

The Bishops' School News



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13th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

I hope that your children are feeling settled in their new classes and that the timings for our Class Meetings (and the notice given) made it easier for as many of you to attend as possible.

Before the fun, two reminders which I think some may have missed last week:

- ◇ Please, at the end of the day, only use the chicken gate (in and out) if you have a year 3 pupil. It just gets too congested otherwise.
- ◇ Please park (even for short lengths of time) away from double yellows, away from the entrance to the school, and away from the link road to the car parks.

And two new reminders:

- ◇ Earrings must not be in your children's ears on PE days, and we will not allow tape to be over them. Please remove earrings on these days before school.
- ◇ In all communications with the school office please include the full name of the child and their class name. This will help us respond more quickly.

Thank you!



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

So – to the hopefully fun (and profound) things your children have been enjoying this week:

↖ Year 4 have been practising performance poetry, inside and outside



KS2 have learnt about Fairtrade and have been encouraged to look out for Fairtrade items when visiting the shops with you.

↖ We need to support the farmers around the world. Fairtrade Fortnight is this week and next!

started to learn the ukulele with Mrs Hall, our new music teacher (she is also teaching individual guitar lessons and has some spaces – please contact the office for more information).

Year 3s have



Also for our Year 3s (Alder and Aspen classes), they had a visit from Bishop Alan, the Bishop of Brentwood. He came to present the children with their new Bibles in a very special service in the church. Your children sang beautifully and were very excited to be receiving their own Bibles which will stay with them in school all through KS2 and then be theirs for ever!



It's been lovely to welcome our new pupils into Foundation Stage, and they seem to be enjoying their early days with us – with lots of play to get to know each other and settle in.

Thank you to all the parents and carers for managing all the timings of the sessions while we get ready for full time school.



Other things to celebrate: Ella has been working incredibly hard to make lots of little models – and soon she will have enough to have a sale for a charity.

Here she is with Millie!



...and a small troupe of dancers visited me at the end of last week!

Year 2s have been revising their note-reading and playing tone chimes...



and Shush has started the next level of Mighty Oak Public Speaking with the Year 3s.



Parents/Carers of Year 6 - Secondary School Admission Applications



The secondary school admission round opened on Thursday 12th September 2024 for the parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school Year 7 place for their child for September 2025.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions - parents of Year 6 children need to log onto the website and make an application by the statutory national closing date of 31st October 2024.

The website has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2025-2026 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies.

Secondary School Open Days/Evenings for Current Year 6 Children

We will try to signpost these in our newsletters when we can. Further details about these events can be found in our Community News section on our school website.



Boswells 'Meet the Students'

Saturday 21st September

Session 1: 9.30am

Session 2: 10.30am



Anglo European School Open Evening

Thursday 26th September

4.30pm to 8pm

11+ Information for Year 5

On **Wednesday 18th September at 6pm** there will be a meeting for year 5 parents/carers wishing to register an interest for their child at the next 11+ Club. This will take place in the year 6 block.

Attendance at this meeting is necessary if you wish to register your child for the 11+ assessment, which will take place on **Monday 23rd September from 3.20pm to 4.20pm.**

Harvest



We are celebrating and giving thanks for all things harvest on **Tuesday 15th October** – and this year our gifts will be going to the local Pop-Up Food Bus which serves our area.

More details to follow.

CHILDRENS PIANO LESSONS

FOR 5-11 YEAR OLDS
BY LISA RAMSEY



CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE
FOR MORE INFORMATION!

Piano Lessons

Please be aware that there are still spaces for your child to start Piano Lessons with our new music teacher Lisa Ramsey if they are interested.

Please contact the school office for more information.



GREAT WORK!

Felix represented Chelmer Cycling Club in his first cycling race at the Eastern Cyclo-Cross League meeting in Chelmsford on Sunday. Here he is wearing a very well-deserved smile!



