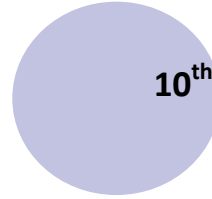
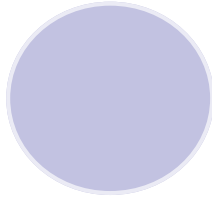
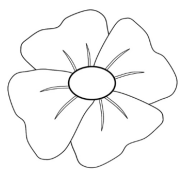


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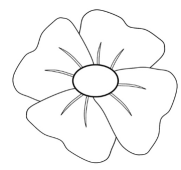


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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,



Remembrance



Remembrance is such an important occasion for us all. Your children have been learning about different aspects of the world wars, and it always impresses me how respectfully they commemorate those who have given their lives in wartime for our country, and for our freedoms.



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

It was especially moving to see all the family connections in Year 2 with relatives and family members who were involved in the wars.

Thank you to Griffin for joining me on the trombone to play the last post, and to so many of you who were able to join us.



Year 6 have represented the blitz through art as well as writing letters to the fallen.

Here are a few by 6FT – thank you.



Yr 5 Duxford Museum



Year 5 had a great trip to Duxford this week, as part of their topic work on The Battle of Britain. We were able to see a number of aircraft that were involved, as well as looking onboard a Concorde and BOAC Comet. We were lucky to have a Question and Answer session with two veterans: Alex, who was a Air Traffic Controller in the RAF, and Mike, who was a pilot in the Royal Navy - landing aircraft on aircraft carriers.

The children asked brilliant questions and we were complimented on their focus.

The trip was especially memorable for Amelie as her grandfather flew the Vulcan in WW2, pictured here, which is the Vulcan actually

at Duxford. A great trip, with great children!



WOW!





NETBALL MATCH



On Tuesday, 22 members of our netball club travelled to New Hall after school. We played 3 games of netball, losing two matches 3-6, 3-5 and winning one 7-3.

Afterwards, we all enjoyed their

hospitality with cookies and cakes. New Hall picked Ailani, Amari and Freya as players of the matches.

Well done to all who represented our school so well and special thanks to our former pupils Imogen and Florrie for coming along to coach and umpire.

GREAT WORK!



Congratulations to the following children who helped to raise a wonderful **£328.55** for the **Royal Brompton Hospital** at their cake sale last week!...

Hugo, George S, George M,

Thomas G, Aydin, Max J, Jack F and Luke P.

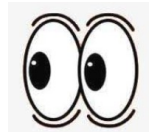


Thank you, also, to all the adults who helped out on the day and to everyone who kindly donated cakes for the event.





Upcoming Events



We have two special events next week!

Next Tuesday 14th is World Diabetes Day. We will be recognising this, and raising everyone's awareness by having **a day dressed in BLUE**. We won't be asking for donations, but if you would like to donate, please look up diabetes.org.uk. 100 years ago, Frederick Banting and John Macleod won a Nobel Prize for discovering the treatment which has gone on to save millions of lives around the world.

On Wednesday 15th the choir is starting a sponsored day of singing so that we can raise funds for Barnardo's. More about this on the following page! You will know the work they do with families who need support and especially young people – including in Chelmsford. There is no set amount to give, everything helps and ends up supporting someone in need. Thank you.



FIRE PRACTICE



Your children may have told you that we had a fire practice this week.

We evacuated the school in just over one and a half minutes – and all the registers had been taken in just over

three and a half minutes. Our best time ever! Staying calm with the loud bells ringing, and knowing what to do, is an important life skill.



Sponsored Sing



Our choir has been taking part in the Barnardo's Young Supporters Concerts for a number of years. This year they are asking us to join their Christmas Appeal, focusing on Bed Poverty.

