

# The Bishops' School News



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

## Welcome back!

We hope you had an enjoyable half-term break!

As ever, it's a pleasure to celebrate great work, creativity, interest in nature and....the

school's RHS Gardening Achievement which has been awarded. Well done to all these pupils, and a great thank you to

Mrs Stonestreet and her team of gardeners and helpers across the pupil and parent community for starting us on the gardening journey.



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





## FS Autumn Walk

This week, our Foundation Stage classes ventured out for an autumn walk with the task of finding their favourite autumn leaves!



Here are some photos of them enjoying themselves in nature.





# REMEMBRANCE & FRIENDSHIP

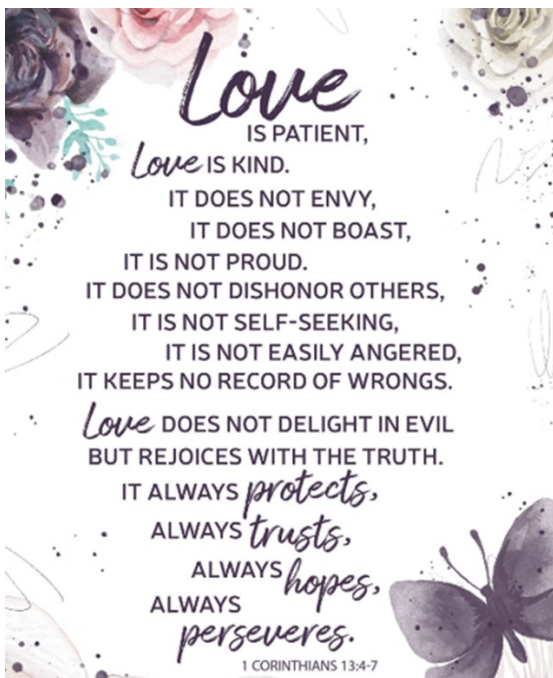
**An Invitation** – All members of our community are invited to join us for our **Remembrance Service next Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November, which starts at 10.45am.**

Please come through the **car park gate** in good time. If you have members of your family who have given their lives in service to our country and you would like their names read out, please email in to the office with their name and any other information we could include (rank, which service, which war etc).



**Next Week is Friendship Week**, and next **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> is Odd Socks Day** to celebrate and value the wonderful diversity we all bring to The Bishops' community. We are all different, and we are all valuable and special.

During a KS2 assembly this week, we thought about friendship and showing respect to others. We created a friendship tree using words such as **love, kindness and forgiveness**. We will be focusing on the theme **'Choose Respect'** next week during our Friendship Week. We will be wearing odd socks on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November to help celebrate our individuality and uniqueness.



# BADMINTON BRILLIANCE

On Wednesday afternoon, two Bishops' Badminton teams ventured to the Chelmsford Sports & Athletics Centre competing in a mixture of singles and doubles fixtures.

After all the scores were collated **Bishops' A Team finished 4<sup>th</sup> and Bishops' B Team 6<sup>th</sup>.**

Well done to you all for giving your best!



## FILM FRIDAY

### KEY STAGE 2

'Trolls World Tour'

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

3:15pm to 5pm

Suggested Donation on Scopay: £3

Drink and popcorn provided

In aid of Barnardos

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# A VERY WELL DONE TO...



Kailen received his first ever 'Player Of The Match' trophy for his football club Galleywood FC! Here he is looking very proud with his trophy.

Jaslyn completed her first 100m sprint in an impressive 32 seconds! Here's a photo of her celebrating this achievement.



Jessica won 5<sup>th</sup> place for her Jive and 6<sup>th</sup> place for her cha cha cha at the Blackpool Grand Finals. She was also pleased to experience dancing with Caleb who is a British Dance Champion.



Norah received a certificate for successfully completing her Level 8 Gymnastics!





Caitlin danced at Blackpool too, getting through to the semi finals with her cha cha cha.

## Reception admissions applications for academic year starting in September 2025

Please be advised that the primary school Reception admission round for entry in September 2025 opened on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024**.

If your child is due to start Reception in September 2025, you will need to make an application by the deadline of **15<sup>th</sup> January 2025**. Applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions).

Even if your child already has a sibling at the school, you will still need to apply for the child due to start Reception in September 2025.

