

Dear Parents/Carers,

Congratulations to our amazing Key Stage 2 team of children and staff! Yesterday's Carol Service at St Botolph's was beautiful, moving, fun and thought-provoking. We have so much to be thankful for and I'm delighted to see our children developing their understanding and compassion for others in less fortunate circumstances. Thank you to St Botolph's for hosting us and to the adults who contributed Bible readings.

Best wishes to our Y5 and Y6 Choir members who will be singing in Trafalgar Square as this Newsletter is published! Photos next week, or via Twitter @CeChevening

Wednesday's Christmas Lunch was fabulous. Class 6 did a grand job supporting Sam and Emma serving everyone, ensuring everyone had a great time. Just how Missy won so many crackers is still a mystery!

We have more special festive activities and events to enjoy next week. Please can the parents and carers booked to attend Key Stage 1's Nativity, be sure to wear a face-covering and to carry out a Lateral Flow Test before arriving in the School Hall. Obviously, if anyone is unwell, it's best to stay at home. We very much hope to be able to enjoy all our plans next week, so ask for your support and encouragement!

With best wishes for a lovely weekend,  
Miss Minnis

PS Introducing two week old, very handsome,



Reuben Edwards! He brought his Mum to school on Thursday; we think he's auditioning for the starring manger-role in the Key Stage 1 Nativity!



Key Stage 1 Nativity rehearsals are underway!

## Chevening's Christian Values

Our school has 8 Christian Values, all centred on God. Each week we look carefully for individuals who have really shown one or more value in school.

*This week we are pleased to recognise the following children for their endeavours:*

**Class R (Miss Levy & Mrs Robinson)** - Cole for showing **love** to his peers all the time.

**Class 1 (Miss Levy & Mr Langston)** - Renne for her **courage**, enthusiasm and shining in our Nativity rehearsals.

**Class 2 (Ms Chiavarini)** - Isaac for his **perseverance**; learning all his lines and for his **love** of delivering them.

**Class 3 (Mrs Archer)** - All of Class 3 for great **courage & faith** in Church on Thursday, having worked tremendously hard to create their song and paint the beautiful pictures.

**Class 4 (Miss Sweeney)** - Soraya and Alfie for both showing considerable **compassion** to adults and friends this week in School.

**Class 5 (Mr Qureshi)** - All of Class 5 for **faith**, being keen to write and read a prayer in Church.

**Class 6 (Mrs Wilde & Mrs McLean)** - Poppy W and Isla for their **compassion** and thoughtful behaviour towards others.





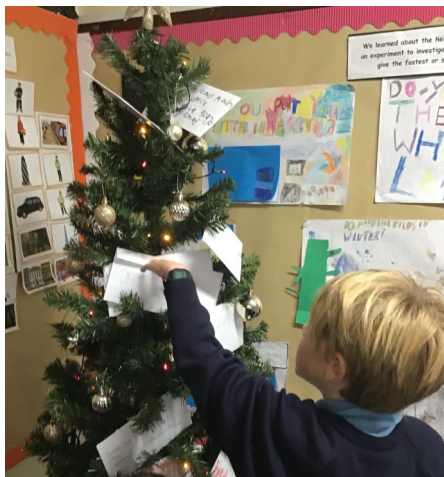
Christmas Lunch Heroes! Thank you to Sam and Emma for looking after us all so well!

## Class 2

Preparations for Christmas were in full swing in Class 2 this week. Not a single moan or groan could be heard in our English lesson - writing and editing letters to Father Christmas.

The children eagerly wrote charming and very persuasive letters, explaining how they had been very good!

We posted them on our Christmas tree to be collected by the Elves overnight. Will Father Christmas read and reply?



## Class 4

Class 4 have become super scientists this week as they conclude their learning about Living Things in their Habitats, turning their focus to human impact. The children have learnt about the global warming and the effect this has on our environment, trying to understand concepts of climate change and the greenhouse effect. What better way to do it than through an investigation! So, they decided to take their learning outside and measure the difference in temperature of two different thermometers; one inside a glass jar demonstrating the effect, which the greenhouse gases have on the Earth, and one outside.

*Can you guess which thermometer showed the highest temperature after an hour?*



Then they looked into the effects of deforestation on the environment. With compost representing mountains and cress for trees, the children investigated what happened, depending on the amount of tree coverage, when an equal amount of rainfall fell.

Can you predict which managed to retain its shape and which was the most damaged?

This visual representation most certainly helped the children to reflect on the impact humans have on the world and think about what differences we can make.





## Key Stage 2 Choir Christmas Tour 2021

We are delighted to announce our Tour Schedule:

Tues 14th December 2pm Tesco's Riverhead

Weds 15th December 2pm Rivermere Home

Thur 16th December 2pm Cheshire Home

Information about each event will be announced to the Choir members taking part.

