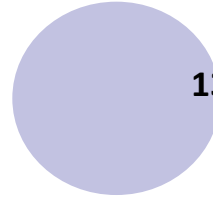
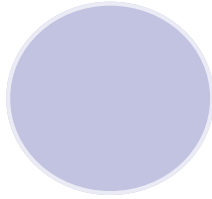


The Bishops' School News



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Yr 6 Thorpe Woodlands *part 2...*



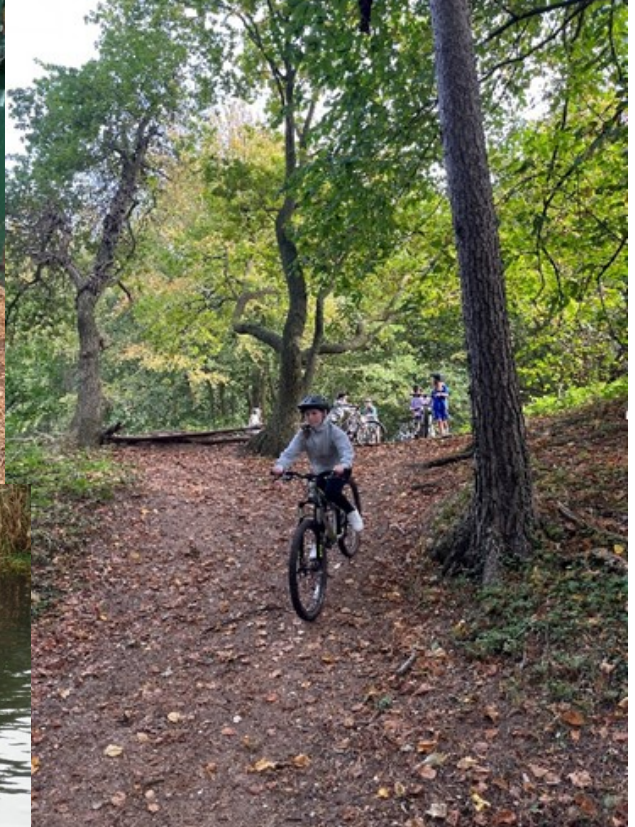
6FT had the best of times at Thorpe Woodlands in the second half of last week.

Here are some lovely photos from their time away...



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





Harvest Celebration

It was great to see so many of you at our harvest celebration – thank you so much for all the gifts for the Little Edi Foundation, and to all of our children and Rev Caroline for leading our service so well.





E-safety Training with the 2 Johns



This was not something 'to be enjoyed' but we hope that it will have a lasting effect on your children about keeping themselves safe online, and that it has helped you to support their online journeys and how they and you respond when things do go wrong.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

We have also been celebrating Black History month, particularly the achievements of black women this year.

Thank you Mrs Godfrey for your inspiring assembly! Here is our Rhianna reading her poem to celebrate the achievements of a star of hers, another Rihanna!..

Rihanna by Rhianna

- Rihanna sang Umbrella
- Impressive singing sold over 250 million
- Her country is Barbados
- Absolutely a superstar
- Number one singer
- Now famous around the world
- Amazing singing



GREAT WORK!

Some wonderful activities have been happening around school this week...



PTFA Calendar Photos!

Thank you to the PTFA for their work in creating the next Bishops' Birthday Calendar ready for buying as Christmas gifts for all your friends.

The photos will be better than mine!..





can you help?

Little Fingers Club would be very grateful for any of the following items:

Kitchen rolls, any unused crafts e.g. tissue paper, coloured card or paper, sequins, gems, or any similar bits and bobs.

Thank you!

Job Vacancy



Kitchen Assistant

12.75 hours per week

11.00am to 1.30pm (Monday to Thursday) and 11.00am to 1.45pm (Friday)

During term time (39 weeks)

Actual Salary £6,259

We are looking to appoint a cheerful, friendly and hardworking Kitchen Assistant to join our small, busy catering team which offers meals to pupils, staff and visitors at The Bishops' C of E and RC Primary School.

The job primarily involves helping to set up and clear away, wash up and undertake other cleaning and general duties, with some simple food preparation and service.

Previous catering or school catering experience is preferred but not essential, as appropriate training will be given.

