

The Bishops' School News



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Christmas Fayre Fun!

Thank you so much to Tam and her band of PTFA helpers for such a sparkling Christmas Fayre. I think I speak for everyone to say how much it was enjoyed, and you will see elsewhere the amount raised which is wonderful. It was also great to see the talented stall holders with their creations for sale.

Thank you all for coming!



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



Foundation Nativity



Hedgehog and Badger Classes have delighted everyone with their Christmas Performances of The Nativity! Thank you!





STEM Activities in Year 4

Year 4 Beech Class have been doing a STEM project (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths).





Amazing Children's Work!



Leo and Lexi have both drawn beautiful nativity scenes, Archie and Reggie have programmed a Cody Rocky to play Jingle Bells, and Year 2s have been busy making

invitations to the Phoenix Meteor Shower tonight at the park (at 7pm).

This is not real!





Fantastic Footy Final!



On Saturday the Boys' Football Team went to the Chelmsford Sports and Athletics Centre to play in their Cup Final v Lawford Mead.

After watching the first half of Chelmsford City v Slough, the boys took to the pitch in front of nearly 900 spectators. A tense 10 minutes ensued where both Bishops' and Lawford Mead carved out opportunities but failed to take their chances. The match ending 0 - 0. Penalties followed and with both teams scoring their first three, we missed our fourth penalty. However, after Leo saved Lawford Mead's next penalty, scoring one himself and then saving another it meant that the boys won 4 - 3. They'll now go on to the Regional Tournament which will take place after Christmas.

A wonderful achievement!



RockSteady Performance

Our RockSteady Bands are putting on a performance on **Wednesday 11th December at 10am** to showcase their new skills!

This will take place in the school hall and is expected to last approximately 40 minutes.

Parents/carers are invited to watch, but we ask that guests are limited to 2 adults per child please.



Parking Reminders!

This is becoming a regular feature unfortunately.

PLEASE be careful where you are parking and how you are dropping your children off and collecting them. Mornings are often hurried times and it's easy to make a wrong decision when you are in a rush. Better to be safe.

Especially: Avoid parking *on the entrance road to Cotman Lodge just past the school.*

There has to be ambulance access for the elderly people, which was recently delayed due to cars blocking the road. Also, **pavements around the area need to be clear** for those using mobility transport.

Last, but not least, please do not park on **the entrance road to the car parks**, and don't turn around in **the staff car park entrance**. Thank you!



Drum Lessons

Drumming Lessons are starting again at The Bishops' - and we are purchasing an electric drum kit so it is not too disturbing for other children!

The rates are £12.50 for a 20 minute lesson and £18 for a 30 minute lesson. We are giving priority to those pupils who were previously having lessons with Mr Shayter. If you are interested in this provision for your child, please let Miss

Foale know ASAP (c.foale@bishops.essex.sch.uk).

As with all things, we do have some funds to support those in financially challenging circumstances - please mention this in your email.

These things are always dealt with in confidence.

We hope that these lessons will start early next term.



Calling all Loom Band Lovers!

Lots of Alder Class have been making Loom Bands in aid of Barnardos. They will be selling them at break time next Friday 13th December for the max price of 50p.

Thank you!

PTFA NEWSLETTER UPDATE

JUST TO SAY :	EVENTS TO COME	FINANCE UPDATE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">All purchased calendars were delivered to the classes on Monday, 25th of Nov. If you have not received it please check with the class teacher. Please do contact thebishopspta@gmail.com if there are any further questions. Thank you 😊The ASDA Cashpot is now completed and you have raised £222.98 for the school 🙌	🕯️ Wed 18th Dec Sparkly Non-uniform Day	FUNDRAISING TARGET FOR 2024/2025: £4366.28 OUT OF £10 000

Thank you Bishops Folk

Our Christmas Fair was a true reflection of community spirit.

- ☀️ Thank you to our generous retailers with their donations
- ☀️ Thank you to our amazing parent contributions and kind words
- ☀️ Thank you to our parents and staff who volunteered with incredible warmth and support to make the event happen...
- ☀️ Thank you to our PTFA team with their fun loving ideas...
- ☀️ Thank you to all of you who came to the fair... you helped us raise

£1789.80 for the school

What an amazing feeling of team spirit!

We hope you enjoyed the event and made some lovely memories and our raffle winners please don't forget to collect your prizes!

Thank you for celebrating with the PTFA 🥰

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



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A VERY WELL DONE TO...

Here is Erica having completed the Farleigh Hospice Santa Fun Run at the weekend.

She raised a fantastic **£471** for the hospice!



Nelly performed as a kindergarten kid in 'Across The Line' at His Majesty's Theatre.

Pixie had her photo taken with Nick Butterworth, famous British author and illustrator known for books such as

'Percy the Park Keeper'.

He visited Maldon Books to do a book signing and Pixie was

fortunate enough to have a few of her books signed.



George and Isla have been doing very well in there Brazilian Jiu Jitsu.

George has a grey and white belt and got he's 2nd tag for it.

Isla has her grey and white belt and got her 1st tag for it!

Lunch Menu for Week Beginning Monday 9th December

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	Ice Cream	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, events and opportunities available locally. These include:

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



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Looking Ahead



Monday 9th December—

Year 1/2 performance to parents of 'A Bundle of Joy' in the Hall, 1.45pm

Tuesday 10th December—Church Service for Grp2 led by Birch Class, 9.10am;
Year 1/2 performance to parents of 'A Bundle of Joy' in the Hall, 1.45pm

Wednesday 11th December—Flu Immunisations in school, pls refer to emails;
Rocksteady Band Concert in the Hall, 10 to 10.40am;

Basketball Masterclass & Tournament (selected Yr 5/6 chn) at Boswells, 12.30 to 2.30pm

Thursday 12th December—

Year 3/4 performance to parents of 'Children of the World' in the Hall, 9.20am

Friday 13th December—

Year 3/4 performance to parents of 'Children of the World' in the Hall, 9.20am

Monday 16th December— Pantomime in School 'Beauty & The Beast'

Tuesday 17th December—

Year 5 performance to parents of 'Bethlehem B&B' in the Hall, 1.30pm

Wednesday 18th December—

PTFA Non-uniform Day—'Christmas Sparkle'; Christmas Dinner;
Year 6 Christmas Service in the Church, 6.30 to 7.15pm



Thursday 19th December—

Year 5 Performance to parents of 'Bethlehem B&B' in the Hall, 1.30pm

Friday 20th December— Last day of term

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



Monday 6th January 2025—First day of Spring Term, Back to school for all



Please advise the office..

Absences/Lates ...

Illness on the day by 9am;

Medical appointments: in advance

All other absences; 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.