## Public Consultation of Admission Policy

In accordance with the School Admissions Code requirement that schools must consult on admission arrangements at least once every seven years, Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School is carrying out a consultation on its 2023/2024 Admissions Arrangements. For further details please visit the school website <https://www.chevening.kent.sch.uk/public-consultation/> or contact the school office for a paper copy. Comments should be submitted to [chairofadmissions@chevening.kent.sch.uk](mailto:chairofadmissions@chevening.kent.sch.uk) by **21st January 2022** when the consultation closes. We welcome your feedback.

## Brasted Christmas Lights

Chevening's very own Lucy (Class 1) and George (Class 2) were chosen to turn on Brasted's Christmas lights. They were warmly supported by other Chevening Brasted residents.

## Spring 2022 Club Schedule

- \*Classes 3, 4, 5 & 6: **Fencing Club** (Mondays 3.15 -4.15pm) (Max 24- £5 per session)
- \* Classes 3, 4, 5 & 6: **Netball Club** (Mondays 3.15pm-4.30pm) (Max 30- £5 per session)
- \* Classes 5 & 6: **Love to Dance Club** (Tuesdays 8am -8.40pm)
- \* Classes 3, 4, 5 & 6: **Judo Club** (Tuesdays 3.15pm-4.30pm) (Max 20- £5 per session)
- \* Classes 3, 4, 5 & 6: **Performing Arts Club** (Wednesdays 3.15pm-4.30pm) (Max 20- Free)
- \* Classes R, 1 & 2: **KS1 Multi-Sports Club** (Wednesdays 3.15pm-4.15pm) (Max 25- £5 per session)
- \* Classes 3, 4, 5 & 6: **KS2 Multi-Sports Club** (Thursdays 8am-8.40am) (Max 25- £4 per session)
- \* Classes 2, 3 & 4: **Tennis Club** (Thursdays 3.15pm-4.15pm) (Max 12- £5 per session)
- \* Classes 3 & 4: **Boxing Club** (Fridays 8am-8.40am) (Max 32- £4 per session)
- \* Classes 1,2 & 3: **Football Club** (Fridays 3.15pm-4.15pm) (Max 18- £5 per session)
- \* Classes 4, 5 & 6: **Football Club** (Fridays 3.15pm-4.15pm) (Max 18- £5 per session)

Please see Club letters from the School Office for further details.



## Orpington Gymnastics Club

Darcie in Class 2 took part in her gymnastics club's club champs last Saturday at the Walnuts Centre, Orpington. She did incredibly well and came 3rd out of her group. She also won 3 bronze medals in the bars, beam and floor categories. Darcie trains for 6.5 hours each week and was feeling nervous about her first competition, but her hard work paid off. Darcie's whole family are very proud that she has gained so much confidence. It's a great boost! Fantastic news, Darcie! Keep on training hard!





## Colouring Competition

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the PTFA's decoration competition. The decorations are featured on the Christmas tree in the school porch—please do admire them! There were so many brilliant entries, judging proved very difficult! All the winners have been presented with a selection box of goodies.



The winning designs:



Milly—Class R



Lottie —Class 1



Sam—Class 2



Marine—Class 3



Theo F—Class 4



Abi F—Class 5



Poppy O—Class 6

## KS2 Carol Service

Thank you to everyone who joined the Carol Service. A recording will be made next week, in school, so that downloads can be purchased.







Class 6 have been incredibly busy and outward-looking this week, hosting the Secrets Room for children across the school and completing our school tree for St Mary's, Riverhead, Tree Festival. Pop in over the weekend to spot Chevening's ***'Be true, be kind and be inclusive'*** tree amongst the forest!



## Chevening Nursery

The Nursery have been so busy making Christmas cards, calendars, tea light holders and tree decorations for each family. All the children enjoyed choosing outfits for our Christmas concert, dressing up as angels, kings, spiders, puddings, Mary, Joseph and reindeer to name a few characters. The performance in Church was a great success, with everyone singing and performing with confidence and Christmas spirit. The children are looking forward to cooking Christmas treats and celebrations at their party.

## Learning with Lexia

Lexia Certificates have been awarded this week to: **Rory (Class 1), Kiera (Class 2), George S (Class 6)**

Congratulations to you all!

Well done too to everyone who has achieved their 40-minute target this week.

## Class Attendance

Regular and punctual attendance ensures that everyone benefits from all that is on offer in school—socially, emotionally and academically, now and into the future. **Our gates close at 8.55am, so learning can start and everyone is safe; please try to be on time!** Attendance and absence are closely monitored each day, so staff notice concerns and successes, even during COVID. The Government have said that absence, for reasons linked to COVID Guidance, will not impact individual children's attendance.

|              | Weekly % attendance                       | Year to date % attendance |
|--------------|---|---------------------------|
| Class R      | 94.8%                                     | 94.6%                     |
| Class 1      | 95.8%                                     | 94.5%                     |
| Class 2      | 95.2%                                     | 95.3%                     |
| Class 3      | 100%                                      | 97.1%                     |
| Class 4      | 93.1%                                     | 95.1%                     |
| Class 5      | 100%                                      | 97.9%                     |
| Class 6      | 97.7%                                     | 93%                       |
| Whole school | 96.7%                                     | 95.4%                     |
| Excellent    | >97%: celebration of excellent attendance |                           |
| Good         | 95-97%: note of good attendance           |                           |
| Poor         | <95%: alert to poor & worrying attendance |                           |

