

The Bishops' School News



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Harvest Festival

On Tuesday, the whole school squeezed into St Augustine's Church to celebrate and give thanks to God for another harvest. Each year group contributed to a lovely service with prayers, readings, songs, poems, pictures and information about The Pop-Up Store.

Thank you to everyone who supported this and the generous contributions that were given for The Pop-Up Store.



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



To everyone at Bishops' Primary School,

We wanted to say a massive 'Thank You' for all the wonderful items you donated to us at your Harvest Service. We have had lots of fun this week sorting through them all, counting them and marking them all in. There were over 800 items in total and we estimated that this equates (roughly) to 115 shops for our customers.

This makes such a difference to the project and obviously the people we are serving.

Thank you again for your incredible kindness and generosity.

Ruth & Sarah

St Francis Community Pop Up Food Store





CROSS COUNTRY



Last week, we took more than 50 children to a Key Stage Two Cross Country event at Hylands Park. The race was long and the ground was very muddy but the children gave it their best shot. A particular well done to Toby in Year 5 for getting 1st place in his race and to Chisom for getting 3rd place in her race.

We look forward to the next cross country event soon!





Year 2 Football Comp



On Tuesday, a group of Year 2 children took part in a football competition at Chelmer Park. The children played 7 matches altogether and demonstrated excellent teamwork and determination throughout. Out of 16 teams, A team came 13th and B team came 12th.

Well done to all children who took part.



ARCHERY COMP



On Monday afternoon, four teams represented the Bishops' at an archery competition at Beaulieu. They all showed amazing sportsmanship in their encouragement of each other in what was a very tricky skill to master.

All teams placed really well, and notably Bishops' year 5/6 B team came 3rd!



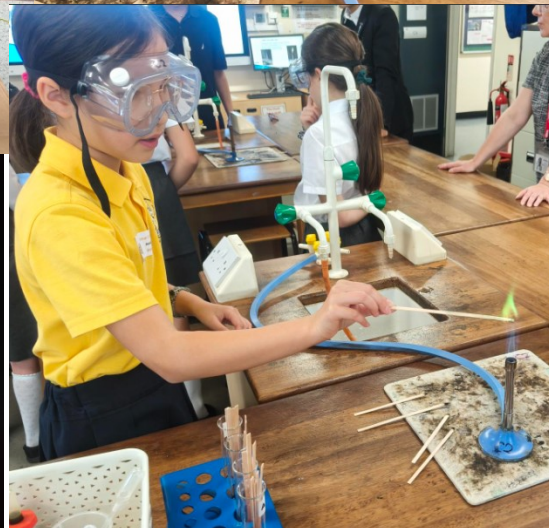
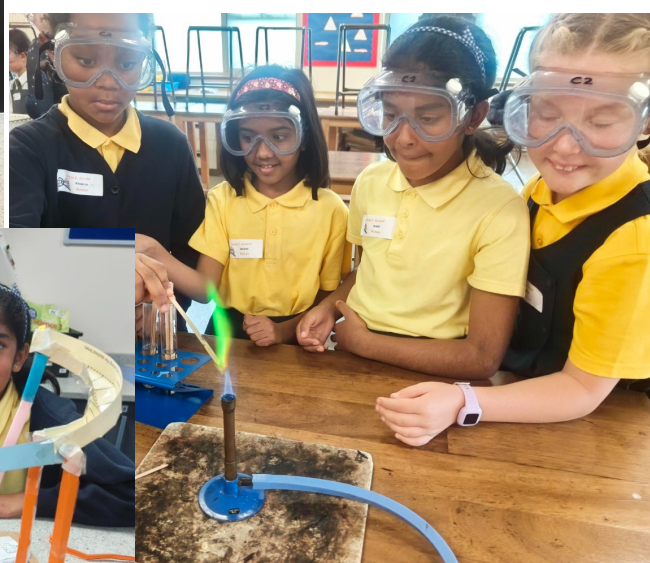
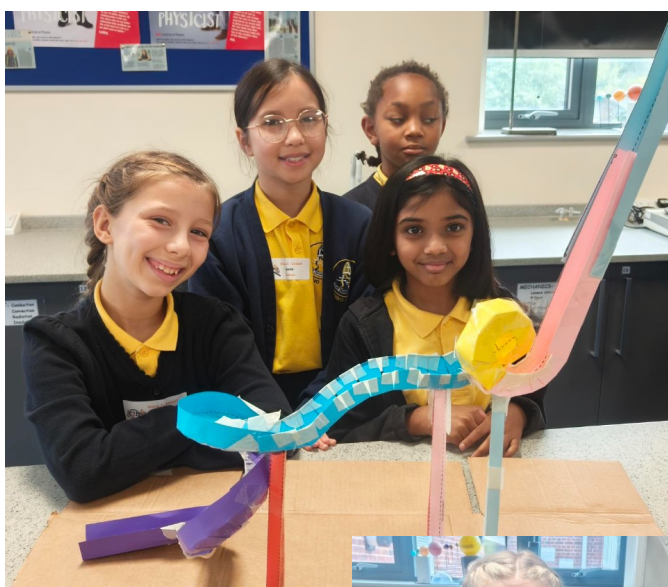
FIZZ, BANG, POP!

