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Welcome

Hello and welcome to July's edition of The Boardcast — a newsletter from The Endowed's Board of Governors. This circular is used to share our insights and observations with staff, parents, and carers throughout the academic year, keeping our school community informed and connected.

A Message from the Chair

As we bring this school year to a close, I want to take a moment to thank our staff, parents, and – most importantly – our wonderful pupils for another successful year of learning, growth, and community spirit.

It has been a year filled with achievement, resilience, and joy, and we are incredibly proud of all that has been accomplished. The governing board has welcomed a number of new members and we look forward to September when we will be having a Parent Governor Election - please do consider [standing as a parent governor](#), it is a great way to see how the school functions at a strategic level and to make a meaningful contribution to the school community.

Looking ahead to the new school year, we remain committed to supporting the school in providing a safe, nurturing, and inspiring environment for every child. On behalf of the Governing Body, I wish you all a restful summer and look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year ahead.

Angela Maxted

New Books from the Governing Board

We have bought exciting new books for each year group as part of the school's 180th anniversary celebrations. We're proud to support this initiative, which not only enriches the library collection but also creates a lasting legacy for future generations of children. Our new additions include:

- Year 3:** My Dad's a Birdman
- Year 4:** Shadowgast
- Year 5:** Wildsmith
- Year 6:** The Lost Whale

These carefully selected titles contribute to the aim of reaching 180 sponsored books for the school, and will be available in the school library. Each book features a special commemorative bookplate to mark the anniversary.

We encourage other members of our school community to join us in reaching our target of 180 books!



Our Reflections

Outside of formal meetings, the governing board remains actively engaged in developing their knowledge and skills by attending training sessions, keeping up to date with educational developments, and participating in school visits (often one of the most enjoyable and rewarding part of the role).

Governors play a key role in shaping the strategic vision of the school by contributing to long-term planning, supporting leadership in making informed decisions, and monitoring progress towards key priorities. They also take part in working groups, policy reviews, and discussions around curriculum, wellbeing, and inclusion. All of which help ensure the school continues to provide the best possible environment for children to thrive.

Summer at Canterbury Cathedral

Canterbury Cathedral is offering a fantastic range of family-friendly activities this summer that would make perfect educational outings for our school community. Families can cool down in the historic Crypt, enjoy picnics in the beautiful Precincts, and participate in free make-and-do activities designed to engage children of all ages.

The Cathedral is also hosting musical workshops, family tours, captivating storytelling sessions, and outdoor theatre performances throughout the summer months. These activities provide wonderful opportunities for our pupils to explore history, creativity, and faith in one of England's most significant religious sites.

[Discover summer at the Cathedral](#)

A Message from Rev. Rachel Webbley

We're surrounded by a constant stream of images in today's digital world – including plenty that seem to show an effortlessly ideal life; families having perfect holidays or social gatherings in a perfect garden. We know these pictures are airbrushed and staged, yet we can't help being influenced by them. This is how marketing works on us – subtly creating dissatisfaction with our lives as we fail to meet impossible standards. It makes us spend money on something 'better'.

By contrast, there's wisdom in finding contentment in simple things. We should accept and rejoice in our actual reality, even when life gets tricky. Learning to treasure what we already have in our lives – even when it looks different from glossy magazine photos – is a healthier way of thinking. We don't have to pretend that life is easy, and to wear a smiley mask all the time. When we trust that we are loved as we are, and that each of us is doing our best to make good decisions based on what we know to be true, then it takes the pressure off. This can reduce anxiety and protect us from media-induced dissatisfaction.

When we find this peace for ourselves, we can communicate it more readily to our children, so they too can detach from the tyranny of false and airbrushed images. As they break up for the summer holidays, this could be a wonderful opportunity to guide them towards that mindset.

Let's keep it real.

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