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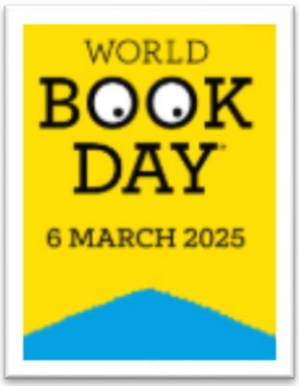
This week saw the start of Lent, so there was a lot of talk of temptation and how to resist it! The children were reminded that being able to resist temptation, as Jesus did in the desert, is a sign of real strength!

7th March 2025



World Book Day a Real Thriller!

Thank you to all the children and parents who dressed up as characters for our World Book Day celebrations on Friday. As always, the imagination and creativity on display was a real inspiration. It was great to see the children have been thinking about such a wide range of literary characters! You can see a whole gallery of outfits here!

Please Support Mrs Sutton!

Sue Sutton, one of our lovely office administrators at Bodsham C of E Primary School, is taking to the streets of Liverpool on Sunday 23rd March to run the Liverpool Half Marathon. A keen runner, Sue has been clocking up the miles in her training filling any spare time she has tackling hills, taking to the track at the Julie Rose Stadium and dedicating her Sundays to long runs ahead of the big day.

Sue has kindly offered to help raise funds for Bodsham School, who are raising money to buy new computers for their ITC Suite. The existing computers need upgrading before they become obsolete, so we are grateful for Sue's generosity in helping achieve this.

So please sponsor Sue as we wish her the best of luck taking on this fantastic endeavour, while simultaneously raising funds for our lovely little school.

Visit her fundraising page here!

Bridge over Bodsham Waters

I am delighted to announce the completion of another PTFA funded project this Spring. Thanks to all the efforts of our parent body, we have been able to ask our local craftsman, Chris Dryland, to design and build a new bridge across the school pond after the old wooden pontoon at the water's edge became unsafe.

The sparking new structure will allow children to look directly down into the centre of the pond and observe the rich variety of wildlife that always lurks there! We are really excited to introduce the children to our new bridge very soon!

Shrove Tuesday Fun!

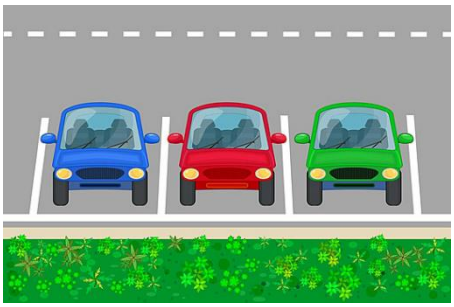
Another Bodsham tradition continued on Tuesday, which was Pancake Day, of course. The children took part in our annual pancake races on the playground and a flipping good time was had by all!

Ash Wednesday Activities

Ash Wednesday marks the start of Lent and we were very happy to welcome Reverend Dawn into school to talk about the special services that go on in church on this important date. Some children enjoyed being marked with the sign of the cross with ashes made from the previous year's Palm Sunday crosses.

You can see more pictures on our website.

Please Park Considerately



We have had a complaint about parental parking outside The Shippen next to the barns. It is important that access to The Shippen and the workshop beside the grain store is kept clear at all times. One resident is key worker who is on call to emergencies, so it is vital they are not blocked in at any time. Please can parents make sure we consider our neighbours when parking – we rely on their goodwill for access to these parking spaces!

Thank you for your help!

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

Pictures of My Mum

Our children sent their entries off to the Kent Messenger's Mother's Day edition earlier this term. We have been told that the pictures will be published in the local KM Newspaper for the week ending 28th March so keep an eye out for it on the shelves. You may well see yourself in print!

After School Club Update

We are excited about our new After School Club providers, TeachSport Canterbury, who will be taking over the running of this service on Wednesdays and Thursdays later this term. Elliot has experienced a small delay in registering the new club with Ofsted (which allows parents to claim Tax-Free Childcare) so we have extended the dates parents can book onto our existing club on Arbor to 20th March. We would hope that the new ASC should start on 26th March, but could be as late as 2nd April. Bookings will open 2 weeks before the date. Apologies for the delay!

A Message from Kent Music Summer School

We're pleased to announce that our historic annual Summer School at Benenden is back this July! Following an amazing Summer School in 2024, the whole team are thrilled to be back at Benenden School for another fantastic few weeks of music making in 2025.

Why should my child go to Kent Music Summer School (KMSS)?

KMSS courses are exciting and engaging, perfect for giving your child an ensemble experience outside of their music lessons. They offer the opportunity to build on their love for music while expanding social and musical horizons.

