighted to announce that the Owls Class will be joined by children from Langdon Primary School for a day of music and poetry on **Wednesday 18th June**. As part of the Canterbury Festival, Amanda Sefton-Hogg will be leading workshops here at Bodsham and the day will culiminate in a shared performance with children from both schools. It will give our children a chance to make new friends and enjoy a creative experience together!

After School Clubs Now Running

Our partners at Teachsport are up and running with their exciting new After School Club offer on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The club runs until 6pm and children receive a healthy snack. Parents can book onto sessions here and can use Tax Free Childcare vouchers to make payments if you are signed up to this scheme.

Kent Test Applications Open

Thank you to all the Year 5 parents who came to see Mrs Allen and myself to chat about the Kent Test and secondary school choices. To enter your child for the Kent Test you must register on the KCC website which you can find here. You have until the 1st July to do so. You can also view my highly informative briefing for Year 5 parents on our You Tube channel!

Now is also the time to be visiting secondary schools, so look out for open days, like this one at Simon Langton Girls.

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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

Community News

Folkestone, Hythe & District Model Railway Club

Model Railway Open Day

AN OPEN DAY FOR MODEL TRAIN ENTHUSIASTS OF ALL AGES!

Saturday 12 July

10am to 4pm

St Andrews Methodist Church Hall, Cheriton Road, Cheriton, CT19 4DY

Adult : £1
Child (15 & under): Free
Children under 10 to be accompanied by an adult.

Model Railway Layouts
Drive-It-Yourself Model Railway
"Ride-on" Railway
Sales Stand
Refreshments

www.folkestone-mrc.com

Open Farm Sunday

Visit a farm & discover the world of farming!

8th June 2025

Visit Brockhill Farm

Brockhill Park Performing Arts College, Sandling Road, Saltwood, Hythe, Kent CT21 4HL

1pm to 4pm

Cows.....Sheep.....Pigs.....Chickens....Goats

Meet our new donkeys

Visit Pets Corner

Wool activities....have ago at spinning.....weaving....pom pom making...

Children's games

FREE ENTRY

See our Facebook event for more info:
Brockhill Park Performing Arts College Farm

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