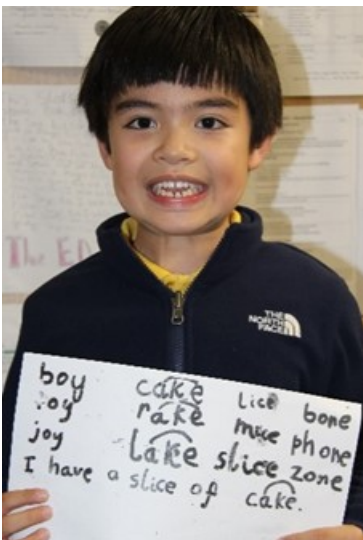
Your fundraising will be helping Barnardo's to support children & families in poverty feel warm, well fed and supported this winter. Your donations will really make a difference.

On **Wednesday 15th November** we will be holding a sponsored sing involving the whole school. The choir will start the day at 8am singing outside the school, followed by singing assembly and each class singing some of their favourite songs throughout the day.

We hope that you will be able to support this by giving a donation via Scopay (under the headings 'Products', 'Other Products' and then 'Donations') putting some money in the collecting buckets on Wednesday 15th November, or sponsoring the choir.

(The choir members will have sponsor forms)

Thank you very much for your support.



Well done!



Congratulations to Brandon for his fabulous writing this week!

He used his wonderful knowledge in Phonics to create some fantastic sentences independently.

On Monday we learnt about **Julian of Norwich**, and some of your children may remember this quote from her.

Apart from being relatively local, she is the earliest female author known in this country - and she lived through three episodes of the plague which decimated the population. So she can speak to us, too.

ALL SHALL BE WELL, AND ALL
SHALL BE WELL, AND ALL MANNER
OF THING SHALL BE WELL...FOR
THERE IS A FORCE OF LOVE
MOVING THROUGH THE UNIVERSE
THAT HOLDS US FAST AND WILL
NEVER LET US GO.

JULIAN OF NORWICH

Christmas Community Choir

Calling any parents/carers/friends of the school
who love to sing!



There is a Christmas Celebration being led by Year 6 in the church on Tuesday 12th December at 6.30pm, and the Bishops' Christmas Community Choir will be performing.

Rehearsals will be on Fridays after school in the demountable (the building next to the Year 6 block in the playground) **starting on Friday 24th November**, and then on **1st and 8th December**. Please come if you can! For those of you with children, some might like to sing with us, others will have some play equipment, and some will be ok out on the playground as there will be staff to supervise them.

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal



We hope that many of you have been enjoying creating these boxes of love and joy for those who may not receive anything else this Christmas.

Please send these into school to your children's classes the week beginning Monday 13th November.

The last day for handing them in will be Friday 17th November as this is when they are all due to be collected.



Thank you!



Reception Admissions for Academic Year Starting September 2024

The primary school (Reception) admission round opened on **Monday 6th November 2023** for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2024.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15th January 2024**.

From 6th November 2023, applications should be made online via
www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

All of the application information is available on the website above, as well as a copy of the Primary Education in Essex 2024/25 booklet and the Schools Admissions Policies Directories.

Even if a parent already has their child's sibling at the school, they need to apply if they have a child due to start Reception next September. Thank you.



Great Job!

Congratulations to Samuel for achieving a Silver medal at his Jiu-Jitsu competition last weekend.

You should be very proud!



The Bishops' PTFA

Please join us for our PTFA meeting next Tuesday evening (14th). We will open the meeting room online at 7.15pm to start at 7.30pm. Please email us for the link; all are welcome and we will be discussing the upcoming Christmas plans.

Thank you to everyone who has purchased Stikins recently this week, we received a commission payment of **£235.02**.

Another thank you, this time for your Bag2school donations which raised **£140!**

All your FabBrick keyrings and calendars have now been ordered and will be delivered to your child once they arrive.

As mentioned, our Christmas Fayre is in the planning stages, it will be held on **Friday 15th December, 3.30-5.30pm**. If you are able to help with the event please let us know. We will need help for set up, the event and the clean-up.