Poppy

(year 5) and her older sister Ivy took part in the Cycle For Life event run by Farleigh Hospice. They both cycled 20K in memory of their lovely Grandad Les and, between them, they raised £450! Well done!



Ethan from year 4 wanted to raise some money for children affected by war and so, at the start of the holidays he decided to set himself the challenge of reading a pile of his books as high as his hip over the 6 weeks. He completed it on Tuesday night and has raised £643 for War Child so far, with lots of his class having sponsored him. He read 81 books in total. In sharing his achievement, Ethan's parents hope that it might inspire others to do something similar and get reading for an important cause!

Super job!



Club Spaces

As you will know, many clubs are full and we have priority lists for these for next term BUT we still have places in some of our outside provider-led clubs – it's not too late to get in and start.

We'd like to encourage you to take a look at the following list of CMXSC clubs which still have spaces on them and discuss these options with your child. Trial sessions are available if your child is unsure and wishes to try a club before they commit.

Please visit their website <https://www.cmxsc.co.uk/> for more information and to make a booking.

- **Monday 8am, Multi Sports Years 1 & 2**
- **Wednesday 8am, Tag Rugby KS2**
- **Wednesday 3.15pm, Archery KS2**
- **Thursday 8am, Hockey KS2**
- **Friday 8am, Multi Skills Foundation Stage**



The Bishops' PTFA

Since it launched last week, our ASDA Cashpot has steadily grown to over £80 and we have 78 days left to until it closes!

A big shout out to all of you who have joined to support our school.

Thank you to all of you who have emailed us about the AGM and we look forward to seeing you on **Tuesday 24th September at 7pm**, however we cannot hold the AGM without a minimum attendance of 15. We hope that more of you will be able to join us to make plans for the upcoming year.

Lunch Menu for Week Beginning Monday 16th September

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		Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt

Community News

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

These include:

- * **Secondary School Open Days/Evenings**
- * **Support information for parents/carers**
- * **Pop-Up Food Store for affordable groceries**
 - * **Holiday camps/activities**
 - * **Local shows**
 - * **Music workshops**
 - * **Sports clubs and activities**
 - * **Performing arts opportunities**





Looking Ahead



Tuesday 17th September —

FS Reading & Phonics Parents' Meeting in the Hall, 9 to 10am;
Church Service for Grp2 led by Birch Class (4B), 9.10am

Wednesday 18th September—

Yr 3/4 (selected chn) PE Masterclass at Boswells, 11am to 1pm;
Yr 5/6 (selected chn) PE Masterclass at Boswells, 1pm to 3pm;
Yr6 Boswells School Parents' Meeting in the Yr6 Block, 5pm;
11+ Club Information Meeting for interested Yr5 Parents in the Yr6 Block, 6pm

Tuesday Church Services Autumn Term 2024—

24th September—Grp 1, Chestnut Class (5E) / 1st October— Grp 2, Cedar Class (5B)
8th October—Grp 1, Hawthorn Class (6A) / 22nd October—Grp 2, Hornbeam Class (6FG)
15th October— Whole School for Harvest
5th November—Grp 1, Aspen Class (3TH) / 12th November—Grp 2, Alder Class (3M)
19th November—Grp 1, Owl Class (2R) / 26th November—Grp 2, Kestrel Class (2M)
3rd December—Grp 1, Robin Class (1YG) / 10th December—Grp 2, Wren Class (1CS)



(Group 1 Robins/Owls/Aspen/Beech/Chestnut/Hawthorn)
(Group 2 Wrens/Kestrels/Alder/Birch/Cedar/Hornbeam)



Please advise the office..

Absences/Lates ...

Illness: advise by email by 9am

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

All other absences: complete a leave of absence form at least 2 weeks in advance

All lates: advise lunch choice by 9am

Thank you.



Changes to Collection Arrangements ...

Advise by email by midday

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



Thank you.



Email: admin@bishops.essex.sch.uk / Tel: 01245 460107
Please state your child's class in any communications with us, thank you.

