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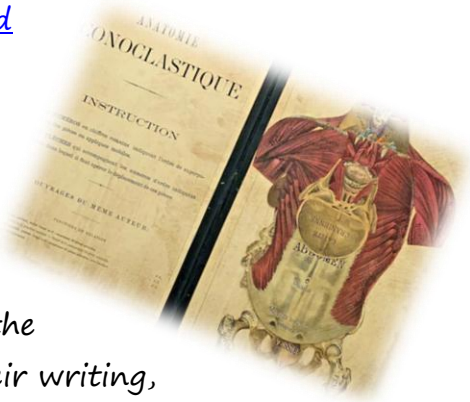
After talking with the children about love in our Worship this week, we reflected on the words 'Love is patient, love is kind' . Our community has an amazing capacity for showing love daily through their acts of kindness, care and compassion.

8th May 2026

Well Done Runners!

A huge well done to our intrepid Marathon runners – both the children and adults! It sounds like you had a fantastic day and raised over £2500. With Gift Aid on top, this takes the total to over £3000 towards our new outdoor learning space!

In particular, we need to give a great big THANK YOU to Alisa Millar (Saba's mum) who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to get all the organisation completed – no mean feat! Thank you so much if you have already donated, but of course there's still time to sponsor the children who have taken action to raise money for our school. Click here to donate and share the link!



Poetry and Music Festival at Bodsham School

As part of the Canterbury Festival, Bodsham hosted a poetry and music festival for our Year 5 and 6 children last week. Organised jointly with Langdon Primary School, the children were treated to some spooky artefacts to inspire their writing, and were wowed by singing from an expert Opera singer who taught them some songs and helped them understand how their voices work. Thank you Ms Allen from Bodsham and Mrs Newton from Langdon (wife of our own Mr Newton!) for organising such an exciting event.

Fun on the Farm

Robins class had so much fun at the farm last week. Thank you Hannah and Monty for being such great hosts and helping the children learn so much about farming. I wonder which class will visit next?

Books2Africa Final Appeal

The Robins are making their final appeal for their Books2Africa Courageous Advocacy Project. If you have any preloved books you are ready to pass on, please do so before the end of this term. The class are hoping to visit the charity to find out more about how the books are collected and shipped. You can donate here to support the cost of sending the books! They need another £20 to reach their target……

Parent Consultation with Miss Skinner

Having settled back into The Woodpeckers class, Miss Skinner is offering parents the opportunity to meet and review their child's learning. Please sign up via Arbor if you would like a slot on Tuesday 12th or Tuesday 19th May.

Year 6 SATs next week – You've got this!

Next week, our Year 6 children will be taking their SATs and we are so proud of the effort, resilience and determination they have shown throughout the year. To help everyone feel calm, focused and ready to do their best, please make sure children get a good night's sleep each evening and enjoy a healthy, hearty breakfast before school. A positive start to the day can make all the difference! We also had a little visit from Reverend Dawn today who called in to wish Year 6 well and say a prayer and blessing with them. Thank you Dawn!

Most importantly next week, we want the children to remember to believe in themselves and simply try their best - we know they will make us proud!

Welcome to our New Families

It has been lovely to welcome a flurry of new families this term. Bodsham children are doing a great job of helping them settle in, and I know our parents will help them feel welcome too. Hello to Grace, Aidan, Anna, Olivia, and Louis!

Spring Sing

On the last day of term we have a treat for you – our annual Spring Sing! Starting at 2.30pm, we welcome you to join us on the playground to enjoy the music the children have been learning over the term. We hope you can make it!

PTFA Plans and Events – Especially our Summer Fair

Hopefully you have seen the latest PTFA Newsletter which you can find here. We are immensely grateful to our committee – Sarah, Virginia, Natalia, Sam, Rebecca and Kev - who work tirelessly to raise money and put on events for our community. Look out for the next date of Friday 15th May – this is a dress down day in exchange for soft toys for the Summer Fair.

Speaking of which, we can't hold the event without you – from baking to running stalls, to donating and help with set up and packing away, there is a huge amount of effort that goes into the Summer Fair and it is beautifully successful when everyone does their bit. Do get in touch with the team if you can help, so they can make this year's event every bit as festival like as usual. Do share their flyer below on social media. Thanks everyone!

