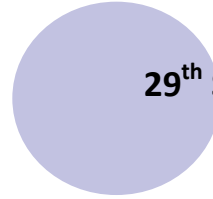
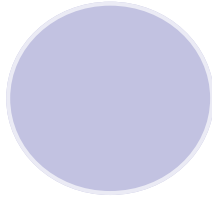
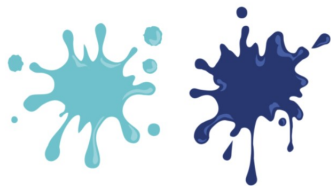
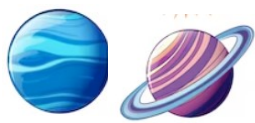


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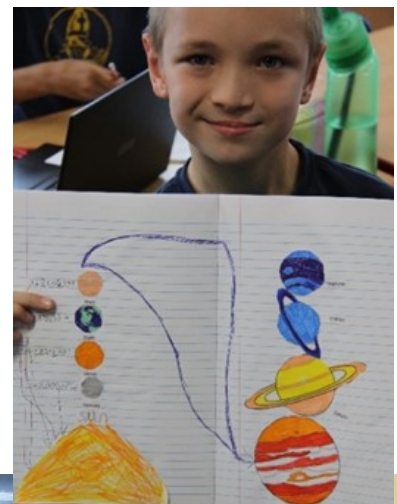
Dear Parents/Carers and Children,



## Creative learning



Year 5 are studying the planets – their double page spreads are beautiful, and they are making full use of resources on the internet to research our solar system



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

Meanwhile, Year 6 are busy studying the mysteries of Ancient Egypt (6FT) and the wonders of our National Parks (6A) – both of which are giving pupils great opportunities to enjoy the visual arts....



## **PTA second hand clothing**

We have a cupboard in school that is full of second hand uniform in good condition.  
If you would like to have some clothing from it, please get in touch.

It is there for all who need it.



Becci Higgs can be contacted at [thebishopspta@gmail.com](mailto:thebishopspta@gmail.com), or Mrs Martin our pastoral lead at [c.martin@bishops.essex.sch.uk](mailto:c.martin@bishops.essex.sch.uk). Alternatively, please catch me or any member of staff outside and we will help.

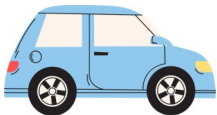
# A few well done's and thank yous!

**Thank you** to St. Augustine's Church community for lifting our spirits with cakes on Tuesday – both in school and out and about on the pavements!



**Thank you** to our wonderful PTA for funding lots and lots of brand new recommended reads & library books for the school!  
We hope your children enjoy reading them.

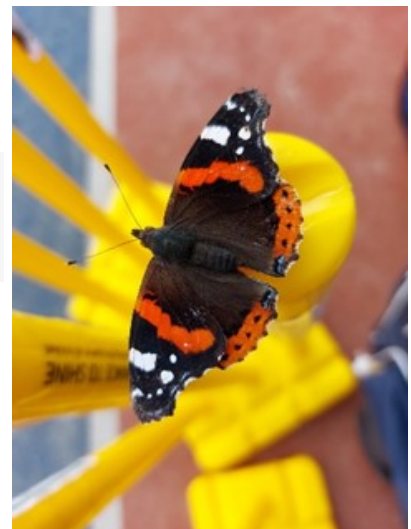
**Well done** to Connor for your Star of the Day Award! ➡



**Thank you** to all those drivers who have either moved when I have approached them, or not parked anyway on the approach road to the carparks – everyone who has spoken with me says keeping this part of the road clear makes a great difference.



**Thank you** to Essex Cricket for giving us a great Cricket Day on Wednesday!  
A brave butterfly even joined in!





**Thank you** to Miss Foale for your gardening!  
The flowerbed by the chickens is looking amazing at the moment!



**Well done** to our FS children – you have settled so well into life at The Bishops', and it feels like you have been with us for much longer than three



and a bit weeks!



All your children are stars, but every now and again one makes it onto the stage!!

