

The Bishops' School News



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

THORPE WOODLANDS



Year 6 have had the wettest and coldest of times (Hawthorn) followed by sunshine and warmth (Hornbeam), and as I write this is all about Hawthorn who have shown tremendous resilience coping with constant and often heavy rain for almost the whole time. We have still done all the activities, and your children have been amazing.

Photos to follow from Hornbeam Class next week!



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





Bishops' Rocks!

Also this week the new RockSteady bands started – we are sorry that not every request for a place could be accommodated.

Here's one of the bands from their first session this week.



Cricket Visitor



Coach Olivia from Essex County Cricket Club came in to give an assembly and teach cricket lessons to a few of our classes.

They learnt lots of new skills.

Here you can see a group of year 2 children having a great time!





GROWING INTO AUTUMN

We've had a great time back at Gardening Club (which has doubled in size since last term). The children are full of enthusiasm and doing great work.

Even though Autumn has definitely arrived, there are still lots of gorgeous flowers and many of the herbs are thriving.

We will be having a family volunteer session on the weekend of the 12th of October - date and time tbc very soon. Please do join us to help plant our Spring bulbs!



Florence used some of the chamomile she picked at Gardening Club to make some delicious biscuits.



BOCCIA AND KURLING

A group of Year 5 pupils had a great experience at the Boccia and Kurling event at CSAC on Monday afternoon.



They took part in lots of different aiming and throwing activities, developing and improving their skills throughout the afternoon.

The highlight was an opportunity to take on other schools in Boccia competitions where both of our teams managed impressive wins.

Well done!

Year 6 Table Tennis

On Tuesday afternoon, a group of year 6 children took part in a Table Tennis Tournament at CSAC.

There was some tough competition from other schools,



but they all did very well, showing great team spirit and excellent behaviour throughout.

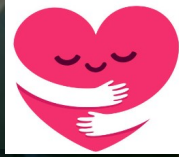
Well done to the girls for coming 2nd and the boys who came 6th.

Young Carers Club



Our Young Carers Club has started up again. In our first meeting we had fun creating with Lego, Play Doh and sand.

If you believe that your child might be a young carer, please speak to Mrs Martin, Mrs Godfrey or another member of staff.



Year 5 have been teaching Year 1 about Bee Bots as part of their Computing work.



Stewardship

We would like to introduce you to a new donations platform that has been set-up for The Bishops' School. We know that many of you already give generously to the school through our wonderful PTFA events, enabling them to provide fantastic resources around the school and experiences for the children, for which we cannot thank you enough.

As governors, we also want to offer a simple method for you to contribute on a more regular basis if you have the capacity to do so.

Our mission statement emphasises a happy, safe and caring environment to empower our children to reach their full potential. Part of maintaining this environment involves the ongoing upkeep and enhancement of our school buildings and facilities - a perpetual task with limited financial resources. As a Voluntary Aided school, 90% of funding for capital-based projects comes from the state while the expectation is that 10% comes from the school governors.

This allows us to have slightly more creative control in how we operate but with all good things, this does come at a cost.

In the past, modest monthly donations from members of our school community have made valuable contributions towards things like the MUGA and year 6 block. More recently, these donations have supported improvements such as enhanced energy efficient lighting around the school.

Through Stewardship you could set up a regular donation towards the infrastructure of the school in which

our children learn whilst also attracting gift aid, where available, to maximise impact. It also provides a method of donation for those in our school community that may not be directly attending school events i.e. friends, grandparents, past students or family of past students. As a school we are forever appreciative of any donations, but we understand that everyone's situation is different, and we only ask that you consider making a regular donation to the school if you have the capacity to do so.

Thank you for reading and if you would like to set up a donation or spread the word about our Stewardship platform to others, please feel free to use the link below.

<https://www.stewardship.org.uk/partners/20461994>



Please support our ongoing mission

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Open your mobile camera and scan the QR code

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Click on the link displayed

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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

It's Harvest Celebration time coming up and our service will be on **Tuesday 15th October**— please remember you are all invited to be thankful with us for all things food and seasonal. Children from every class will be presenting different aspects of harvest for us. The Pop-Up Shop run by Ruth Pierce and her team are looking forward to receiving our gifts which will be distributed over the winter to those in need.

Please see the list on the left for ideas of what's needed.

USEFUL SUPPORT

Please take a look at the Community News section of our website for helpful information like this:

WHAT IS ESSEX ACTIVATE?

Essex ActivAte is the name for the Holiday Activity and Food programme across Essex, run by Active Essex, Essex County Council and Thurrock Council, on behalf of the Department for Education.

Who is the programme for?

Clubs are suitable for children aged 4-16 years old who are eligible for benefits based free school meals or from 'low income' working families who benefit from this extra support. Some clubs may offer paid spaces that run alongside Essex ActivAte, however these can be limited.

What do the clubs offer?

Essex ActivAte clubs offer mainstream primary and secondary provision across the county, also dedicated mental wellbeing and SEND clubs. Each club delivers a variety of physical and enrichment activities, fun food education and a nutritious meal. Family support is also available alongside the programme.

How can I book my child onto a club?

To book onto a club during February, May/June or October half term, head over to the Essex ActivAte booking page on our website, then select the area you live in or the category you require and follow the steps.

