

# The Bishops' School News



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

## Welcome to the team!

This term we have welcomed a number of new staff, and after three weeks they are still with us!!

From top left, it has been a pleasure to welcome Mrs Sherwood to Kestrel Class (2ML), Miss Day to Badgers, Mrs Hitching to Hedgehogs, Coach Sam to lots of PE classes, Mrs Obi to Beech (4S) and Mrs Kucharska to Birch (4B).

**More to follow next week!**



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

Your children across the school are settling really well, and we know that the start of a new school year can be a challenge with new classes and new routines.

Thank you for helping with this.

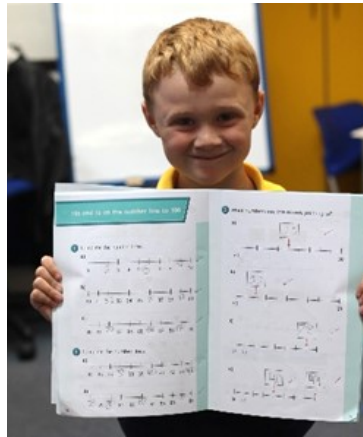
Here are some of the Wednesday morning activities:



**Wren Class (1CS) enjoying a whole range of throwing and catching activities**



**Year 2 (Owl Class) are loving their maths – Luke is particularly proud of his!**



**Kestrel class were doing some great descriptive writing about a bear lost at sea...**



**The almost new outdoor gym is constantly in use**



Our new FS children are already amazing at tidying everything up and Mason is doing some amazing balancing



and of course there is ukulele being learnt here by Alder Class (3M).



## New shelters



We have some wonderful new shelters which you will have seen.

Great thanks to Master Designs Essex Limited (owned by one of our school parents – thank you!) for their excellent work over the summer holiday.

We are loving them!



# Boswells PE Experience

A group of Year 4s and Year 6s had the chance to experience a secondary PE lesson at Boswells this week. The sessions started with a set of activities built around



teamwork before moving on to the fundamental skills that underpin the sport of volleyball.



## Essex ActivAte Half-Term Clubs

[Essex ActivAte half term holiday clubs](#) go live to book eligible children free spaces on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 12pm**. Local club providers across Essex will be offering amazing free spooky sessions and fun activities such as sports and games, pumpkin carving, arts and crafts, baking and cooking and so much more to support families and children across the half term break!

Primary, secondary, SEND, mental wellbeing and youth clubs will be available to book.



Families will not need a Holiday Activities voucher code to book onto a local club for half term, but may need to self-certify with the club provider when booking a free space/s.

# Thank you to our PTFA Chair

Many of you will have heard that Becci Higgs is stepping down from the role of Chair of the PTFA. We owe her so much gratitude for the many years she has spent serving our community, first as a member and then as Chair.

She has brought to life so many exciting ideas (think llamas, calendars, make-the-rules days, 22 for 22, inflatables, Year 6 leavers' days and so many others).

**Thank you, Becci!**

There is the **Annual General Meeting of the PTFA next week (Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept 7pm in school)**. Please come if you can to say thank you to Becci and also to help plan how the great work of the PTFA can continue to flourish and contribute to the life of The Bishops' and your children.

## Essex County Council School Term and Holiday Dates for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools - Academic Year 2025-2026

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- = Schooldays
- = School holidays
- = Bank holidays
- = Weekends
- = NP

In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated, or the equivalent in disaggregated twilight sessions.

<b>Autumn Term:</b>	Monday 1 September 2025 – Friday 19 December 2025 Half Term 27 October – 31 October	75 days
<b>Spring Term:</b>	Monday 5 January 2026 – Friday 27 March 2026 Half Term 16 February - 20 February	55 days
<b>Summer Term:</b>	Monday 13 April 2026 – Monday 20 July 2026 Half Term 25 May – 29 May, and May Bank Holiday - 4 May	65 days
		195 days

## Next Academic Year Term Dates and Non-Pupil Days

The School Governing Body met on Tuesday evening and agreed the following non-pupil days (NP) for the academic year 2025-26.

Please make a note and perhaps use them if you are planning to take a break away.



# A Special Visitor



On Thursday, KS2 pupils met Dr Gibbins who is the newly appointed Director of Music at Chelmsford Cathedral. She is wanting to bring in more children to experience the richness of the cathedral's musical tradition, and there are some taster sessions coming up which we will let you know about.



She even bought some choir robes to show – and shared that choristers of all ages get paid! Interested children will bring a letter home – but if you think this would be brilliant for your child (Key Stage 2), then please get a letter from the school office.

Your child would receive an incredible musical education for free by joining up.

## Bishops' PTFA News

It is our **Annual General Meeting next Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.**

Please do attend if you are able.

We will be electing our trustees for this academic year.

Please be aware that the role of CHAIR is open to a new person.

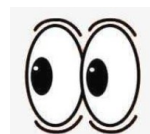
I have decided not to stand for re-election this time.

If you are able to attend, please email [thebishopspta@gmail.com](mailto:thebishopspta@gmail.com)

Many thanks

Becci and the PTFA

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# A VERY WELL DONE TO...

Last Saturday was an fantastic day for Nancy and Toby. They met Mo Farah and were able to have a chat with him and ask questions.

