

The Bishops' School News



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

YOUNG VOICES AT THE O2

The Choir had the most exciting of times at the O2 on Monday! They were brilliantly behaved and seem not to have been too exhausted for the rest of the week.



Great thanks to all parents/carers for your support, and of course to the staff and others who supervised the children with their many toilet breaks! Special thanks to the masterminds of this, our largest ever choir trip, Mr Barlow and Mrs

♪ Parker. ♪



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



YOUNG TREE CHAMPIONS



Thank you to Mrs Stonestreet for the amazing start you and your team have given to the Forest Garden Project (please keep putting the tokens in local Tesco to raise funds for this!). She tells us:



Last week, we received an orchard pack from The Tree Council's Young Tree Champions initiative. The scheme, which offers a suite of training and exclusive access to events and competitions as well as free trees to schools around the country, is inspiring teachers and pupils to get outdoors, reconnect with, learn, share and care for trees and nature to tackle the climate and nature crises.

We have planted the trees in our new Food Forest. We received 2 apples trees, as well as a plum, pear and cherry tree. The Year 6s had a discussion about

the benefits of planting fruit trees and how they will help Bishops' be a more nature rich space. The Food Forest, and our new fruit trees, will help students reconnect with nature and each other, and give them an opportunity to spend time outdoors, making themselves and our school environment healthier. We look forward to many fruitful years ahead!



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New Netball Kit!



Here are some very excited netball club children trying on our new school kit!
Don't they look smart?!



KS1 ATHLETICS EVENT



A group of Year 2 children took part in a new athletics competition at Melbourne Stadium on Monday. The children spent the afternoon taking part in a variety of track and field events including obstacle and running relay races, speed bounce and standing long jump.

The children worked so hard all afternoon with smiles on their faces showing determination, resilience and sportsmanship throughout the competition.





Hear us Cheer!



Bold, Individual, Strong, High hopes, Optimistic, Perseverance, Shining!

A group of nine Year 5 and 6 children took part in their very first Cheerleading competition and certainly lived up to their Bishops' chant above! They spent the afternoon learning new dances with specialist dance coaches and then, after just 4 weeks to learn and practise, they performed their routine brilliantly to a panel of judges, parents and other schools. These amazing girls each received a **3rd place** medal for their dedication and hard work. Well done Cheerleaders!



FS have been studying baptism..... Here is a photo, taken by Mr Mann, of the children acting out a baptism ceremony. They all joined together to speak and take good care of the pretend baby.



GREAT WORK!

Here's a selection of beautiful work that was brought to me this week...



Parking!



We have been notified about parents/carers using the carpark attached to the Constable View housing next to the school whilst dropping off & collecting their children.

This is a private carpark for residents only and you may be issued with a parking ticket if you park here.

Please be considerate and do not park there.

The Bishops' PTFA

Thank you so much for all your donations into the clothing bank. We are already nearing full and have organised our first emptying. Hopefully this will be a great way for us, as a school and the local community, to raise money for our children.

Thank you also to those who joined us for our EGM and planning meeting on Tuesday.

I am pleased to officially announce the new trustees of the PTA are:

Thamali Jayasinghe - **Secretary**

Clare Derry - **Treasurer**

Rebecca Puvanendran - **Vice Treasurer**

and Lisa Stonestreet moving to the position of **Vice Secretary**.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Nicole Davenport and Claire Edmunds for all of their work as trustees of the PTA over the last few years.

A reminder that **Friday 9th February** is our disco evening!

Tickets can be purchased via Scopay. **The school have lowered the minimum online spend to £3 to help you to make a one-off payment for this.** This will be raised to £5 again once the discos have taken place.

The timings are as follows:

Years 1 & 2, 3.45-4.45pm, **Years 3 & 4**, 5.15-6.30pm, **Years 5 & 6**, 7.00-8.30pm

Spaces must be booked in advance and tickets will **not** be available to purchase on the door.



