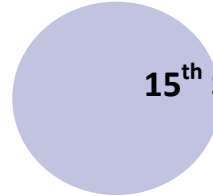


# The Bishops' School News



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

This was our church service opening welcome slide this week – a rainbow of hope for our school and community for the coming year.

Thank you, Mrs Spencer, for providing this!



Live Fully, Laugh Often, Learn Deeply,  
Love as God Loves You and Let Your Light Shine

# Class Email Addresses

Please check your SPAM folder if you have not received any emails yet from your teachers.

If you want to email in to your child's teacher/s the emails are as follows:

**Hedgehog Class:** hedgehogslee@bishops.essex.sch.uk

hedgehogstarplett@bishops.essex.sch.uk

**Badger Class:** badgersmann@bishops.essex.sch.uk

**Class 1CS:** year1cooke@bishops.essex.sch.uk

year1scullion@bishops.essex.sch.uk

**Class 1YC:** year1yerrell@bishops.essex.sch.uk

year1coldwell@bishops.essex.sch.uk



**Class 2R:** year2rice@bishops.essex.sch.uk

**Class 2T:** year2turner@bishops.essex.sch.uk

**Class 3B:** year3ball@bishops.essex.sch.uk

**Class 3M:** year3muir@bishops.essex.sch.uk

**Class 4HG:** year4hayward-windsor@bishops.essex.sch.uk

year4godfrey@bishops.essex.sch.uk

**Class 4S:** year4spencer@bishops.essex.sch.uk

**Class 5B:** year5barlow@bishops.essex.sch.uk

**Class 5E:** year5evans@bishops.essex.sch.uk

**Class 6A:** year6austin@bishops.essex.sch.uk

**Class 6FT:** year6fisher@bishops.essex.sch.uk

year6taiyeb@bishops.essex.sch.uk

## Next Week is International Fitness Week!



We will be celebrating this on Wednesday with 10 minutes of fitness activity for all the children (and lots of adults too I am sure!) led by Mr Evans at 10am.

Maybe a great excuse to walk (faster!) to school, or do some extra exercise?

## Class Meetings – An Apology

A number of you have written in to say how disappointed you are with the change to a 9am class meeting due to your work commitments and the late notice. I will send out a survey once they are all done to see what your overall opinions are. If we repeat this next year, we will make the notice time longer. Whatever happens, you will receive the powerpoints from the teachers which I hope will give the information you need, along with the class letters.

## Polite Reminders



### Chicken Gate in the afternoons!

Please don't use this gate in the afternoons unless you have a Year 3 child. A few of you are forgetting, which is easy to do! It's open to any child in the mornings.

Thank you.

### Holidays during term-time

Please do not take your children out during term unless there are truly exceptional reasons. They miss out on key learning and it disrupts their education.

### Parking

I have had no complaints yet! I think many of you are walking/ wheeling to avoid the traffic. Thank you!

### Reading!

Keep your children reading daily as part of their routine. It's a core life-skill.



# Welcome



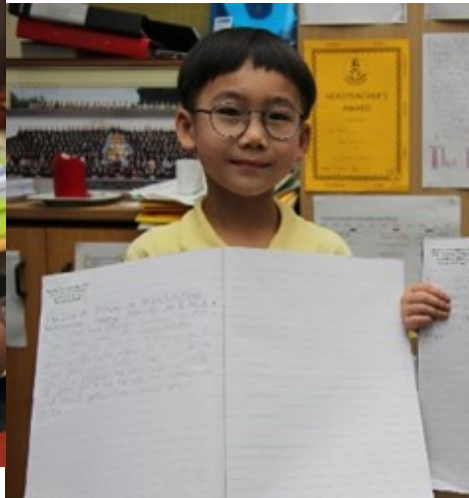
Meet Father Paschal, who is living in the presbytery next to the school and serving the local Catholic churches.

We hope he will be able to lead some services and are looking forward to seeing him around school.



Here are a couple of pictures from this week showing proud children with their work...

and some beautifully wise words from Tishe:



***'the art of life is to know how to enjoy a little and endure much!'***





...and the Year 1 children have made the great transition from FS and are settling well.



Meanwhile the new FS children are enjoying standing taller on their stilts...



The rainbow shelter is proving a wonderful resource for outdoor learning – this week practising performance poetry,

and the Year 5s have been making the most of the September sunshine by drawing their shadows as the day passes.



Zachary has kindly pledged to give money to those who have little.



*Well done!*



# CONGRATULATIONS



Thomas has done an incredible amount of reading this summer – visiting all the local libraries and reading just about anywhere! And he has made an amazing book filled with pictures and the story of his reading challenge – and a map of all the libraries!

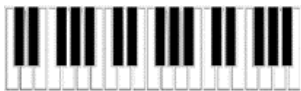
Well done, Thomas! (and your grandma for helping you!!).

**WOW!**



Ella took her Step 1 Piano exam in July 2023 and passed with Distinction. Here is a photo of her playing piano at home.

Well done Ella!



## Years 3 and 4 Chelmsford Sports Academy



Below is a message from The Boswells School...

“As part of our aim to try and give more students in the community the opportunity to get involved in sport, we have just set-up and organised our brand new **Chelmsford Sports Academy** for **Year 3 and Year 4 students**, with sessions on **Monday’s from 5pm to 6pm.**”

All of the details you can find for the club are in a letter that can be found in the Community News section of our website.



Are you worried about your child? We use the services of **BCCS** for much of our therapeutic work in school, supporting our community with great skill, care and insight.