As a joint Anglican and Catholic school applicants should be supportive of our Christian ethos and be willing to contribute to the wider school life.

Visits to the school are welcome.

The Governors and staff are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Appointments are subject to satisfactory references, DBS clearance and medical checks. A copy of our privacy statement is available on our website.

Applications close: Friday 20th October 2023

Interviews: tbc



Sporting News!



Chelmsford City FC held a mixed u11 football tournament on Monday at Melbourne Park which gave a great opportunity for the boys' and girls' football teams to merge together and compete.

With a mixture of wins, draws and loses, the group finished an **impressive 3rd overall.**

Following this, on Monday afternoon, the Year 5 Tag Rugby team travelled to Writtle College to compete against mostly

Year 6s. After successfully navigating their group, they lost out to Terling Primary via a golden try in the semi-final but quickly recovered from their disappointment to finish **3rd overall** with their own golden try against Great Leighs.



CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Mrs Stubbings and Mrs Mercer for completing their half marathon
AND organising a cake sale for everyone in school in the same week!

They raised a brilliant **£446.24** at the cake sale, and altogether **over £2,000 for Cancer Research** which they are hoping will end up being doubled by match donations.

2 hours, 2 minutes was their time for 2 great ladies!

They say – 'Massive thanks to the school for the support- it is hugely appreciated
by us both', Kristen & Michelle.



Tee



hee .

Hard luck to Mr Evans for
being outmaneuvered
by Luca in a game of
basketball.

Final score 4-4!

Good News!

You may remember that we had an impressive athlete, James Dasaolu, visit us back in June this year. The school has since received 60% back of all the sponsorship money that was raised, resulting in a total of **£945.10** which will go towards our school's sports provision.

The rest of the funds will go towards the training of young athletes who may otherwise never be able to train well. Thank you to you and your children for all your support towards this cause.



Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

AS YOU PRAYERFULLY PACK YOUR SHOEBOX GIFT ...

Please remember that your shoebox gift will be an expression of God's love to a child. In fact, it may be the only gift the child receives. So, plan to pack quality items that will last, and don't forget to make it FUN!

- SHOEBOX:** Get a standard-size shoebox to pack for a boy or girl. Need shoeboxes? Great preprinted shoeboxes are available on our website.
- SPECIAL ITEM:** Select a quality toy such as a doll, football with pump, or cuddly toy to bless a child.
- OTHER GIFTS:** Pack full with other fun toys, personal care items, and school supplies.
- PERSONALISE & PRAY:** Include a personal note and photo to delight the heart of a child. Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift.
- DONATE £5 PER BOX:** A donation of £5 per box is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. For easiest processing you can give online, or give by cheque or cash using the attached pre-paid envelope. If you use our Follow Your Box feature online, you can also discover the destination of your shoebox!
- DROP OFF:** Take your shoebox gift to a local drop-off location during National Collection Week, 19-20 November. Visit our website to find one near you.

SHOEBOX GIFT IDEAS

SPECIAL ITEM

- Football with pump
- Doll
- Cuddly toy

TOYS

- Toy cars
- Skipping ropes
- Yo-yos
- Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrushes
- Washcloths
- Combs
- Hairbrushes

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, and markers
- Notebooks
- Colouring and picture books
- Solar calculators

ACCESSORIES

- Socks
- Sunglasses
- Jewellery and watches
- Torches (wind-up or with extra batteries)

DO NOT INCLUDE

Toothpaste, sweets, bottles and liquids; used or damaged items; war-related items; guns, knives or head items; religious or political literature; medicine; animal cost, sharp or fragile items.

Did you know you can also pack a Shoebox Online? Simply select the toys and other fun items you'd like to include from our collection and personalise your gift with your own letter and photo. Then we'll pack the gift for you and send it on its way. Scan the QR code to get started or visit samaritans-purse.org.uk/SBO

For additional gift suggestions and more, visit SAMARITANS-PURSE.ORG.UK/OCC

We are again encouraging our community to prepare a shoe-box for a needy child in another part of the world, and your children will bring back a leaflet. The assembly for this is this coming Monday, and here is a head's up of the ideas

for filling the boxes. More details on the leaflet for you! We hope this will be enjoyable. If you would like to donate one or two items rather than prepare a whole box, that is fine. Please allow your child to bring them in and we will put different items together to make some whole boxes.

