

The Bishops' School News



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Go Green and Keep it Clean!

The School Council are continuing their journey of helping our school and environment to be free of litter, and we are very excited to have received

sculptures which have been around Chelmsford to help get the message across! Great thanks to Mr Smith (a parent of ours) of the Chelmsford City Council Environmental Sustainability Team, who has enabled us to be loaned these eye-catching sculptures as part of their 'Litter is No Small Thing Campaign'.



Here's Mr Smith talking to the School Council



about his work and the campaign, and on the left is the official photo!

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

The School Council are designing posters to go around the school – here's Molly with hers, and one from Thomas Gauden:



Litter kills



Before you litter, think of what you could be hurting...



Please save your rubbish for the bins.

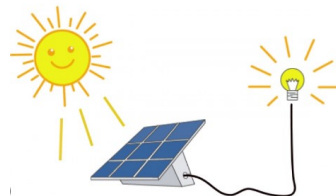


It's very exciting to see the garden area continuing to take shape – pictured here is the final fruit tree being planted – it's a pear tree!



The Bishops' is now more environmentally friendly in other ways too!

This year we have filled our heating system with Hydromix, a chemical which makes it more efficient and helps retain heat. We have changed all of our lighting around school to LED, and we are also having solar panels installed on the roof over half-term. It will be great to see our energy bills falling as a result of these investments. Funding has very largely come from the diocese building funds, and so has not affected your children's education.



Indoor Tennis Success



The Chelmsford Sports and Athletics Centre hosted the Year 4 Indoor Tennis Tournament on Wednesday.

Two Bishops' teams played two doubles fixtures against each competing school over the course of the afternoon.

After all of their points were totalled, the children were extremely chuffed to come away with their silver and bronze medals for 2nd and 3rd place! Well done all!



Year 4 Superstars Festival

On Tuesday, our year 4 children competed against other Chelmsford schools at the Superstars Festival.

The children got to demonstrate their skills in lots of different sporting activities and all of their points contributed towards coming 4th place overall!

This was a great experience for the children and a special mention goes to Archie Bowen who was the highest scoring child on the day!



At a theatre near you...

Some of our pupils are in an upcoming Chelmsford Theatre production:

Book your places for a '**loud**' show!

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is next week. We will be having two services in school – one for KS1 and one for KS2. Your children will be offered to receive the sign of the cross on their foreheads with the simple words 'Receive the sign of the cross, the sign of God's great love for you' being said as they do so. It's a beautifully quiet service, and whilst all the children go to it, it is always up to the child to indicate whether they are happy to receive this sign.



FS Theatre Visit

This week, Foundation Stage children went on their first school trip to the Theatre. They watched 'The Gruffalo's Child'. They had an amazing time!



World Book Day 7th March

My apologies for not including the other option for dressing up on this day.

Your child may wear:



A Book Character costume, Pyjamas
School Uniform, **OR** (and this is the missing option....)
Comfy Reading Clothes!



A warm welcome to...



We have been
delighted to welcome some
new staff in the last few weeks.

Miss Broughton is a new LSA
working in Years 3, 2 and 1 (!),
and Mrs Saunders is new
to our catering team.



Thank you again to Father Paschal for coming in to be with our pupils last week.
Here he is with 1YC. We are delighted to have a rockstar priest in our midst!



The Bishops' PTFA

Friday 16th February will be non-uniform day with a suggested donation of £1.

All funds raised will go towards new outdoor gym equipment!

Many thanks, Becci and the PTFA team

Email: thebishopspta@gmail.com

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

NSPCC

Support for parents

Whatever family life brings, we're here to help

You don't get instructions on caring for a child.

We know that there are overwhelming, and often contradictory, messages about **how to manage family life and what's best for children.**

This is why our new advertising campaign, 'Not Letting Go' aims to remind everyone that **we've got advice and support around parenting concerns.**

Our wonderful Pastoral and Deputy Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Martin, would like to make you aware of the great resources that the NSPCC provides for when parenting can prove particularly challenging.



Please click [HERE](#) to access some of their helpful support pages.

