

# The Bishops' School News



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,



## Our Big Sing!



Singing for Barnardo's was a highlight this week – especially the 100-strong choir singing outside.

Thank you for all your donations, and to Ethan for his impromptu street-dancing display. We also enjoyed a singing assembly and then each year group had their special singing time throughout the day.



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





On Tuesday, Year 3 led our worship in the church, and Rev Caroline stepped in at the very last minute (thank you!) as another priest was unwell. The children were all in blue to raise awareness of diabetes, and Mrs Pugh gave a talk to Year 6.



# More Music News...



Last Saturday, the choir performed in a concert with Young Caprice – a Chelmsford-based wind band for young people. It was a great pleasure to see so many Bishops' faces in the band! – Spot Coby on the timps,

Simon Cook (a pupil from 30 years ago!) on the drums, Tamsin on flute, Griffin on trombone, Amelia and Jasmin on clarinet. It was the choir's first public performance of the year, and they did really well. Next week we will be full of the adventure of singing with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra in the Royal Albert Hall!

## over the rainbow



The weather has been very unpredictable lately! On Monday, the sunshine made a brief appearance after much rain and Mrs Spencer saw an opportunity to take her class outside for a photo with this beautiful rainbow!





# CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to Blake! She has been doing ice skating lessons for about a month and this week she attempted a whole lesson without using the 'penguins' or holding mum's hand. She has been trying really hard as she wants to go into the next class up and catch up with her friend Lexi.

Keep up the great work Blake!



Congratulations to Ailani and Samuel.

Last weekend, Ailani achieved her brown white tag Belt in Jujitsu and Samuel achieved his blue belt.

They both train at the school every Tuesday evening from 6.30pm to 7.30pm with the Wakarishin Jujitsu club.



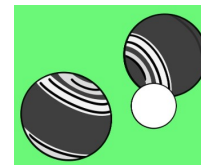
# WOW!

A big well done also goes to Sascha who won the 'piano age 9-10 category' in the Chelmsford Music Festival.

Fantastic news and look at that trophy!



# Lawn Bowls



On Tuesday eight year 3 and 4 children went to Falcon Bowling Club to participate in a lawn bowling competition. The children were very fortunate to have experienced members of the club leading the activities and teaching them. The year 3 and 4 teams worked wonderfully together, encouraging, persevering and showing some great skills. Very well done Tobias, Shelby, Luke, Jessica in year 4 and George, Lana, Lennie, Alissa in year 3!



## **Reception Admissions for Academic Year Starting Sept 2024**

The primary school (Reception) admission round opened on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 **15<sup>th</sup> January 2024**.

**From 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023**, applications should be made online via  
[www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://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 WORK!

This week FS have been making rockets to fly to the moon!

They are so colourful!




# 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 12<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm, and the Bishops' Christmas Community Choir will be performing.

Rehearsals will be on **Fridays after school starting next Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November in the Year 6 building**, and then on **1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

 **St Augustine of Canterbury**  
Anglican, Methodist and URC  
St Augustine's Way North Springfield, CM1 6GX

# Christmas Fair



We would love children and parents to lead a Christmas singalong at the fair at 2pm

**Saturday 25th November**  
1:30pm to 4pm



Come and join a treasure hunt- win some gold coins!

**Refreshments**

 **Father Christmas - £2.50**  
Ring Pam Scammell on  
07530 068430 to book a slot

Contact [info@staugustines@gmail.com](mailto:info@staugustines@gmail.com) for more details

There's a great opportunity for any children (and parents/carers!) who love singing carols to support **St. Augustine's Christmas Fayre**. Rev Caroline will have the words and the music, ready to sing at **2pm on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November**.

Just come if you can - the children will know the songs! More details on the poster to the left and in the Community News section of our website

## The Bishops' PTFA

We are pleased to say that your FabBrick orders are now in and they will be coming home with your child unless you've requested otherwise.

Our Christmas Calendars will be arriving next week so should be ready for you to take home soon. Don't forget our **Christmas Fayre on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec**.  
We still need helpers for this if anyone is available please.

Sadly, due to personal commitments, Sarah Mott is stepping down from her role as Vice Chair. We would like to thank her very much for all her hard work and time that she has given to the PTFA team and wish her all the very best going forward!



Many thanks, Becci and the PTFA team

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**THANK  
YOU!**

## Lunch Menu for Week Beginning: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Meat Free Monday</u>	Sausage & Tomato Pasta	Roast Gammon & Yorkshire Pudding	Jacket Potato With Cheese, Tuna, Beans	Breaded Cod Fish Fingers Served with Chunky Chips & Peas
Freshly made Pizza with a variety of Toppings	<u>OR</u> Veggie Sausage & Tomato Pasta	<u>OR</u> Roasted Quorn Yorkshire pudding	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	<u>OR</u> Curried Vegetable Samosa with Mango Chutney Served with Rice & Peas
Served with Mixed Salad	Served with Sweetcorn	Served with Roast Potatoes, Cauliflower & Broccoli		Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt
Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Frozen Yoghurt	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](mailto:admin@bishops.essex.sch.uk)**  
**Tel: 01245 460107 (from next week tbc)**







# Looking Ahead



## **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November—**

Choir to Barnardo's Young Supporters Concert at the Royal Albert Hall, 8am to 11pm;  
Year 5/6 (selected children) Badminton Competition at CSAC, 1 to 2.45pm

## **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November—**

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

## **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> November—** Church for Grp2 led by 2T, 9.10am;  
KS1 & KS2 (selected children) All In Competition at CSAC, 9.30am to 10.30am;

Year 3 trip to Chelmsford Cathedral, 9am to 12.45am;

Year 4 trip to Chelmsford Cathedral, 11am to 3.15pm

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November—** Selected Yr 5/6 XC Event at Writtle, 12.45pm to 2.30pm;  
Selected Yr 2/3/4 XC Event at CSAC, 1.45pm to 3pm

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December—** PE Masterclass (elected Yr5s) at Boswells Sch, 9am to 12.20pm;  
Girls' Football Trip to England v The Netherlands, 4pm to 11pm

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December—** Church for Grp1 led by 1YC, 9.10am;

FS Performance to parents of 'The Nativity' in the hall, 1.45pm

**Weds 6<sup>th</sup> December—** FS Performance to parents of 'The Nativity' in the hall, 1.45pm

## **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December—**



Yr 1/2 Performance of 'Shine Star, Shine' to parents in the hall, 1.45pm

## **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December—**

Year 1/2 Performance of 'Shine Star, Shine' to parents in the hall, 9.20am

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

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December—** Church for Grp2 led by 1CS, 9.10am;

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 13<sup>th</sup> December—**

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

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December—** Year 5 Performance to parents in the hall, 9.10am

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December—** Year 5 Performance to parents in the hall, 9.10am:

PTFA Christmas Fayre, 3.30 to 5.30pm

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December—** Last day of the autumn term

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December to Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January—Christmas Holidays**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January—** First day of the spring term



**Wishing you all a nice weekend**