Many thanks

Becci and the PTFA team

Email: thebishopspta@gmail.com,

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

**THANK
YOU!**

Lunch Menu for Week Beginning: Monday 13th November

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| <u>Meat Free Monday</u> | Chilli con Carne | Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding | Chicken Curry | Breaded Pollock Fish Fillet |
| | OR | OR | OR | OR |
| Pasta with a Variety of Sauces | Vegetarian Chilli | Veggie Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding | Meat Free Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce | Grilled Halloumi Burger in a Bun with Lettuce |
| Served with Mixed Salad | Served with Rice, Tortilla Chips & Peas | Served with Crushed New Potatoes, Broccoli & Carrots | Served with Rice, Naan Bread & Sweetcorn | Served with Chips & Winterslaw |
| Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt | Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt | Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt | Ice Cream | Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt |

Community News

For info on children's activities and family events please visit:
[www.bishops.essex.sch.uk/News/General News](http://www.bishops.essex.sch.uk/News/General%20News)

Reporting Absences.....please...

Illness:

Report all on the day absences **by email by 9am**

Medical appointments:

Provide a copy/screenshot of the appointment notification **in advance**

All other absences:

Complete a leave of absence form **in advance**

...thank you.



Changes to Collection Arrangements

Please let us know of the above by email by 12pm.

Last minute urgent messages after this, please phone by 2.30pm.
Thank you.



Email: admin@bishops.essex.sch.uk
Tel: 01245 460107 (from next week tbc)



Looking Ahead



Monday 13th to Friday 17th November— Bring in Christmas Shoeboxes to classes

Tuesday 14th November—Church Service for Grp 2 led by 3M, 9.10am;
Dress in BLUE for World Diabetes Day.

Year 3/4 (selected children) Bowls Competition at Falcon Bowls Club, 10am to 11.30am;
PTFA Christmas Fayre Planning Meeting by Zoom, 7.30pm

Wednesday 15th November—Whole School Sing Fundraiser for Barnardo's

Thursday 16th November—5B's Class Assembly in the Hall, 9.05 for 9.10am;
Year 5/6 (selected children) Badminton Competition at CSAC, 1pm to 2.45pm

Friday 17th November—Individual Photo Shoot in school (siblings from 7.45/8am)

Monday 20th November—

Choir to Barnardo's Young Supporters Concert at the Royal Albert Hall, 8am to 11pm;
Year 5/6 (selected children) Cross Country Event at CSAC, 2 to 3pm

Tuesday 21st November—

Church Service for Grp1 led by 2R, 9.10am; Class 4HG Lego Day in School



Wednesday 22nd November—

Year 5 trip to Cineworld, Braintree, 9.10am to 12.30pm; Class 4S Lego Day in School;
Year 1 (selected children) Teddylympics at CSAC, 9.45am to 11.45am



Tuesday 28th November— Church for Grp2 led by 2T;
Year 3 trip to Chelmsford Cathedral, 9am to 12.45am;
Year 4 trip to Chelmsford Cathedral, 11am to 3.15pm

Friday 1st December—Girls' Football Trip to England v The Netherlands, 4pm to 11pm

Tuesday 5th December—FS Performance to parents of 'The Nativity' in the hall, 1.45pm

Weds 6th December— FS Performance to parents of 'The Nativity' in the hall, 1.45pm

Thursday 7th December—Year 1/2 Performance to parents in the hall, 1.45pm

Friday 8th December—Year 1/2 Performance to parents in the hall, 9.20am

Monday 11th December—Year 3/4 Performance to parents in the hall, 1.30pm

Tuesday 12th December—Year 3/4 Performance to parents in the hall, 1.30pm;
Year 6 Christmas Celebration in Church, 6.30pm (all except pre-schoolers welcome)

Wednesday 13th December—

PTFA Non-uniform Red, Green & Sparkly Day; Christmas Dinner Day

Thursday 14th December—Year 5 Performance to parents in the hall, 9.10am

Friday 15th December—Year 5 Performance to parents in the hall, 9.10am:

PTFA Christmas Fayre, 3.30 to 5.30pm



Wishing you all a nice weekend