Community News

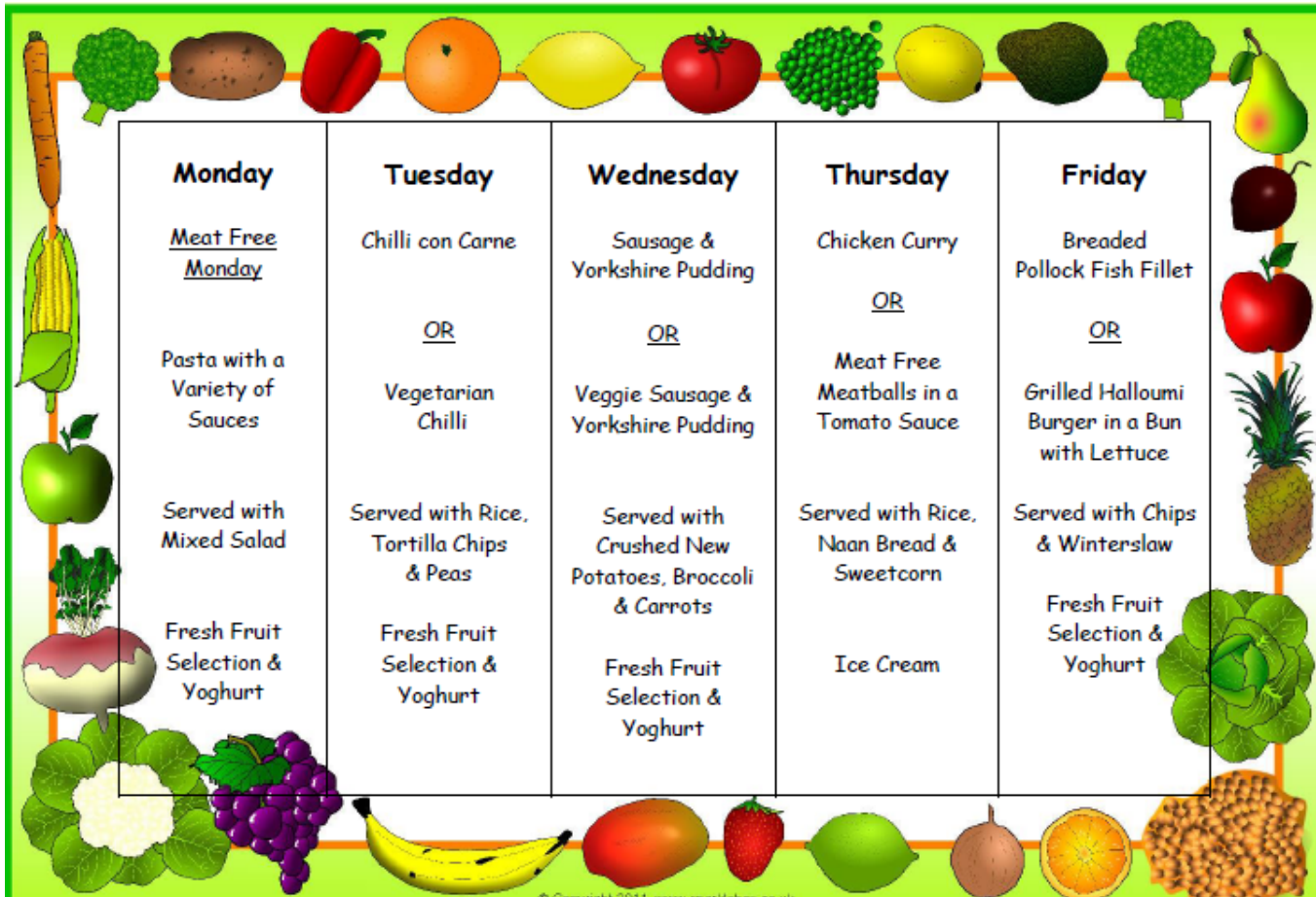
The Community News section of our school website has lots of information about activities and events that are happening locally, including:

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



Check it out!

Lunch Menu for Week Beginning Monday 12th February



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Meat Free Monday</u>	Chilli con Carne	Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding	Chicken Curry	Breaded Pollock Fish Fillet
	<u>OR</u>	<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	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

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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 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— PTFA Non-Uniform Day for £1 donation
1CS's Class Assembly in the hall, 9am for 9.10am;
Badgers' Indoor ECC Road Safety Training with Parents/Carers in the hall, 2pm

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

Tuesday 27th February—Church for Grp 1 led by 3B, 9.10am

Wednesday 28th February—
All In Competition (selected chn) at CSAC, 9.30am to 10.30am

Thursday 29th February—
Netball match (selected chn) at Perryfields Junior, 3.45pm—4.15pm

Friday 1st March—
Hedgehogs' Indoor ECC Road Safety Training with Parents/Carers in the school hall, 2pm

Tuesday 5th March—Mother's & Special People Church Service, 9.10am

Wednesday 6th March—
Year 6 trip to the Natural History Museum, 7.45/8am to 4.15pm;
FS Bedtime Stories in the hall, 6pm

Thursday 7th March—
World Book Day (optional dressing up as book character/PJs/comfy clothing)
for £1 donation

Friday 8th March—Year 4 Anglo-Saxon Day in school



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