On Thursday, Jewel, Rhianna, Ellie, Amelia, Jaslyne and Jessica from year 5 spent the day at the Chelmsford County High School for Girls for a day of science.

After a warm welcome of biscuits and juice they began their day in the Physics department, designing and testing a rollercoaster with enough momentum for a marble to perform a loop-the-loop! After lunch they used microscopes in Biology to see single celled organisms in pond water, which are invisible to the naked eye. Finally, they entered the colourful world of Chemistry, using Bunsen burners to discover some of the different chemicals in colourful fireworks. They also used

pipettes and indicator solution to identify acids and alkalis based on their colours, and witnessed some spectacular demonstrations.

It was a busy and fascinating day of new experiences.





Mrs Parker had set Cedar class the huge reading target of reaching 891 comments in their reading records by half term.

Well they have reached that with two weeks to spare and on the last count had amassed **971** comments!

As a well done, they were treated to some well-earned donuts. Thank you to Mrs Parker and to Cedar parents for supporting this.

Here is **Jack** with a fantastic scooter he constructed out of K'NEX.

We think it looks very aerodynamic!

His next project is a train...

Keep up the great work Jack!



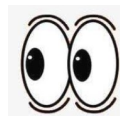
Thank you!



Thank you to our PTFA members Tam and Donna for spending so much of their time sorting through the mound of lost property outside school, as well as tidying and organising our pre-loved uniform cupboards in school. This is a big task and we are very grateful for all your hard work.



Polite Reminders



Safety on the roads

Please ensure that there is no parking, dropping off or turning around at the entrance to the staff car park or in the staff car park at any time, this includes for clubs and Little Fingers.

This causes a health and safety issue as well as causing traffic to build up, which in turn affects parents and the local residents.

Please also avoid dropping your children off at the crossing to school and parking in the way of junctions.



Remembering Belongings

Please make sure that your child has all their necessary belongings with them when they come to school. One morning in particular this week, the office had quite a collection of items brought in late which then had to be delivered to classes.

This can be very disruptive and time consuming.



Parents/Carers of Year 6 –

Deadline for 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.

GREAT JOB!



On Sunday, **Jasmine** took part in her first ever dance competition and her group won 1st place!

FAB-U-LOUS!

Lexi got her 25m backstroke certificate on Saturday for swimming one whole length of the main pool at Riverside.



Wow!



Tadhg and **Bobby** both received their next level belts at martial arts. Tadhg received his yellow belt. Bobby received his yellow orange

stripe belt.

Super stuff!

Leo had a Karate Tournament last Saturday and is now a very proud gold medal winning world kickboxing champion!

He also took part in a second fight for which he won bronze!

Keep up the amazing work!



PTFA NEWSLETTER UPDATE

JUST TO SAY :	EVENTS TO COME	FINANCE UPDATE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PTFA Calendar purchase link is live until the 24th of Oct. Don't miss out on those smiles! • My Child's Artworksheet will be distributed on Monday 21st Oct and your masterpieces are to be handed back in on the 4th of Nov. • Make the Rules Day !!! on the 24th of Oct. Can't wait to see the crazy fun!!! • Plea for Hangers- why you ask? Donna is arranging a clothing rack in the reception area for lost property display. Please bring in any spare hangers and leave at reception in a box under the table. 	<p>🕒 24th Oct Make the rules</p> <p>🕒 4th Nov PTFA zoom meeting</p> <p>🕒 29th Nov Christmas Fayre</p>	<p>🛒 Asda Cashpot 🌱 £144 🌱 Ends: 30th of Nov</p> <hr/> <p>📖 Christmas Books Fund 🌱 £570 🌱 COMPLETED!</p> <hr/> <p>FUNDRAISING TARGET FOR 2024/2025: £10 000</p>