The focus of the Summer School music courses is for young people to have fun while being encouraged and motivated to improve, supported by professional tutors and an experienced pastoral team. From new starters to experienced players, it's a place for everyone to enjoy themselves and enrich their summers, making friends and memories to last a lifetime!

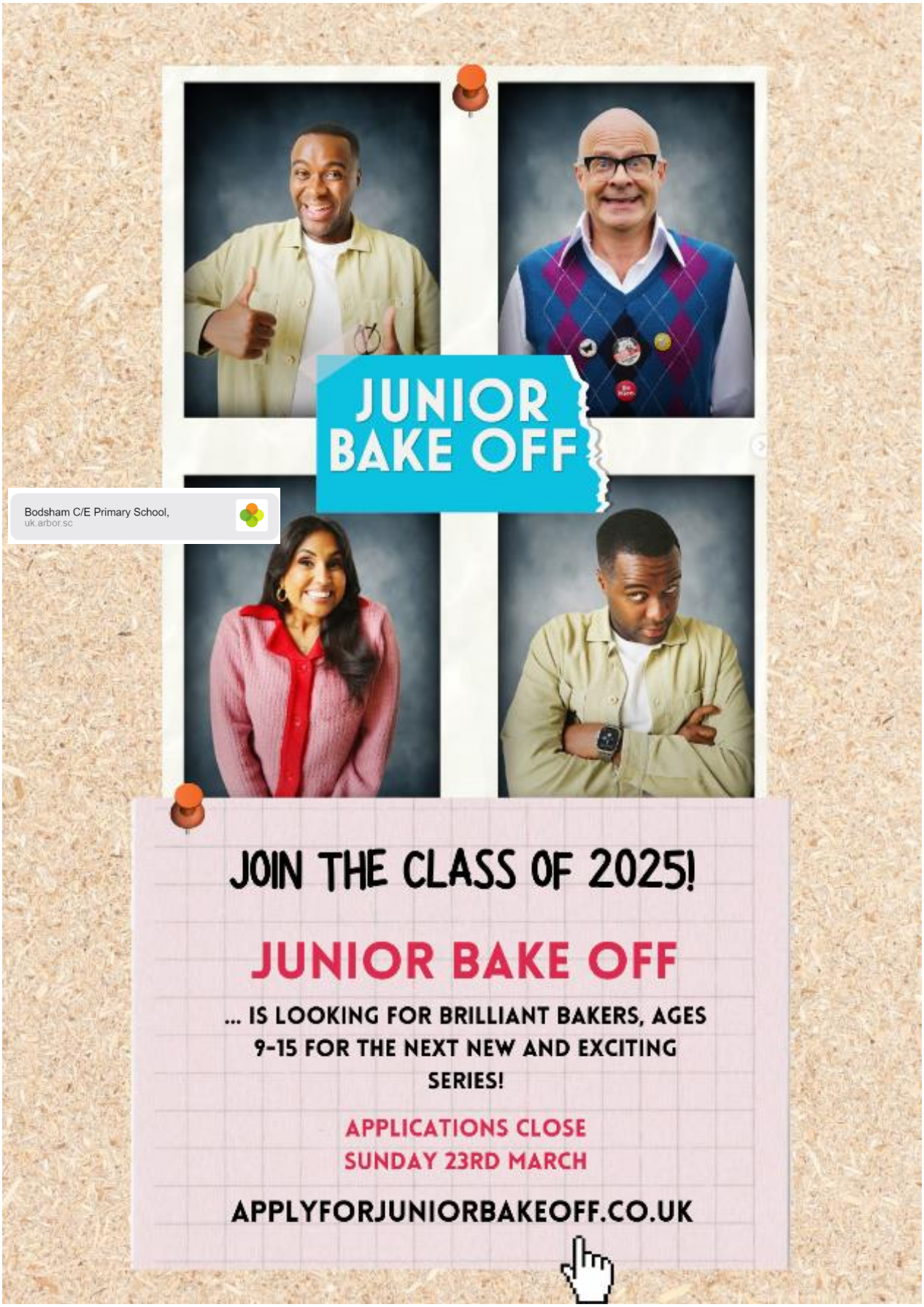
KMSS offers something for all young musicians. Ability, experience and finances needn't be barriers to entry. All courses are audition-free, and we can offer generous financial assistance to students who meet the criteria.

Please visit the Kent Music Summer School - Kent Music website for full details. Applications are **now open** through the Kent Music website and are **first-come-first served**.

Paul Newton

Executive Head Teacher

Community News



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