

The Bishops' School News



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

BETHLEHEM B&B

The Year 5 Christmas Production was such a feast of music, celebration and fun (including Luna, the school dog, in various costumes!) –

Thank you to all involved! It was a joy!



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





A Sprinkle of Christmas Past

On Monday, Year 1 enjoyed a talk from Mrs Piddington telling us what it was like to be a child in the 1960s. She told us about Christmas in the 1960s and compared the toys from her childhood to those that we can buy today. Thank you Mrs Piddington!





A Truly Festive Feast



We loved Christmas Dinner Day and all the children (and some staff) in great festive costume! We had some surprise visitors including Mr Higgs our Chair of Governors, Mr Baker (another governor) and Mrs Gillard who was surrounded by children who had missed her since she left us last summer. Thank you to all the catering team for cooking a full Christmas dinner for over 400 children (and many staff, too).





Year 6 Candlelit Carols



The Year 6 Christmas Carol Service was a very special treat for all who attended – full of beautiful music, superb singing, poetry and the story of Christmas presented almost entirely by memory and with great feeling. Thank you, Year 6 children and team.



Beauty and the Beast

Thank you to the PTFA and all who have supported them this year for funding the pantomime on Monday – Beauty And The Beast. It was a lot of fun!



Thankyou to all the staff
at Bishops.
You're doing Amazing
😊

Earlier this week, we received this anonymous note in reception.

Thank you!

After an extremely busy term it really made us smile.



HO HO HO!



FATHER Christmas has visited The Bishops'! – with lots of fabulous books – one for every child in the school. Great thanks to the PTFA for inviting Father Christmas to see our wonderful children and making sure the skies were clear for his landing!



School Council Meet

The School Council meet regularly to let me know how things are going in and around school, what they'd like to see on the school menu, what extra clubs they would like and what ideas they have for making their school experience better.

Here they are at the end of our festive meeting on Wednesday:





Pa Rum Pum Pum Pum

Here's a festive Mason playing the drums!

We are looking forward to drumming lessons starting in the new year!

Street Dance Performance

Shush's Street Dance Group and the Year 3s performed to KS2 on Thursday, and the KS1 pupils performed to our younger children:



Fantastic Reading!

A big well done to all of the children for reading lots of times at home over this term. Reading at home is **so** important and we really appreciate all of the time and effort that you put in at home. Thank you!

A special mention to the following children.
They have read the most times at home in their class.



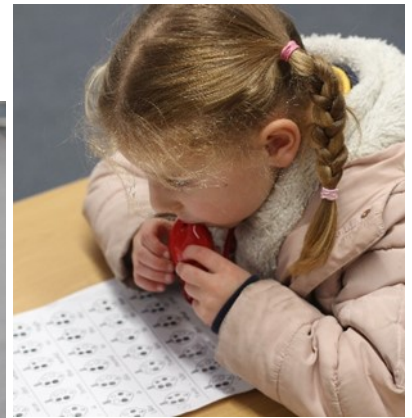
- Badgers:** Rosabella
- Hedgehogs:** Jamie
- Wrens:** Florence
- Robins:** Jasmine
- Owls:** George
- Kestrels:** Isla H



Heeeeyyyy Ocarina!

The final public performances of the term were given by Ocarina-playing Year 2s jingling their way through some favourites, and singing too! Thank you, Mrs Child and the Year 2s, who are, next term, progressing to the

recorder!



A VERY WELL DONE TO...



Raphael recently received his yellow belt in martial arts.

Great job!



Poppy kindly

volunteered at the Farleigh Hospice Halloween Dog Walk in October.

She helped register all the attendees with her sister and helped to select the best dressed dog, the cutest dog and the muddiest dog.

Farleigh said that “she was so polite with everyone and we were extremely grateful to have her help on the day”.

Well done!



