



Bodiam CE Primary School

Annual Report 2024-25

Vision and Values

At Bodiam Church of England Primary School, part of the Riverside Federation, our vision is to nurture a Christian community where every pupil feels valued, inspired, and prepared for life in an ever-changing world. We are guided by the values of **Compassion, Friendship, Tolerance, and Aspiration**, and we strive to live by the teaching to *"love our neighbour as ourselves"* (Mark 12:31).

Key Priorities and Progress

Over the past year, we have focused on several strategic priorities:

- **Curriculum Enrichment:** Our curriculum has been enhanced with enriching experiences including trips to Knole House, Drusillas, the White Rock Theatre, the Imperial War Museum, and a planned visit to the British Museum. We also welcomed the Hastings Sinfonia Orchestra for a live performance.
 - **Inclusive Practice:** Our inclusive approach has been recognised as a model of good practice and shared with other local schools.
 - **Attendance and Behaviour:** Attendance remains in line with national averages, and behaviour across the school continues to be exceptional.
 - **SIAMS Inspection:** We were delighted to receive a very positive SIAMS inspection in November. The full report is available on our website.
 - **Early Years Excellence:** Our Early Years provision continues to be outstanding and is also being used as a model for other schools.
 - **Growing School Community:** We've welcomed 15 in-year admissions since September, with more expected after the half-term break and a projected 15 new Reception pupils joining in September 2025.
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Celebrating Success

Our school community has much to be proud of:

- **Charity and Community Engagement:** We raised funds for Young Minds and Children in Need, and made generous donations to the Hastings Food Bank during Harvest and Advent.
- **Public Recognition:** Pupils participated in the Kent & East Sussex Railway Remembrance Service, which was featured on local and national news.
- **Sporting Achievements:** Our students competed successfully in football, netball, gymnastics, and cross-country events.
- **Creative Highlights:** A Year 1 pupil's Christmas card design was chosen as the cover for our local MP's card to the King.
- **Literacy and Learning:** Selected pupils attended a writer's workshop with author Ed Boxall, and we celebrated World Book Day with a creative "dress as a word" theme.
- **Community Events:** Our open mornings and family breakfast events were well-attended and warmly received.
- **Environmental and Outdoor Learning:** We participated in the RSPB's Big School Birdwatch and are in the process of preparing "Cluckingham Palace," a new outdoor learning space complete with a chicken run and allotment.
- **Digital Transformation:** We've modernised our communications, moving to digital newsletters and a digital prospectus, which has been positively received by parents.

We are proud of the vibrant, inclusive, and aspirational environment we continue to build at Bodiam. Thank you to all staff, pupils, parents, and community members for your ongoing support.

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