**Well done** to LEO for his performance in Priscilla, Queen of the Desert in Chelmsford Theatre. It's a brilliant show and Leo's acting and singing was fantastic!





# Kicking things off!



The sporting calendar is underway and every year it begins with the Years 5 & 6 Football.

For the first time ever we took four teams, two girls and two boys, across to Great Baddow High School on Wednesday where they competed against thirty five other teams from across Chelmsford.

The girls, who will be heading to Wembley later this term to watch The Lionesses, finished 8<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> respectively in a competition where the standard continues to grow.



While the boys finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> after the A team lost in the final via the only goal they conceded all tournament. This is starting to feel like a recurring theme.

A great start to the year!





## Let your children have their say!

**Dame Rachel de Souza, Children's Commissioner for England**, wants to hear from young people about their hopes for the future, so she can present them to the policy-makers of government. She says:

'That is why I want to hear from every child and young person in England about their schools, communities, family life, and the wider world. I will also be asking what they want for their future, their hopes, dreams, and aspirations.'

This survey is for all children and young people aged 6-18 and for parents/carers who can complete the survey on behalf of children aged 0-5. This will ensure we hear from early years settings. Adults can also assist children who are unable to complete the survey independently.'

The survey can be completed here: [www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition)



## New PTFA Team



The PTFA had a great AGM on Tuesday evening – great thanks to the outgoing team committee for their brilliant work last year!

Special mention to Mrs Davenport (treasurer) and Mrs Stonestreet (secretary) as they have served for many years and are handing over the reins during this year. All the events (Make the Rules, Inflatables, Dressing-up Days, Fayres and Discos etc.) which led to The Rainbow Shelter, Christmas present books from Santa, Diwali Dance workshops, First Aid lessons for all your children etc. – demonstrate what truly great community-building work you do. Thank you!

*The new team is as follows:*

**Chair** – Mrs Higgs, **Vice Chair**- Sarah Mott, **Treasurer** - Nicole Davenport (shadowed by Clare Derry), **Vice Treasurer** - Bex Puvanendran, and **Secretary** - Lisa Stonestreet - (shadowed by Thamali (Tam) Jayasinghe) will do wonders this year and we are looking forward to enjoying all they will organise and do.

Thank you, new PTFA team

## **Special Educational Needs - One Plans - Some Changes**

We have made some minor changes to the way that we review One Plans for those children who receive Additional Support in school.

Parents of children with a One Plan will be offered an opportunity, together with the class teacher, to review their child's progress against their current targets and to give their views about what is working well for their child and what is not working so well. In most cases, this can be done in a Parents Consultation appointment. Class teachers, supported by the SENDCo, will then take these views, together with the views of the child and information from assessments, to create the new One Plan document. This will clearly show the long term outcomes as well as the short term steps that we will be working on over the coming term including the provision that will be in place. This document will then be sent out to you. As this is a new system, and we want to make sure that all One Plans are consistent and have been reviewed by the SENDCo, it may mean that you receive the One Plan a little later this term than you normally would. Please be reassured that provision has been in place right from the start of term for any children with a One Plan and will continue at all times.

If your child has an EHCP then you will have a review meeting with the Class Teacher and SENDCo as usual.

## **Please note...**



If your child missed their flu vaccination in school last week, there will be catch up clinics taking place throughout Essex. Please see a poster in our community news , or in our noticeboard outside the front of school for more information.

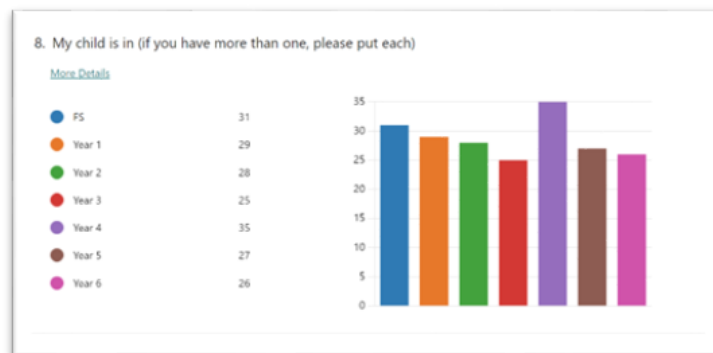
Please do not send your child in to school with hoop earrings or anything other than stud earrings. If your child has P.E then they should not be wearing earrings at all. Thank you.

