



Our Vision

Our vision for our Christian community at the Riverside Federation is that our pupils feel valued for who they are, reach their full potential through high quality, inspirational learning experiences and are ready for life in an ever-changing world.

We aim to treat everyone in our community with compassion, friendship and tolerance, and instil high aspirations for all, underpinned by the teaching that we 'love our neighbour as ourselves.' (Mark 12:31)

Compassion, Friendship, Tolerance, Aspiration



Bodiam C.E. School

Main priorities for this year

- Refining the curriculum offer; including enrichment experiences for the children.
- Continuing to develop inclusive practice to support all pupils, but especially pupils with SEND.
- Maintaining high levels of attendance and ensuring standards of behaviour continue to be exceptional.
- Ensuring that we are SIAMS-ready for our impending inspection.
- Maintaining excellent Early Years provision.
- Increasing our pupil numbers.



Progress made

- Curriculum is secure and children have engaged in a variety of experiences including trips to Knole House, Drusillas, the White Rock theatre (Giddy Goat orchestral performance), a visit from the Hastings Sinfonia Orchestra, a trip to the Imperial War Museum and are planning a final visit to the British Museum soon.
- Our inclusive practice has been held in high regard and shared as a model of good practice with local schools.
- Attendance figures are in line with the National Average and behaviour is exceptional.
- We had a very positive SIAMS inspection in November (report available to read on our website).
- Our Early Years provision remains excellent and again has been highlighted as a model of good practice with other schools.
- Our pupil numbers are increasing, with 15 in-year admissions since September, 3 more expected after the upcoming half-term break and an expected 15 new pupils to the school in Reception, September 2025.



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Celebrating Success

Young Minds

We supported Young Minds and raised £62 for young people's mental health.

Open Mornings

Well-attended open mornings saw a rise in interest in school places for September.

Kitchen audit

Our Kitchen Manager received a resounding 100% in an unannounced audit from ESCC.

Children in Need

We raised £64 for Children in Need with a crazy hair day.

Remembrance Day

We were on the local and national news! Selected pupils took part in the Kent & East Sussex Railway Remembrance Service at the Boating Station.



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Celebrating Success

Harvest & Advent

We made significant donations to the Hastings Food Bank for which they were very grateful.

Successful Sporting Events

We participated with success at Football, Netball, Gymnastics and Cross Country events.

Fit for the King!

A Christmas card design from one of our Year 1 pupils was chosen to be the cover of the local MP's Christmas card to the King!

Family breakfast

We hosted a very well-attended family breakfast for all at school.

Writer's workshop

Selected pupils took part in an Able-Writer's workshop where they got to work with the children's author Ed Boxall.



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Celebrating Success

Birdwatch

We took part in the RSPB's 'Big School Birdwatch'!

Hastings Sinfonia Orchestra

We were treated to a visit and live performance from the Hastings Sinfonia Orchestra in assembly.

World Book Day

We celebrated World Book Day as we 'dressed as a word' and had a paired read with a drink and a biscuit in the sunshine.

Cluckingham Palace & Grounds

Mr. Ashdown has redesigned the outdoor learning space near the back gate to incorporate a chicken run and allotment area – the new space is fit for the most royal of chickens!

Going Digital

We upgraded our communications to a digital format for newsletters and our prospectus. This has been well-received by parents.

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Snippets of life at Bodiam