The website [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions) also has a copy of the Primary Education in Essex 2025-26 booklet and the Schools Admissions Policies Directories containing details of all admission policies.

Thank you.



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# PTFA NEWSLETTER UPDATE

JUST TO SAY :	EVENTS TO COME	FINANCE UPDATE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our awesome Bishops' folk... On Make the Rules day you helped raise <b>£683.50!!!</b> The Learning Lab will be revamped thanks to your contributions.</li> <li>• Our amazing treasurer Clare Derry has also secured £1000 for a book nook project inspired by Mrs. Parker. We will keep you updated with pictures!</li> <li>• Our lovely Lucy will be doing a pre-loved coat sale on Thursday the 14th of Nov. <b>Any extra hangers to spare would be most appreciated, please leave in the PTFA collections box near reception. Thank you 😊</b></li> </ul> <p><b>⚠️ The Christmas Fayre is coming up on Friday the 29th of Nov- 3.30pm to 5.30pm. We would really appreciate any donations for raffle prizes and of course your volunteering support on the day.</b></p>	<p>🕒 <b>29th Nov</b> Christmas Fayre</p> <p>🕒 <b>18th Dec</b> Sparkly Non-uniform Day</p>	<p>🏪 <b>Asda Cashpot</b> 👤 <b>£173</b> 👤 Ends: 30th of Nov</p> <hr/> <p>🏪 <b>Make the Rules</b> 👤 <b>£683.50</b> 👤</p> <hr/> <p>🏪 <b>Donation</b> 👤 <b>£1000</b> 👤</p> <hr/> <p><b>FUNDRAISING TARGET FOR 2024/2025:</b> <b>£2353.50</b> <b>OUT OF £10 000</b></p>

## MEET THE PTFA- A LITTLE MESSAGE FROM OUR PTFA REPRESENTATIVES

### Megan JVR:

I'm Megan, mum of 2 amazing boys - Alex, 8, in year 4 and Jack, 6, in year 2. We're relatively new to the Bishops in that, when my husband and I moved from South Africa with our 2 little ones we had NO idea what to expect from the school system. It took us ages to decide on where to apply, but I'm so grateful we found The Bishops. Over the last 5 years, it's come to feel more like a family or village group than a stuffy school group and I can only ever be grateful for the love and support I've found here.

This year has been particularly trying for my family with the passing of my husband and my boys amazing dad and I've certainly felt the benefit and love of the PTFA. From constant check-ins to support and love, I've certainly seen what 'a village in action' can do. I'll be handling the social media side of things and am ready to get stuck in and keep you up to speed.

### Lucy Winstone:

Hi I'm Lucy, mum to Sonny (Yr 3) and Jimmy (Yr 2)

My children have had lots of enjoyment and fun at the PTFA events over the previous years at Bishops and I decided it would be nice to help out, and give support where I can for our wonderful school.

I look forward to welcoming your ideas when it comes to new and exciting events, and together let's try to fundraise as much money as possible to help the school where needed.

