

# The Bishops' School News



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

## Young Voices at the O2

The O2 Young Voices Choir adventure is a real WOW! The choir was over 7,000 children, the children sang with internationally acclaimed singers – and we took the most children ever from Bishops' – 103! Great thanks to Mr Barlow and Mrs Parker for their leadership and organisation, and to all the helpers who supported the numerous

toilet visits and supervised the slightly terrifying journeys to and from the coach.

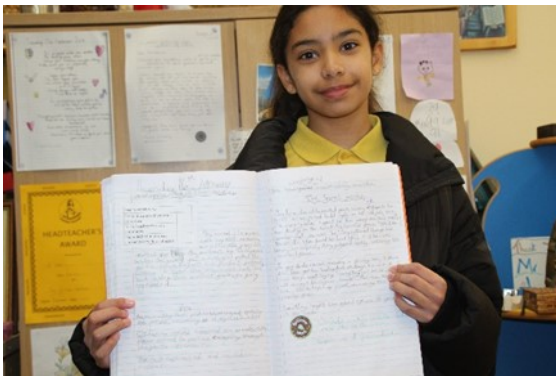
It was great to see so many parents and family members supporting us and enjoying the concert far below! The children were amazing, so well behaved and helpful throughout the day. Thanks to them, too!



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



# Look what we've been up to...



Meanwhile, around the school this week, Isabella has written some truly inspiring work re-imagining the Secret Garden, FS have been busy making dinosaur islands, canon-



defended castles and riding bikes.



Well done Felix for making Cambodian homes which are designed for river-life.



Year 3 have created some amazing bird projects, all uniquely different!



Last, but certainly not least, Year 5s are creating some great dances, Thomas is writing amazingly and Caitlyn is doing well in her gymnastics!



Well done everyone!



## BITS & BOBS SALE SUCCESS

Last week saw our Year 5 Bits and Bobs Sale in aid of Farleigh's Hospice. So many children contributed to making all the Bits and Bobs but special mention to Toby, Poppy and Nancy.

Thank you to all the children who bought things – a total of **over £220** was raised which is wonderful! Thanks, too, to Mrs Coote, who became an auctioneer to hurry up the sale as there were so many children lining up!



# Watercolours at Art Club



This week, in KS1 art club, Miss Parker has been exploring different techniques with water colours.

The children loved mixing colours and producing uniquely imaginative pieces of art.



## *Well done!*

Here is Theo at his judo training meeting a real Olympic medalist!

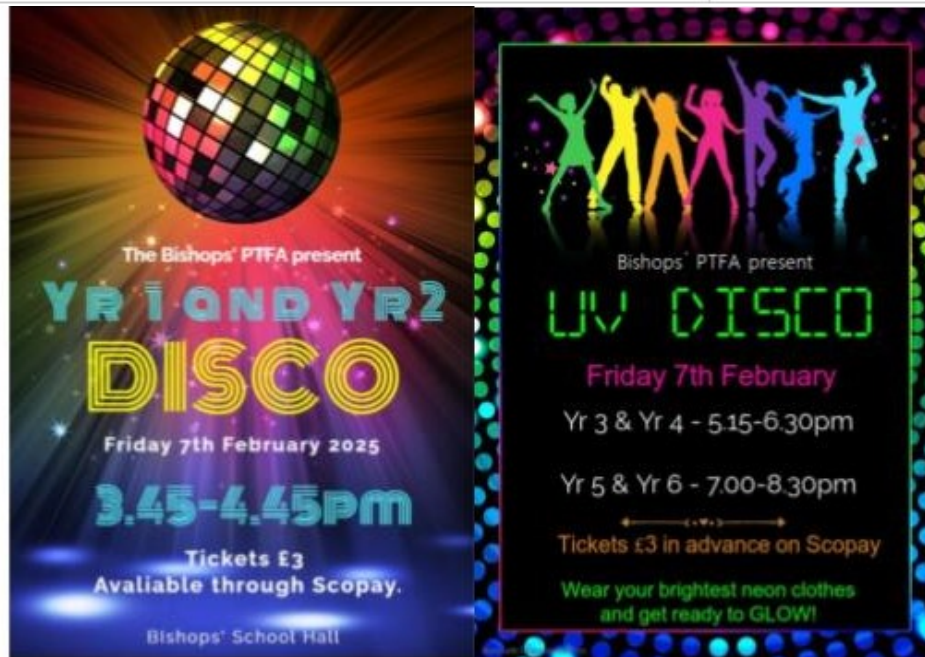


They even wrestled together!

Great job Theo.

# PTFA NEWSLETTER UPDATE

JUST TO SAY :	EVENTS TO COME	FINANCE UPDATE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Donna has checked up on lost property, returned what was labelled and has hung lots of unnamed cardigans, hoodies and jumpers on the clothes railing. Please do look through the rail in reception and re-claim.</li> <li>• Get rid of those lost property blues with a handy stock of Stikin name labels and further spread the joy with helping us raise funds at no extra cost to you when you make purchases, just input our fundraising code of 2053 when you visit <a href="https://www.stikins.co.uk">https://www.stikins.co.uk</a></li> </ul>	<p>📅 <b>Mon 27th Jan</b> PTFA Zoom meeting 7.30</p> <p>📅 <b>Fri 7th Feb</b> School disco</p>	<p><b>FUNDRAISING TARGET FOR 2024/2025:</b> <b>£4366.28</b> OUT OF £10 000</p>



**"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 27<sup>th</sup> January

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

## Our school needs your help...

We are seeking donations to allow us to make improvements to the buildings and facilities at The Bishops' School.

These donations will help provide a physical environment that allows our children to reach their full potential.

If you are able to help, please use the link below. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

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

Check it out!



# Looking Ahead



**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January**—PTFA Meeting via Zoom, 7.30pm

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January**— Church Service for Grp1 led by Chestnut Class, 9.10am

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January**—Cheerleading Competition (selected chn) at CSAC, 1.15 to 2.45pm (transport provided one way)

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January**—  
Hawthorn Class Assembly in the Hall, doors close 9am for 9.10am start

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**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February** - Year 4 trip to Superstars Festival at CSAC, 8.45am to 12.15pm;  
Church Service for Grp2 & both FS classes led by Alder Class, 9.10am;

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February** — Wren Class Assembly in the Hall, doors close 9am for 9.10am start;  
PTFA Disco: 3.45 to 4.45pm Yrs 1&2 / 5.15 to 6.30pm—Yrs 3&4 / 7 to 8.30pm Yrs 5&6



## Key Dates Spring Term 2025



**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February**—  
PTFA Non-uniform day—Celebrate Your Culture; PTFA Donut Sale (after school)

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February**— Non pupil day

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February**—*half term break*

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February**—Year 3 Victorian School Day in school

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March**—World Book Day (Non uniform day)

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March**—Class Photos

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March**—Choir to Rotary Club Competition Finals (eve)

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March**—Year 4 trip to Colchester Zoo, 9am to 3.15pm

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March**—Mother's & Special People Service, 9.10am

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March & Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> March**—Parent Consultation Mtgs, 3.30 to 6.30pm

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March**—RockSteady Concert, 9.30am



**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April**—Non-uniform day—Spring Colours; Last day of spring term



**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April to Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April**—*Spring Break*

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

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.**