## Dates for this Term

| Date          | Event  |
|---------------|--|
| 13th December | PTFA's Christmas Online Panto/ Wear your Christmas Jumper & hat - donate £1      |
| 14th December | Community Christmas Carol Singing at Tesco, 2pm                                  |
| 15th December | KS1 Nativity (10am)  |
| 16th December | Community Christmas Carol Singing at Rivermere Home, 2pm                         |
| 16th December | KS1 Nativity (1.45pm)  |
| 17th December | Last Day of Term 2<br>Carols on the Playground from 2.45pm (weather-permitting!) |
| 4th January   | INSET Day (No children)  |
| 5th January   | First Day of Term 3  |
| 22nd January  | PTFA School Disco  |

These dates may be subject to amendment due to COVID

## New calendar date for 2022

Chevening's Governors have decided that school will be **closed on Monday 6th June 2022**, to mark HM The Queen's Jubilee celebrations. This means that Term 5 will start on **Tuesday 7th June 2022**, for all children and staff.

**2022-23 Term dates have also been agreed and are attached to this newsletter and on the school [website](#).**

## Stonepitts Christmas Trees

The Christmas season is almost here! **Stonepitts Farm** will be selling Christmas Trees. Orders can be placed in Farm Shop in the yard and also online [www.stonepitts.com](http://www.stonepitts.com)



As in previous years, Stonepitts will offer a £2 donation to our PTFA fund for every Christmas Tree sold to a parent or member of staff. Please support us if you can ....**Happy Shopping!!**

## House Points

| Houses    | Total House Points |
|-----------|--------------------|
| Churchill | 4121               |
| Sackville | 3348               |
| Stanhope  | 4430               |
| Wolfe     | 3616               |





# CHRISTMAS AT CHEVENING CHURCH



DECEMBER 12th:

Beer & Carols

6pm

*At the Bricklayer's Arms*

DECEMBER 19th:

Nine Lessons & Carols

10:30am & 5pm

DECEMBER 24th:

Crib Service

4pm

Midnight Communion

11:15pm

DECEMBER 25th:

Christmas Day Family Celebration

10:30am

  
ST. BOTOLPH'S  
CHEVENING CHURCH

[cheveningchurch.org/events](http://cheveningchurch.org/events)



St. Botolph's Chevening Church  
Chevening Road TN14 6HG







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VISUAL ARTS FORUM

**CHRISTMAS ART FAIR**

**SATURDAY 11 DECEMBER**

**10 – 2:30**

**Art stalls throughout the Sevenoaks Library Building**

**Come and buy direct from the artists**

**Paintings, drawings, prints, sculpture, jewellery**

**As part of The SVAF OPEN 2021 68 Exhibiting SVAF Artists**

**Come in and vote for your favourite to win The Public Art Prize**

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Sevenoaks **kaleidoscope** gallery

A Sevenoaks Visual Arts Forum artist led space

Buckhurst Lane, Sevenoaks, TN13 1LQ

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1 December – 8 January 2022

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Visit and Vote to choose your Public Art Prize  
Announced on 5 January 2022

*Adam Green / Alison Berry / Amanda Hopkins / Andrea Coltman / Angie Stocker / Angela Dewar  
Ann Bridges / Bea Das / Beverley Johnson / Bill Hall / Caroline Bugby / Caroline Gould / Cherie  
Lubbock / Christa Comer / Christina France / Colin Anderson / David Minton / Deborah Ravetz  
Derek Medhurst / Di Drummond / Diana Poliak / Dione McKenna / Donald Smith / Elaine Almond  
Emily Glass / Franny Swann / Frederique Jones / Ginny Legg / Jackie Gwyther / Jennifer  
Blackwell / Jill Goldsworthy / Jocelyn Bailey Julian Rowe / Juliet Simpson / Kate Hasted / Klaudia  
Kobelentz / Linda Abrahams / Lindsay Connors / Louisa Crispin / Lydia Carda / Margaret Devitt  
Maria Turner / Marilyn Garwood / Marilyn Kyle / Martin Garwood / Martin Jacobs / Niki Campbell  
Peps Barkhan Polly Hosp / Richard Heys / Rob Leighton / Roger Lee / Rosalind Barker / Rose  
Brigland Colbridge / Rowena McWilliams / Ryan Poliak / Sally Eldars / Sarah Cliff / Sarah Spence  
Sarah Walker / Sonia Griffin / Sue Evans / Sue Taylor-Lowen / Sue Vass / Venetia Nevill / Victoria  
Granville / Victoria Lucas Roberts / Wendy Jones*

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