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

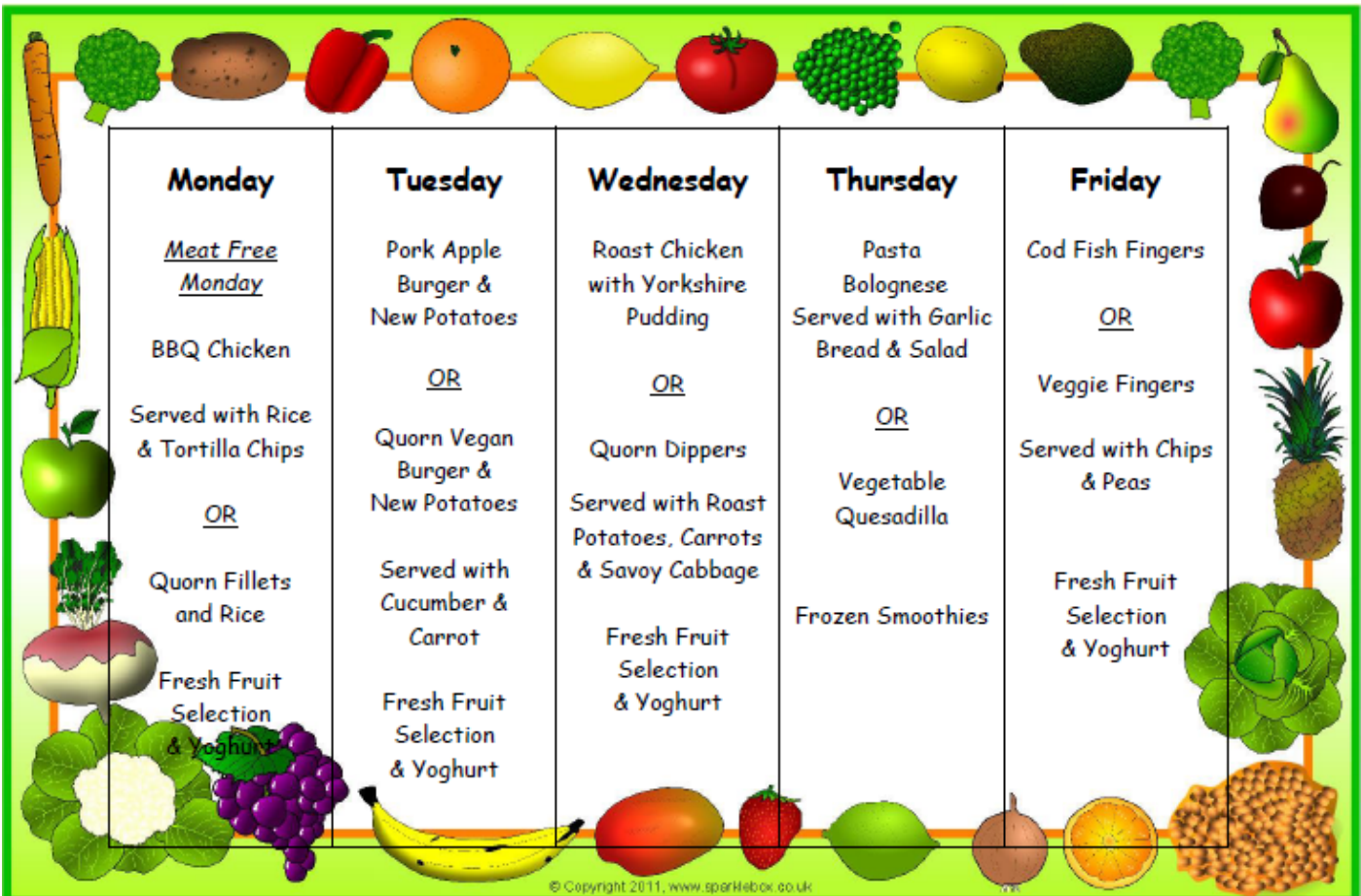


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## Lunch Menu for Week Beginning Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November



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

- \* **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 11<sup>th</sup> November**— Start of Friendship Week;  
Remembrance Service on the playground, 10.45am;  
Football Tournament (selected Yr5/6 chn) at CCFC, 12.30 to 2.30pm

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November**— ‘Odd Socks Day’, as part of Friendship Week;  
Church Service for Grp2 led by Alder Class, 9.10am;

Cross Country (Yr2,3,4 running club chn) at CSAC, 1.45 to 3pm (transport provided)

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November**— Year 2 Maths Parents’ Meeting in the hall, 2.15pm;  
Netball Match v Forest School on the playground, 3.30 to 4.15pm

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November**—Year 6 Egyptian Day in school

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November**—

Individual (in sch time am) and sibling (7.45/8am) photographs (please see sep email);  
Choir (selected chn) to Broomfield Hosp, 1.25 to 3pm

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**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November**— Birch Class Lego Day in school;  
Year 5 trip to IWM Duxford, 9am to 4.45pm

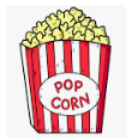
**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November**— Year 5 trip to Cineworld, Braintree, 8.30am to 12.30pm;  
Beech Class Lego Day in school; Church Service for Grp1 led by Owl Class, 9.10am

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November**—

Cross Country (Yr5/6 running club chn) at CSAC, 2 to 3pm (transport provided)

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**—

Kestrel Class Assembly in the hall (doors close 9 for 9.10am start);  
Film Friday for KS2 for £3 on Scopay for Barnardo’s, 3.15 to 5pm



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**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**—*Change of time—FS Christmas Performance now PM not am*

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

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