Here's a short bit about them, more in Community News:

***Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS)** offers therapeutic support directly to children, young people, families and parents through their Child and Family Counselling Service (CFCS) located in their head office in Billericay. Their CFCS team consists of several experienced and highly qualified therapists working in specially adapted therapy rooms. Families can contact BCCS directly by emailing Donna Booth [dbooth@bccs.org.uk](mailto:dbooth@bccs.org.uk) who will outline the type of support that will be provided for them or their child. There is a charge for this service but they urge any families needing support to contact them.*

*More information is available on their website: [www.bccs.org.uk](http://www.bccs.org.uk)*



## Young Carers Group



We had our first meeting this academic year of our Young Carers Group. We played with Lego and 3D snakes and ladders, don't tell anyone but Mrs Godfrey came last after going down a big snake. We had a great time and made new friends from all year groups. Thank you to Mrs Lambert for the music, she was bopping away to it!

If you think your child might be a young carer, please contact Mrs Martin ([c.martin@bishop.essex.sch.uk](mailto:c.martin@bishop.essex.sch.uk)) or mention it to your child's teacher.



## Reminder - No phone system



**Absences due to illness**— please email [admin@bishops.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bishops.essex.sch.uk) stating the name of the child, their class and the reason for the absence.

We will have a temporary mobile number: 07716 391704,

***please note this is for emergency use only.*** Please **DO NOT** text this phone.

*Please note that this number, or a withheld number, will be used to call out from school should we need to communicate with you.*

**Early pickups and collection messages** should be sent **via email** **by 12.45pm at the latest.** Any **unavoidable emergency messages after this time** should be **by phone no later than 2.30pm.**

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation whilst we have a new system installed.

***Please state your child's class in any communications with us.***

**Foundation Stage would like to request some number puzzles please. If you have any to kindly donate, then please hand them into the school office. Thank you!**

### The Bishops' PTA

Our AGM is coming up for the start of the new academic year.

It will be held Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 7.15pm in the school.

All adults are welcome! Please email [thebishopspta@gmail.com](mailto:thebishopspta@gmail.com) to let us know if you are coming.

Thank you!

The PTA

Email: [thebishopspta@gmail.com](mailto:thebishopspta@gmail.com),

Find us @BishopsPta, or The Bishops' School PTA on Facebook



## Lunch Menu for Week Beginning: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Meat Free Monday</u>	Pork Apple Burger & New Potatoes	Roast Chicken with Yorkshire Pudding	Pasta Bolognese Served with Garlic Bread & Salad	Cod Fish Fingers
Macaroni Cheese	OR	OR	OR	OR
Vegetable Parcels	Veggie Burger & New Potatoes	Quorn Dippers	Vegetable Quesadilla	Veggie Fingers
Served with Salad	Served with Cucumber & Carrot	Served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Savoy Cabbage	Frozen Smoothies	Served with Chips & Peas
Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt		Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt

## Community News

For info on more events and activities visit:

[www.bishops.essex.sch.uk/News/General News](http://www.bishops.essex.sch.uk/News/General%20News)

## Reporting Absences.....

**Illness** —please report all on the day absences by email by 9am.

**Medical appointments—**

please provide a copy of the appointment letter **in advance**.

**All other absences** —please complete a leave of absence form **in advance**.

***Please state your child's class in any communications with us.***

Email: [admin@bishops.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bishops.essex.sch.uk)

## **Looking Ahead**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September**—Year 2 Class Meetings in classes, 9am

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September**—Church Service for Group 2 led by 4HG, 9.10am

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September**—Year 1 Class Meetings in classes, 9am;  
Flu Immunisations in school, all day

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**—FS Classes' Meeting in the school hall, 9am

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September**—Start of Generosity Week;

11+ Assessment Session for Year 5 in 6A, 3.20 to 4.20pm (pre-registration necessary)

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September**—Church Service for Group 1 led by 5E, 9.10am;  
PTA AGM in School, 7.15 for 7.30pm

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September**—Cricket Day in School, all day

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**—Class 6A Residential Trip to Thorpe Woodlands, 7.40 for 8am

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**—Church for Group 2 led by 5B, 9.10am

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October**—Class 6FT Residential trip to Thorpe Woodlands, 7.40 for 8am  
Class 6A return from Thorpe Woodlands, 5pm

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October**—5E Cake Sale for Cancer Research for the whole school, break time;  
Class 6FT return from Thorpe Woodlands, 5pm

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October**—Harvest Service for the Whole School, 9.10am

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October**—Church for Group 1 led by 6A, 9.10am;  
Parent Consultation Meetings, 3.30 to 6.30pm

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October**—Parent Consultation Meetings, 5 to 8pm

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October**—Non-pupil day

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October**—Half Term Break

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October**—Back to school for the next half term

Tuesday Church Services Autumn Term 2023

**Group 1: Hedgehogs, 1YC, 2R, 3B, 4S, 5E, 6A**

**Group 2: Badgers, 1CS, 2T, 3M, 4HG, 5B, 6FT**

	September 19 <sup>th</sup> Group 2 led by 4HG	September 26 <sup>th</sup> Group 1 led by 5E	October 3 <sup>rd</sup> Group 2 led by 5B	October 10 <sup>th</sup> Whole School <b>Harvest</b>
October 17 <sup>th</sup> Group 1 led by 6A	October 24 <sup>th</sup> HALF-TERM	October 31 <sup>st</sup> Group 2 led by 6FT	November 7 <sup>th</sup> Group 1 led by 3B	November 14 <sup>th</sup> Group 2 led by 3M
November 21 <sup>st</sup> Group 1 led by 2R	November 28 <sup>th</sup> Group 2 led by 2T	December 5 <sup>th</sup> Group 1 led by 1YC	December 12 <sup>th</sup> Group 2 led by 1CS	

**Wishing you all a nice weekend**