

The Bishops' School News

happy new year
2025



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to The Bishops' 2025! We hope you have enjoyed a good break, a wonder-filled Christmas and a hopeful New Year.

This week we have been remembering the journey of the 'three wise men' who were probably astrologers, were definitely not kings, and were likely not to be 'three'! But they do teach us to follow the light, wherever it takes us, to give what we can (and who we are) to God and to others – and to trust that the new life of God can be found in the most unexpected of places and at the most unexpected of times. And so I wish you a year full of light, and giving, and unexpected wonder.

Your children are (almost!) always a source of great light and wonder to us! It's been a pleasure to welcome them all back to school, and to see you at the school gate.

Here's lots of Kestrel Class, flying high with their pictures of Epiphany (your -older-children may be able to tell you the meaning of this Greek word):



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

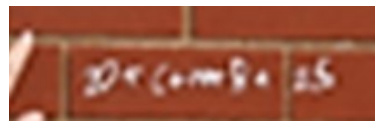


And here is Mr Fisher showing a beautiful Peruvian Christmas candle decoration which has the story of the nativity made in clay, with the candlelight breaking through.



Special Blessings around the School

Our school was blessed, too, by multiple children from Year 5 writing a special message around the doors of the school, and then Reverend Sally who did the same after our Tuesday service, with Year 6s present:



20+C+M+B+25 is a blessing for this year for all those going through the doors, includes the initials of the three wise men (traditionally known as Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar) or is seen through these Latin words "Christus mansionem benedictat," (May Christ Bless this Home).



Phenomenal Phonics!

Your children have been settling down to work again – and these children have wowed Mrs Lee with their phonics:

Well done to Henry, Jacob and Oscar!



Bits and Bobs Sale

Next Friday 17th January, some illustrious Year 5s are raising money at lunch time for Farleigh Hospice through a Bits and Bobs Sale. Prices for items start from 20p and include items such as Loom Bands, 3D Printing, Word Search Books and Colouring Books.



Guitar Lessons

Our guitar teacher, Caroline Hall, has lessons available on Monday afternoons. Please email admin@bishops.essex.sch.uk if you are interested in booking lessons for your child.

Request from Foundation Stage

FS are in need of the following items. Please hand in any donations you might have to the school office. Thank you!



- ◆ Spare socks
- ◆ Mini cars
- ◆ Wind-up toys
- ◆ Floor standing puppet theatre



e-safety at home



We have heard reports of parents trying to set up new PlayStations and other online gadgets safely with the age of children clearly inputted, and then games for up to 18+ years being available.

Please check that the permissions are set correctly on all the new gadgets you may have purchased and are accessible to your children (including FireSticks and tablets)

Spring Term Clubs

If you have sent us an email regarding clubs this term then we thank you for your patience whilst we respond.

A VERY WELL DONE TO...



Archie participated in 3 small events before Christmas competing against other young athletes to try out for a place in the Essex team for Sportshall Athletics U11s. He took part in a variety of events including long jump, triple jump, javelin, speed jumps, chest press throw, different length sprints and obstacle races. His parents received a subsequent email to say that he had been successful and made the team! He has a few practices with his team before the first competition which is the East regional Final at UEA Sportspark in Norwich, which he is really looking forward to!
Congratulations!

Seth Deol passed his Grade 3 Classical Guitar exam with Distinction!
His teacher, Caroline Hall, was very proud to pass on this news and as are we!

PTFA NEWSLETTER UPDATE

JUST TO SAY :

- We hope that you have have a lovely start to the new year and we have already started planning our next event.

If you can volunteer for the Disco on the 7th of Feb please fill out the form on <https://forms.gle/b5TJfvNyqPzhak8F8> or email us on thebishopspta@gmail.com

EVENTS TO COME

- Mon 27th Jan**
PTFA Zoom meeting 7.30
- Fri 7th Feb**
School disco

FINANCE UPDATE

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



Donate your unused or outgrown Christmas clothes and accessories to the PTFA

Place any items in the PTFA collection boxes located in reception on the following days:

**FS 13th Jan
Yr1 20th Jan
Yr2 27th Jan
Yr3 3rd Feb
Yr4 10th Feb
Yr5&6 24th Feb**

We are thinking ahead and planning a Christmas clothing sale later in the year.

Any questions, just ask!
thebishopspta@gmail.com

"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 13th January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Meat Free Monday</u>	Chilli con Carne	Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding	Chicken Nuggets	Chicken Curry
Pasta with a Variety of Sauces	<u>OR</u> Vegetarian Chilli	<u>OR</u> Veggie Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding	<u>OR</u> Veggie Nuggets	<u>OR</u> Meat Free Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce
Served with Mixed Salad	Served with Rice, Tortilla Chips & Peas	Served with Crushed New Potatoes, Broccoli & Carrots	Served with Chips and Baked Beans	Served with Rice, Naan Bread & Sweetcorn
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, 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.

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

Check it out!



Looking Ahead



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 one way)

Friday 17th January - Beech Class Assembly in the Hall, doors close 9am for 9.10am start;
5B Bits & Bobs Charity Sale in aid of Farleigh Hospice in school

Monday 20th January—

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

Tuesday 21st January - Church Service for Grp2 led by Cedar Class, 9.10am

Thursday 23rd January—

KS2 Cross Country Event at Hylands Park, 11.30 to 3pm (transport provided)

Friday 24th January—Owl Class Assembly in the Hall, doors close 9am for 9.10am start



Church Services Spring/Summer Term 2025



14th January Grp1 Hawthorn Class / 21st January Grp2 Cedar Class

28th January Grp1 Chestnut Class / 4th February Grp 2 Alder Class

11th February Grp1 Aspen Class / 25th February Grp2 Kestrel Class

4th March Grp1 Owl Class / 11th March Grp2 Wren Class

18th March Grp1 Robin Class / 29th April Grp2 Birch Class

25th March Mother's & Special People Service for all

6th May Grp1 Beech Class / 13th May Grp2 Alder Class

20th May Grp1 Aspen Class / 3rd June Grp2 Kestrel Class

10th June Grp1 Owl Class / 17th June Grp2 Badger Class

24th June Grp1 Hedgehog Class / 1st July Grp2 Wren Class

8th July Grp1 Robin Class / 15th July Grp2 Staff



Please advise the office..

Absences/Lates ...

Illness / Medical appointments / All other absences

All lates: advise lunch choice by 9am.



Changes to Collection

Arrangements ...

Advise **by email by midday**



Email: admin@bishops.essex.sch.uk / Tel: 01245 460107

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