# Class Meeting Survey

Thank you to all who have managed to complete the survey. If you haven't, the link is:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=r3y0OQCceE6xH75E\\_04iNOfwFGNLL8hBoLwUXm9Xyz5UQVJJTVIxSTILVzdFVFRDUktWSVoxMU9ZSC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=r3y0OQCceE6xH75E_04iNOfwFGNLL8hBoLwUXm9Xyz5UQVJJTVIxSTILVzdFVFRDUktWSVoxMU9ZSC4u)

As you can see from the diagram below, the Year 4s are in the lead with most responses! But everything can change, and we'll be keeping the survey open until this coming Monday lunchtime. It is giving us some very useful feedback.



## Harvest is coming up!

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 9.10am in the church.**

This year we will be collecting for the Little Edie Foundation, a Chelmsford-based charity supporting all in need and operating a food bank.



**There will be a whole school cake sale in aid of Cancer Research on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October.**

Archie and Oscar's mums from 5E are running the London Parks half marathon for Cancer Research on 8<sup>th</sup> October. All money raised will help towards this wonderful cause. Here's a link to their fundraising page: <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/kristens-giving-page-18>

## 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 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.

## The Bishops' PTFA

Welcome to the first weekly update from  
The **Bishops' Parent, Teacher and Friends Association!**

This change doesn't change who we are just makes it official that we can welcome grandparents and other key family members onto the PTFA, which is something we have been encouraging for a while as we are aware that lots of you support your children through their time here at The Bishops'

We are very excited to announce that all children from Years 1-6 will be participating in First Aid sessions with Daisy First Aid week commencing 16th October, our foundation stage children will receive theirs in the summer term.

More details will follow on the next three events via email but please pop these dates in your diary:

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October** we have a photographer coming into school to take the children's photos for our school calendar

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October** will be our make the rules day.

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November** we have a bag2school collection.

Many thanks

Becci and the PTFA team

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

## Lunch Menu for Week Beginning: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Meat Free Monday</u>	Sausage & Tomato Pasta	Roast Gammon & Yorkshire Pudding	'Elemental' Themed Lunch Day	Jacket Potato With Cheese, Tuna, Beans
Freshly made Pizza with a variety of Toppings	<u>OR</u> Veggie Sausage & Tomato Pasta	<u>OR</u> Roasted Quorn Yorkshire pudding	Ember's Tasty Chicken Nuggets	
Served with Mixed Salad	Served with Sweetcorn	Served with Roast Potatoes, Cauliflower & Broccoli	<u>OR</u> Fern's Quorn Dippers	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt
Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Frozen Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Mystery Dessert	

## *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](mailto:admin@bishops.essex.sch.uk)

## **Looking Ahead**

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

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**—Service **in School** for Group 2 led by 5B, 9.10am;  
Table Tennis Tournament at CSAC, 1 for 1.30pm to 3pm:  
Choir to St Augustine's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Church Service, 6pm to 8pm

**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

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

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October**—2 Johns e-Safety Training (details to follow)  
PTA School Calendar Photographs

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October**—4HG's Class Assembly in the hall, 9.05 for 9.10am;  
Year 6 Egyptian Day in school

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

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October**—Year 1 Local Geography Walk, 9am to 10.30am

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October**—Parent Consultation Meetings, 5 to 8pm  
PTA - Make the Rules Day

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

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**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

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November—Bag2School Collection

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November**—Remembrance Service on the playground, 9.10am

### **Class Assemblies Academic Year 2023-2024**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October—Class 4HG / **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November—Class 5B\***

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January—Class 6FT / Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January—Class 2T

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February—Class 3M / Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February—Class 6A

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February—Class 1CS / Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March—Class 3B

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March—Class 2R / Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March—Hedgehog Class

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May—Class 1YC / Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May—Class 4S

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June—Class 5E / Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June—Badger Class

**\*Please note change of details\***