Please Note!

Little Fingers After School Club will NOT be running on Friday 15th December due to the PTFA Christmas Fayre

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Tuesday 17th 3.30pm to 6.30pm and Thursday 19th 5pm – 8pm.

The booking times are available now on Scopay and will close at midday the days before each of the consultations.

The statutory closing date for secondary school applications from parents of Year 6 children (for a secondary school place in Year 7 from September 2023) is **31st October 2023.**

Any applications made late are dealt with after those made on time and so applying late reduces the chances of being offered a preferred school.

Applications can be made via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

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 have a temporary mobile number: 07716 391704,

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

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

These 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 note...

Our previous Finance and SENCO email addresses are no longer in use.

If you would like to contact our School Business Manager, Mrs Boreham, please email **I.boreham@bishops.essex.sch.uk**

To contact our new SENDCo, Mrs Sheldon, please email **s.sheldon@bishops.essex.sch.uk**

Please also remember to email **littlefingers@bishops.essex.sch.uk** for any Little Fingers communications

The Bishops' PTFA

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those parents who came to school on Wednesday to help with the PTFA fundraising calendar photoshoot with a special thanks to Robert Johnston who took the photos and is working hard to get them ready for us to send to the printers. The children all did really well with getting organised into their birth months and posing for the pictures. These are still available to preorder at an early bird price of £6 each until half term, then the price will increase.

Thursday is our Make the Rules day, the poster for this has been sent out, please encourage your children to join in and have fun with this on the last day of term. Please remember if they bring a treat snack this is strictly no nuts.

We also will be in school next week with Daisy First Aid delivering first aid sessions to years 1-6.

If you would like more information on how you can support the PTA please email us or speak to one of us in the playground. I am aware I am slightly less visible this year than previously as I collect from a different place but I am at pick up most days. I can be found in the FS playground if you want to chat.

Many thanks

Becci and the PTFA team

Email: thebishopspta@gmail.com,

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

Lunch Menu for Week Beginning: Monday 16th October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Meat Free Monday</u>	Chilli con Carne	Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding	Chicken Curry	Non-Pupil Day
	<u>OR</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>OR</u>	
Pasta with a Variety of Sauces	Vegetarian Chilli	Veggie Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding	Meat Free Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce	
Served with Mixed Salad	Served with Rice, Tortilla Chips & Peas	Served with Crushed New Potatoes, Broccoli & Carrots	Served with Rice, Naan Bread & Sweetcorn	
Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Apple Crumble & Custard	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Ice Cream	

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Community News



For info on secondary school tours and applications, and other 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 16th October—Archery Competition, Beaulieu Park School, 1.30 to 2.45pm

Tuesday 17th October—Church for Group 1 led by 6A, 9.10am;

Essex Table Tennis Event in Harlow, 9am to 1.30pm;

Parent Consultation Meetings, 3.30 to 6.30pm (by appointment via Scopay.com)

Wednesday 18th October—Year 1 Local Geography Walk, 9am to 10.30am

Thursday 19th October— PTFA 'Make the Rules Day';

Parent Consultation Meetings, 5 to 8pm (by appointment via Scopay.com)

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

Tuesday 31st October—Church for Grp2 led by 6FT

Wednesday 1st November—Bag2School Collection

Friday 3rd November— 5B Cake Sale for the whole school, in school at break time

Tuesday 7th November—Church for Grp1 led by 3B;

Netball Club Matches at New Hall School, 4pm to 5pm (no netball club at school)

Wednesday 8th November— Year 5 trip to Duxford Air Museum, 9am to 5pm

Thursday 9th November—Remembrance Service on the playground, 9.10am

Friday 10th November—Year 3 trip to Celtic Harmony Camp, 9am to 3.30pm

Saturday 11th November—Choir Concert with Caprice at St Andrew's Church, 7.30pm

Tuesday 14th November—Church for Grp 2 led by 3M

Thursday 16th November—5B's Class Assembly in the Hall, 9.05 for 9.10am

Friday 17th November—Individual and Siblings Photo Shoot in school

Wishing you all a nice weekend