Meet the PTFA- a little message from our Secretary and Vice Secretary

Clare Beaumont:

I'm Clare, the new PTFA secretary. As an alumni of Bishops', I can keenly recall the enjoyment of the events the PTA put on when I was at the school. I'll never forget how much excitement can come from putting your hand in the tombola box at a Summer Fayre. In fact, it's quite probably the same one we still use!

With Edelie in Yr3, Avalyn in Yr1 and soon to be followed by Eliana next September 🎂. I realised if I could pay a little back and create that same excitement for my own and other children, then I was all in! I feel privileged to be given the opportunity to get more involved in supporting such a wonderful school and helping to continue the amazing work of the PTFA .

Lisa Stonestreet:

I'm Lisa - my son Michael attended Bishops and is now in Yr7, my son Liam is currently in Yr4. I've been on the PTFA committee since 2021 and I've really enjoyed being involved in the events and other behind the scenes things the PTFA do that help make our school special.

I'm currently the vice-secretary but at the moment a key focus for me is the Food Forest project - it's been wonderful to help to turn a patch of the school grounds into a really wonderful place for the children and the wider school community to enjoy and learn from.

"ALONE WE CAN DO SO LITTLE; TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH"
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



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Lunch Menu for Week Beginning Monday 21st October

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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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

Monday 21st October—Parent Consultation Mtgs (not Aspen and Robins), 3.30 to 6.30pm*

Tuesday 22nd October— Church service for Grp2 led by Hornbeam, 9.10am;
Parent Consultation Meetings for Aspen and Robins only, 3.30 to 6.30pm*

** Online bookings for Parent Consultation Meetings will open on Scopay.com at 6pm on Monday 7th October 2024 and close at 12pm the day before each date **

Wednesday 23rd October—Year 1 Local Walk, 9am to 10.30am

Thursday 24th October—PTFA Make The Rules Day;
FS height, weight & vision measurements in school (am)

Friday 25th October—Non-pupil day



Monday 28th October to Friday 31st October 2024—Half Term Break

Monday 4th November 2024—Back to school; PTFA Meeting by Zoom

Tuesday 5th November—Church service for Grp1 led by Aspen, 9.10am;

Friday 8th November 2024—Year 3 trip to Celtic Harmony Camp, 8.30am to 3.30pm;
Film Friday for FS & KS1 for £3 on Scopay for Barnardo's, 3.15 to 4.30pm

Monday 11th November—Remembrance Service on the playground, 10.45am

Thursday 14th November—Year 6 Egyptian Day in school

Friday 15th November—Individual and sibling photographs; Selected Choir Children to Broomfield Hosp, 1.25 to 3pm

Monday 18th November—Yr5 trip to Duxford Air Museum; Yr4 Lego Day (school)

Tuesday 19th November—Yr4 Lego Day (school); Yr5 to Cineworld in Braintree, 8.30am to 12.30pm

Friday 22nd November—Film Friday for KS2 for £3 on Scopay for Barnardo's, 3.25 to 5pm

Monday 25th November—Choir to Barnardo's Concert at RAH, 8am to 11pm

Friday 29th November—PTFA Christmas Fayre in the hall after school

Thursday 5th December—FS Christmas Performance (pm)

Friday 6th December—FS Christmas Performance (am)

Monday 9th December—Yr1/2 Christmas Performance (pm)

Tuesday 10th December—Yr1/2 Christmas Performance (pm)

Wednesday 11th December—Flu Immunisations in School

Thursday 12th December—Yr3/4 Christmas Performance (am)

Friday 13th December—Yr3/4 Christmas Performance (am)

Monday 16th December—Pantomime in School, Beauty & The Beast (am)

Tuesday 17th December—Yr5 Christmas Performance (pm)

Wednesday 18th December—PTFA Christmas non-uniform day; School Christmas Dinner;
Yr6 Christmas Service in the Church, 6.30 to 7.15pm

Thursday 19th December—Yr5 Christmas Performance (pm)

Friday 20th December—Last day of term