Thank you

To Poppy Johnston for her wonderful help at our Halloween Dog walk by registering attendees and selecting the best dressed dog

Signed *S. McManis* Date 10.12.24

Farleigh Hospice provides care and support for anyone affected by a life-limiting illness or bereavement. We help people to live as actively as possible by providing physical and emotional care, free of charge. We support people affected by any life-limiting illness, including lung disease, neurological conditions, heart failure and cancer.

Whether you are ill, bereaved, or worried about someone who is, Farleigh Hospice is here for you.



Stanley has

been attending 'Perform', a local drama class. This term he has been one of the main parts as the Sparkly Spaceman and had to perform a solo song for the end of term show.

He has also received a Bronze challenge award which he passed with **distinction**, which was where he had to perform a number of tasks in front of a judge.

Amazing stuff!

Isaac has passed his grade 2 piano.
His parents are very proud of him and
say that he is now enjoying a break
from exams and playing a lot of
Jazz music!



Wonderful!



Phillip was awarded his red tag,
which is a sign that he is almost ready
for his next Jiu Jitsu belt.

Super news!



A Fond Farewell...



Miss Mumford is leaving us! She has been a
dedicated and supremely caring LSA with us for
the past two years (and a term!), and a parent
of children at the school for many years
before that.

We wish her well for her next role, and are
grateful for all the work she has done with us and
many of your children (she has been a busy
squiggle-wiggle leader in FS as well as supporting
individual children around the school).

We will miss you, Miss Mumford!





Finally - we wish you all a wonder-filled Christmas, much Christmas joy, and a new year full of hope for all that 2025 will bring.

Thank you, on behalf of all our staff, for the Christmas gifts and thank you so much for all that you do to support us to make The Bishops' such a special place to be.



PTFA NEWSLETTER UPDATE

JUST TO SAY :

- It would be lovely to see you on Monday, the 27th of Jan to discuss further PTFA projects and listen to your ideas and feedback.

EVENTS TO COME

☐ **Mon 27th**
Jan
PTFA Zoom meeting
7.30

FINANCE UPDATE

FUNDRAISING TARGET
FOR 2024/2025:
£4366.28
OUT OF £10 000



It has been a fantastic term, and thank you all for chipping in to fundraise and making a difference.

These funds have been used to help with repairs to playground equipment, bringing joy of pantomime, giving a Christmas book gift for every child, and much more.

Hope you have a lovely break and look forward to more fun events next year!

"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 6th January

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
Pasta with a Variety of Sauces	<u>OR</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>OR</u>
Served with Mixed Salad	Veggie Burger & New Potatoes	Quorn Dippers	Vegetable Quesadilla Served with Couscous	Veggie Fingers
Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Served with Cucumber & Carrot	Served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Savoy Cabbage	Frozen Smoothies	Served with Chips & Peas
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Community News

The Community News section of our school website has lots of information about activities, events and support available locally. These include:

- * **Support for parents/carers**
- * **Local church events**
- * **Holiday camps/activities**
 - * **Local shows**
 - * **Music workshops**
- * **Sports clubs and activities**
 - * **Performing Arts**
 - * **Competitions**



Support us at Stewardship

With your support, we can enhance the physical environment in which your children learn.

Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

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www.stewardship.org.uk/
partners/20461994](https://www.stewardship.org.uk/partners/20461994)



Looking Ahead



Monday 23rd December 2024 to Friday 3rd January 2025—Christmas Holidays

Monday 6th January — First day of Spring Term, Back to school for all

Tuesday 7th January — Church Service for Grp2 led by Hornbeam, 9.10am

Monday 13th January —

Sports Hall Athletics (selected Yrs5&6 chn) at CSAC, 10am to 12pm (transport provided)

Tuesday 14th January — Church Service for Grp1 led by Hawthorn 9.10am;
Sports Hall Athletics (selected Yr2 chn) at CSAC, 1 to 3pm (transport provided)

Friday 17th January - Beech Class Assembly in the Hall, doors close 9am for 9.10am start

Monday 20th January—

Choir to Young Voices Concert at the O2, 11am to 11pm



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.

