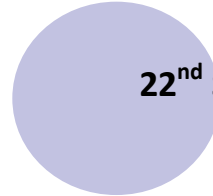


The Bishops' School News



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Reading and Writing!

It's lovely to see such brilliant efforts from the children with their reading and writing.



Well done to Tully in Year 2! He has come third in an anti-litter campaign with Chelmsford City Council for a poem he wrote!

Here it is ...

You can make stuff out of junk, you can make stuff out of trash.

***You can sell the things you make from junk, you can even
make some cash!***

Think of all the food we waste, you could even fill a case!

We litter lots, we don't pick up our pots, we need to teach all the tots.

All the rubbish goes on the earth and stays there for a 100 years.

If we pick up all the rubbish we won't end up in tears.

***We need to keep the environment safe, so we can
visit every place.***

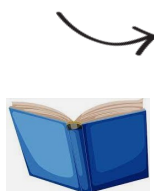


**Live Fully, Laugh Often, Learn Deeply,
Love as God Loves You and Let Your Light Shine**

Well done also to these Year 1s for their fantastic story-writing...

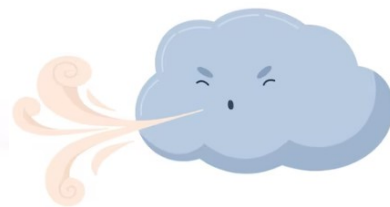


...and to
Nancy
and Toby
for all your
reading at
home:



Here are the last two new special people in the Bishops' staffing LSA team this year.
Welcome to Mrs Harding and Mrs McLuckie, both well known to our school
community as parents over quite a number of years!





It's been amazingly windy this week, which led to a surprise kite appearance one lunchtime!



Please note...



- ♦ The gates will open close to 3.10pm in the afternoon ready for you to come through and collect your children as they appear at 3.15pm
- ♦ Parking in the road leading to the church carpark and community carpark gets in a lot of people's way and creates jams and irritation....please don't!
- ♦ Class Meetings survey – please help by sharing your experience of the different times
- ♦ Remembrance Service this year will be on Thursday 9th November at 9.10am, on the school playground
- ♦ Please state your child's class in all communications with us
- ♦ Little Fingers Club is now at **full capacity** on a Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday.

We are unlikely to be able to accommodate any requests for extra sessions or changes on these days. Please email littlefingers@bishops.essex.sch.uk with at least **24 hours notice** and we will endeavor to help if we can.

NATIONAL FITNESS DAY

National Fitness Day 2023 was on Wednesday, so almost all the school headed into the MUGA for a fitness session led by Mr Evans. Thank you Mr E and well done to all the children for coping with the plank and other tortuous exercises!



We are fortunate to have some apprentice PE coaches who support sports activities at lunchtimes.

Here is Coach Lily supervising archery.



Secondary School Applications

The new secondary school admission round opened on Tuesday 12th September 2023, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2024.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31st October 2023.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions
All of the application information is available on the website.

Please be reminded to log onto the website and make an application by the closing date of 31st October 2023.

The website above also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2024-25 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies.

Poetry Competition

Our school is participating in a national poetry competition to celebrate
Black History Month 2023.

The competition honours the amazing achievements and contributions of black women in various fields: from literature, music, science, politics, and social care to campaigners, nurses, and everyday heroes who have made a difference to our lives. For example, you might write about Mary Seacole, Nicola Adams, or Rosa Parks.

If you would like to write a poem, please bring it to **Mrs Godfrey (in class 4HG)**
by Friday 29th September.

We would like to share some poems in our Black History Month assembly and select some to enter the national competition.

Please find more information online:

<https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/black-history-month-poetry-competition-2023/>



Reminder - No phone system



Absences due to illness— please email 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 12pm 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 26th September at 7.15pm in the school.

All adults are welcome! Please email thebishopspta@gmail.com to let us know if you are coming.

BAGS 2 SCHOOL will take place on Wednesday 1st November—more details to follow!

Thank you!

The PTA

Email: thebishopspta@gmail.com,

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

Lunch Menu for Week Beginning: Monday 25th September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Meat Free Monday</u>	Jacket Potato With Cheese, Tuna, Beans	Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding <u>OR</u> Veggie Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding	Chicken Curry <u>OR</u> Meat Free Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce	Breaded Pollock Fish Fillet <u>OR</u> Grilled Halloumi Burger in a Bun with Lettuce
Pasta with a Variety of Sauces	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Served with Crushed New Potatoes, Sweetcorn & Carrots	Served with Rice, Naan Bread & Sweetcorn	Served with Chips & Winterslaw
Served with Mixed Salad		Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Ice Cream	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt
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Community News

For info on secondary school tours and applications, and 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

Looking Ahead

Monday 25th September—Start of Generosity Week;
11+ Assessment Session for Year 5 in 6A, 3.20 to 4.20pm (pre-registration necessary)

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

Wednesday 27th September—Cricket Day in School, all day;
Year 5/6 (selected) Girls' Football Tournament at GBHS, 10am to 12pm;
Year 5/6 (selected) Boys' Football Tournament at GBHS, 12.30 for 1pm to 3pm

Monday 2nd October—Class 6A Residential Trip to Thorpe Woodlands, 7.40 for 8am

Tuesday 3rd October—Church for Group 2 led by 5B, 9.10am

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

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

Tuesday 10th October—Harvest Service for the Whole School, 9.10am

Friday 13th October—4HG's Class Assembly in the hall, 9.05 for 9.10am

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

Thursday 19th October—Parent Consultation Meetings, 5 to 8pm

Friday 20th October—Non-pupil day

Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October—Half Term Break

Monday 30th October—Back to school for the next half term

Class Assemblies Academic Year 2023-2024

Friday 13th October—Class 4HG / Thursday 9th November—Class 5B /

Friday 19th January—Class 6FT

Friday 26th January—Class 2T / Friday 2nd February—Class 3M

Friday 9th February—Class 6A / Friday 16th February—Class 1CS

Friday 8th March—Class 3B / Friday 15th March—Class 2R

Friday 22nd March—Hedgehog Class / Friday 3rd May—Class 1YC

Friday 10th May—Class 4S / Friday 14th June—Class 5E

Friday 21st June—Badger Class