To book onto a club during the easter, summer or winter holidays, use the link on your WONDE e-Voucher to find a club and book on, or contact a club directly.

What is considered 'low income'?

We understand that all families circumstances are different, therefore if you are in employment or on an income which means you are unable to attend a holiday club without our support – you can book on.

Essex Local Offer Roadshows

Are you a parent/carer of a young person with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and want to know what support is available in your area? Come along to one of our Essex Local Offer Roadshows.

Meet representatives from across education, health and social care as well as local support groups.

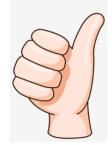
9:30am to 12:30pm
No need to book, just drop in!

Join us...

- Tuesday 15 October 2024
Champions Manor Hall, South Woodham Ferrers
- Wednesday 23 October 2024
Brightlingsea Community Centre, Brightlingsea
- Tuesday 5 November 2024
Hannakins Farm, Billericay
- Wednesday 6 November 2024
Peter Kirk Centre, Stansted Mountfitchet

Visit our website for further details

A VERY WELL DONE TO...



Jessica has worked super hard the last 6 months to achieve her level 5 gymnastics badge. She is determined to get to level 1 and her dream is to make the 2023 Olympics!



Alex and Jack were flag bearers for the Saracens vs Sale Sharks rugby game over the weekend at StoneX Stadium.

Alex played in a mini rugby tournament on the pitch as the curtain raiser with his rugby club team mates from Chelmsford Rugby.

They both then got to stand on the pitch and wave flags as the guard of honour while the players from both teams ran out. Saracens won 45-26.

Back in June, Coby took his Grade 3 Drumming Exam and passed with a Merit. Here he is after very recently receiving his certificate .



PTFA NEWSLETTER UPDATE

I am honestly a bit shocked to be writing this. When I joined the PTFA, it was to follow Becci's strong lead. Nothing will fill the void she left behind. Thank you so very much for all your dedication, Becci, as well as a massive thank you to your wonderful husband and kids for all the hard work and sacrifices you have made as a family for our school.

I am not a superhero PTFA Chair, I am a simple mother to a very cheeky 5-year-old. But I've come to understand that I don't need to be, as I've experienced the strength of our amazing PTFA team, the warmth of our fantastic class reps, and the support from our superb teachers. But moreover, I have already witnessed the collective spirit of our other PTFA members—you, the parents, and other important family members.

You bring our ideas to life. You have already raised £295, and only £183 remains to complete the mission for our Christmas book fund. Clearly, you invest a lot of love in your kids and others. To all our contributors, please email us your permission to celebrate your generous spirit with a shoutout in our newsletter on the 24/10/2024.

A parent once told me that there were too many emails- feedback is incredibly important. We will now limit our updates to newsletters to reduce email burden. We will also limit our WhatsApp messages as much as possible, but update you with joyful progress. If you are not on the class WhatsApp group and want to be please email us with your number and class name. Our class reps will look after you and update you with useful resources that are more relevant for your year groups.

We will also be updating our Facebook page and posting our newsletter updates. If you would like to follow us on Facebook just search for 'The Bishops' school PTFA'.

I have a lot of faith in our strong school community, and I want to emphasise one very salient point. Money is just one aspect of improving our kids' school life, but the quality of human connection is priceless. We want to improve our school experience holistically; join us to bring that idea to life.

Now to introduce our team:

Chair: Thamali Jayasinghe (Tam)
Co-Vice Chair: Donna Howard
Co-Vice Chair: Sarah Mott
Secretary: Clare Beaumont

Vice-Secretary: Lisa Stonestreet
Treasurer: Clare Derry
Vice-Treasurer: Rebecca Puvanendran
Social Media Representative: Megan JVR



Lunch Menu for Week Beginning Monday 7th October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<i><u>Meat Free Monday</u></i>	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		

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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**





Looking Ahead



Monday 7th October—

Yr 3/4 Tag Rugby Comp (selected chn) at Writtle Coll SG, 9.30 to 11.30am (transport provided);
Yr 5/6 Tag Rugby Comp (selected chn) at Writtle Coll SG, 1pm to 3pm (transport provided)

Tuesday 8th October — Church Service for Grp1 led by Hawthorn Class (6A), 9.10am;
Essex Cup Netball Match v Forest Prep School at home, 4.15pm to 5.15pm

Thursday 10th October— KS2 Cross Country Event at Hylands Park, 11.30 to 3pm
(Race times are: Yr3 girls 12.30pm, Yr3 boys 12.45pm; Yr4 girls 1pm, Yr4 boys 1.15pm;
Yr5 girls 1.30pm, Yr5 boys 1.45pm; Yr6 girls 2pm, Yr6 boys 2.15pm)



Monday 14th October—

KS2 Archery Competition (selected chn) at Beaulieu Park Sch, 1.30 to 2.45pm

Tuesday 15th October— Harvest Service for whole school in Church, 9.15am;
KS1 Football Competition (selected chn)
at Moulsham High Sch, 9.30am to 11.30am (transport provided)

Thursday 17th October—Parent Consultation Meetings for all classes, 3.30pm to 6.30pm*

Monday 21st October—

Parent Consultation Meetings for all except Aspen and Robins, 3.30 to 6.30pm*



Tuesday 22nd October—

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 *)

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.