Mum says “Mo was so involved and was great with the kids, inspiring them as they ran or competed. Nancy did really well, she was in her element! Toby came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the U11 60m hurdles! Toby also ran the 200m and the 600m and came 5<sup>th</sup> in the 200m

and 7<sup>th</sup> in the 600m. The funniest part was the parents vs Mo. He gave the parents a minute head start on a mile round the track and he still lapped the fastest and finished first. The man is a machine!”

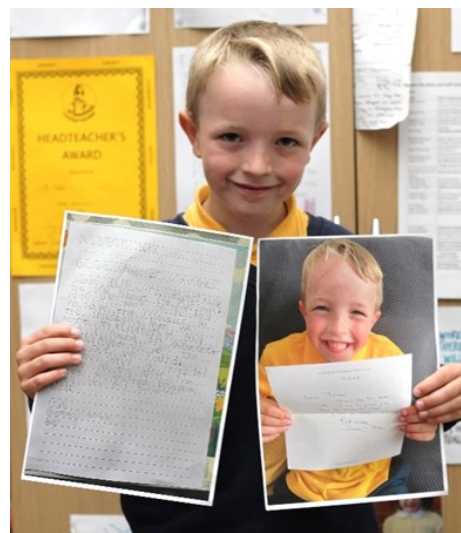
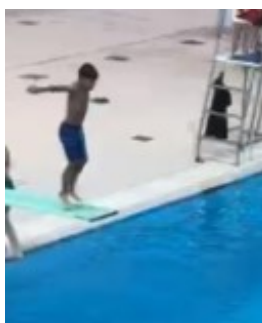


Theo recently journeyed to

London where he was involved in an exciting film project with a Paralympic athlete.

He was lucky enough to hold a gold medal which he said

was very heavy! What a great experience.



Thomas wrote a lovely letter about finding fossils to Sir David Attenborough, and received a personal, hand-written reply!

Here he is looking deservedly proud...



### ITEMS NEEDED

#### TOILETRIES

SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER  
 SHOWER GEL  
 DEODORANT  
 HAND WASH  
 HYGIENE PRODUCTS

#### HOUSEHOLD

LAUNDRY DETERGENT  
 WASHING UP LIQUID  
 ANTI-BAC ITEMS  
 TOILET CLEANER  
 TOILET PAPER

#### STORE CUPBOARD

BREAKFAST SPREADS  
 TABLE SAUCES  
 LONG-LIFE MILK  
 GRAVY  
 HERBS & SPICES

#### DRINKS

TEA  
 COFFEE  
 HERBAL TEAS  
 DECAF OPTIONS

#### TINNED ITEMS

TINNED MEATS  
 TINNED VEGETABLES  
 TINNED FRUIT  
 TINNED CUSTARD  
 TINNED RICE PUDDING

#### JARS AND PASTAS

PASTA SAUCES  
 PASSATA  
 PASTA  
 RICE  
 PASTA MEALS  
 RICE MEALS

#### PUDDINGS

ANGEL DELIGHT  
 JELLY  
 CAKES/CAKE BARS

#### OTHER

CEREALS  
 OATS  
 SUGAR  
 UHT MILK

# Harvest Thanksgiving

Advance Notice! – Our **Harvest Thanksgiving** is being held on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 9.10am in church**, and we are donating items for the Pop-Up Food Store which serves our area.

Here's the list of items which are needed in case you wanted to start collecting.

Thank you.

Charity number: 1181150 This project is part funded by the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and supported by Chelmsford City Council

## Lunch Menu for Week Beginning Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

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



# Looking Ahead

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**—11+ club assessment for interested Yr5 children, 3.20 to 4.20pm

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September** — Yr1 Reading & Phonics Parents' Meeting in the Hall, 9 to 10am;

Church Service for Grp1 led by Chestnut Class (5E), 9.10am;

PTFA AGM in School, 7pm



**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September**—

Yr 5/6 Girls' (selected chn) Football Comp at GBHS, 10am to 12pm (transport provided);

Yr 5/6 Boys' (selected chn) Football Comp at GBHS, 1pm to 4pm (transport provided there only);

Yr2 Reading Parents' Meeting in the Hall, 2 to 3pm

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September**—

Hawthorn Class (6A) residential trip to Thorpe Woodlands, 7.40am for 8am departure

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**—

Hornbeam Class (6FG) residential trip to Thorpe Woodlands, 7.40am for 8am departure;

Return of Hawthorn Class from Thorpe Woodlands, approx. 5pm

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October**—

Return of Hornbeam Class from Thorpe Woodlands, approx. 5pm



## **Friday Class Assemblies, 2024—2025**

22nd Nov—Kestrels

17<sup>th</sup> Jan—Beech Class / 24<sup>th</sup> Jan—Owls / 31<sup>st</sup> Jan—Hawthorn Class

7<sup>th</sup> Feb—Wrens / 28<sup>th</sup> Feb—Cedar Class / 14<sup>th</sup> March—Hornbeam Class / 21<sup>st</sup> March

2<sup>nd</sup> May—Robins / 9<sup>th</sup> May—Chestnut Class / 16<sup>th</sup> May—Badgers

20<sup>th</sup> June—Birch Class / 27<sup>th</sup> June—Aspen Class / 4<sup>th</sup> July—Hedgehogs

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**



**Email: [admin@bishops.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bishops.essex.sch.uk) / Tel: 01245 460107**

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