Many thanks, Becci and the PTFA team

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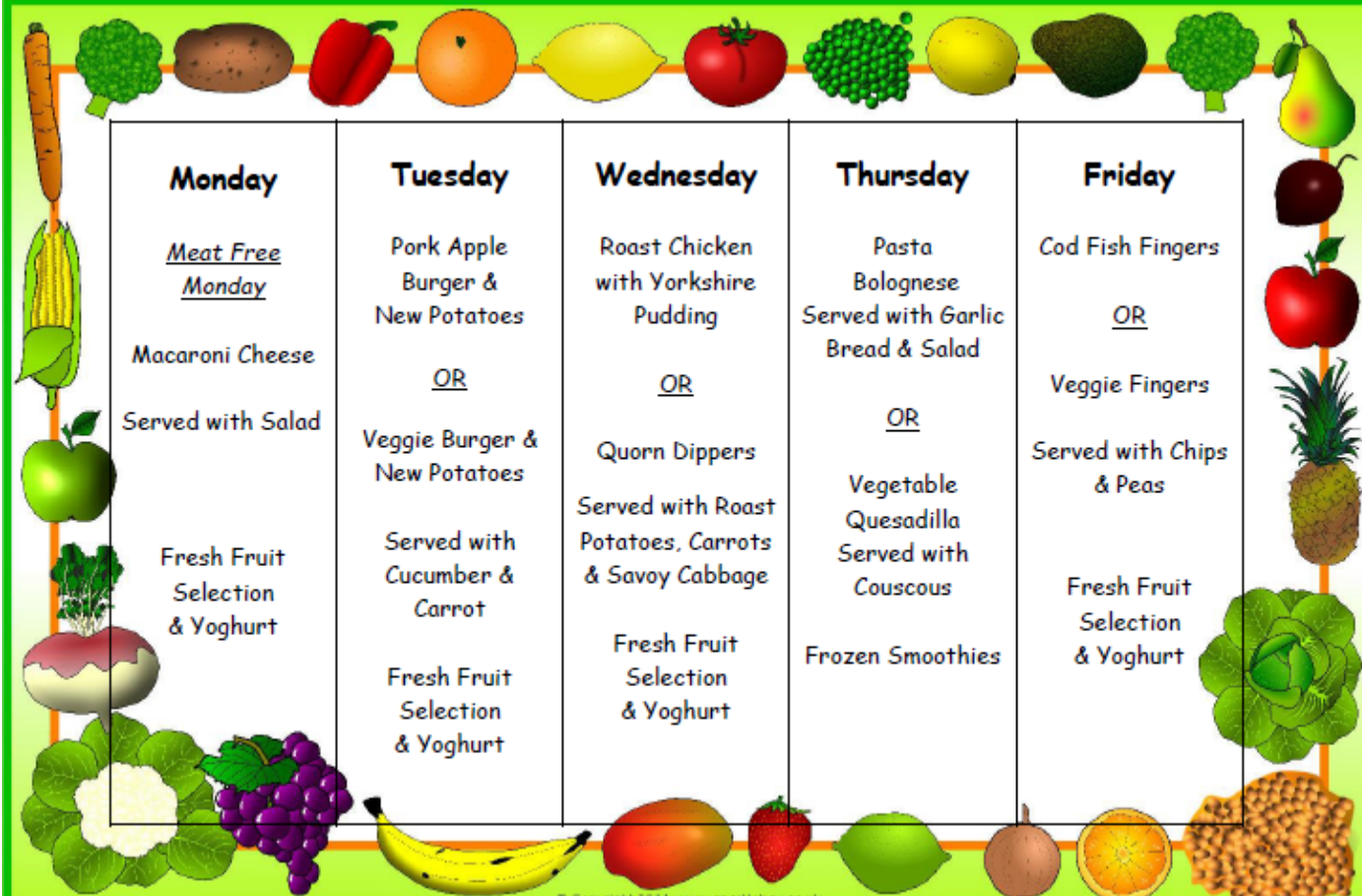
Community News

The Community News section of our school website has lots of information about activities and events that are happening locally, including:

- * **Support information for parents/carers**
 - * **Holiday camps/activities**
 - * **Local shows**
 - * **Health & fitness**
 - * **Job advertisements**
- * **Sports/performing arts opportunities**



Lunch Menu for Week Beginning Monday 5th February



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Meat Free Monday</u>	Pork Apple Burger & New Potatoes	Roast Chicken with Yorkshire Pudding	Pasta Bolognese Served with Garlic Bread & Salad	Cod Fish Fingers
Macaroni Cheese	<u>OR</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>OR</u>
Served with Salad	Veggie Burger & New Potatoes	Quorn Dippers	Vegetable Quesadilla Served with Couscous	Veggie Fingers
Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Served with Cucumber & Carrot	Served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Savoy Cabbage	Frozen Smoothies	Served with Chips & Peas
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School Meals and Dietary Requirements



If your child has an allergy or dietary requirement then please have a careful look at the dinner menu each week to see what options are available to them.

We are finding quite regularly that children who, for example, are on a dairy-free diet are ordering a main meal on days when there is Pizza or Macaroni Cheese on the menu! In these cases, we often have to offer them a Jacket Potato instead, which they may not be keen on!

If you are ever unsure about ingredients used in certain dishes then please contact the school office, or choose the kitchen option when you ring up, and we can help to clarify this for you.

Thank you.

Reporting Absences/Lates ...

Illness: advise by email by 9am

Medical appointments:
provide a copy of the appointment
notification at least 48hrs in advance

All other absences:
complete a leave of absence form at
least 5 days in advance



Changes to Collection Arrangements ...



Advise by email by 12pm

After this, *urgent messages*
only by phone by 2.30pm

Thank you.

Looking Ahead



Tuesday 6th February—Church Service for Grp 1 led by 6A, 9.10am;
FS height, weight and vision measurements in school;
Year 4 trip to Superstars Festival at CSAC, 9.30am to 11.45am



Wednesday 7th February—

FS trip to 'Gruffalo's Child' at Chelmsford Theatre, 9.30am to 12.15pm;
Selected Yr 3/4 Indoor Tennis Event at CSAC, 12.30 to 2.30pm

Friday 9th February—6A's Class Assembly in the hall, 9am for 9.10am;
Netball Tournament (selected children) at New Hall School, 12.45pm to 3.30pm;
PTA Disco in the hall: Yrs 1 & 2, 3.45pm to 4.45pm;
Yrs 3 & 4, 5.15pm to 6.30pm; Yrs 5 & 6, 7pm to 8.30pm



Tuesday 13th February—Church Service for Grp 2 led by 3M, 9.10am

Wednesday 14th February—Change4Life Event, selected Yr 3/4 at CSAC, 1pm to 2.30pm

Friday 16th February—1CS's Class Assembly in the hall, 9am for 9.10am

Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February—Half Term Break

Tuesday 5th March—Mother's & Special People Church Service

Thursday 7th March—World Book Day

Tuesday 19th March—Parent Consultation Meetings, 3.30pm to 6.30pm

Thursday 21st March—Parent Consultation Meetings, 4.30pm to 7.30pm

Friday 24th May—St Augustine's Day Eucharist & Picnic, 11am

Friday 21st June—Sports Day (KS2 am / FS & KS1 pm)

Wednesday 10th July—Exhibition Evening, after school



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**Please state your child's class in any communications
with us, thank you.**