Maypole thanks

An enormous thank you goes to Mrs Wenham who lead the Maypole dancers at the Hastingleigh Spring Fair on Monday. It looked very slick! Well done dancers Tilly, Sophie, Letty, Tamara, Jaime, Phoebe, Anwen, Ella, Theodora, and Margot who represented the school wonderfully.

After School Club Booking – Just for Now

TeachSport who have been our After School Club Partner for this academic year will be moving on to other settings after the summer and we shall be looking for alternative arrangements from September. As well as this they are unable to hold clubs for us consistently for the remainder of the summer term. At the moment they will continue to run their clubs on a Tuesday to Thursday and you can book directly through their website. For other days where they are unable to provide a service, we will run the club using our school staff, and this can be booked via Arbor from Monday 18th May. We recognise that parents rely on this valuable service and will do our best to cover all sessions that Teachsport can't run. In the meantime, if you know of anyone who is looking for some part- time work and would enjoy the fun of running our club, do put them in touch with us. Book TeachSport here!

Piano Anyone?

A member of our wider community is looking for a home for their baby grand piano and would like to gift it to a budding musician. If you, or anyone you know has a child learning piano – and you have the space – do get in touch with the office and we can pass on your details.

Exercise Offer

We have had a lovely offer from Mayra, Marley's mum. She is currently running a local Women's Training Group at Petham Village Hall focused on strength training and other exercises beneficial for women after 40. She would love to support the school community by offering a small fundraising initiative: for every mother from the school who attends a class, she will donate £1 back to the school. See her flyer below if you are interested.

Have a wonderful weekend all!

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

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Community News

BROCKHILL PARK
PERFORMING ARTS COLLEGE
OPEN
EVENING
for parents and pupils of our prospective year 7's.
TUESDAY 7th JULY 2026
Principal's Speech
Meet our staff....
Watch performances....Take part in activities....
See our School Farm...
5 - 8pm
Brockhill Park Performing Arts College, Sandling Road, Saltwood, Hythe, Kent CT21 4HL
www.brockhill.kent.sch.uk 01303 265521
Brockhill Park
Performing Arts College

FEEL THE THRILL OF SPEED AT OUR RC RACE & DISPLAY! WATCH HIGH-PERFORMANCE RADIO-CONTROLLED VEHICLES IN ACTION, ENJOY STUNNING DISPLAYS, AND EVEN BRING YOUR OWN RC TO JOIN THE FUN. A GREAT WEEKEND OUT FOR ALL AGES!
RAF MANSTON HISTORY MUSEUM
RC RACE AND DISPLAY
10AM-4PM
ADULTS: £3
CHILDREN: £1.50
EVENT ENTRANCE ONLY
OPTIONAL ONLINE BOOKING AVAILABLE
30TH & 31ST MAY 2026
ANY QUESTIONS EMAIL INFO@RAFMANSTON.CO.UK
SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, WEATHER CONDITIONS, MECHANICAL BREAKDOWNS AND SHORTAGE OF VOLUNTEERS AND/OR EXHIBITORS

Women's Training Group

Petham Village Hall

Feel stronger
Move better

Women after 40...50...60...70+

What we'll do

- Strength training (Upper & Lower body)
- Core work
- Jump training (bone health)
- SIT (Sprint Interval Training)

Who is it for?

- Women 40+
- Beginners or returning to exercise
- Anyone wanting to feel stronger and more energised
- All levels welcome

Location: Petham Village Hall
Days: Monday, Tuesday & Friday
Time: 9:15 am (1 hour)
Price: £7 per class

Bring your own mat and weights.
(Ask me for advice)

Contact me by WhatsApp message: 07881083642

White Cliffs Countryside Partnership Summer Festival

SUNDAY FUNDAY 2026

FREE ENTRY

CELEBRATING THE RIVER DOUR

Sunday 2 August
11 am – 3 pm

At Fort Burgoyne

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION! ENTER NOW

Visit our website or scan the QR code for more information
whitecliffscountryside.org.uk/events/whats-on

No booking necessary
Free parking available
email: fortburgoyne@dover.gov.uk

WHITE CLIFFS COUNTRYSIDE PARTNERSHIP

Focus on the Dour

Take part in our photography competition to celebrate the beautiful wildlife and landscape of the River Dour.

Winning entries will be displayed on 2 August at Sunday Funday.

Deadline for submission: 19 July 2026

Categories:

- **The Minnows** - Under 16s
- **Downtown Dour** - Urban River
- **Trout Pout** - River Wildlife
- **Our Finest Dour** - River Landscape

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