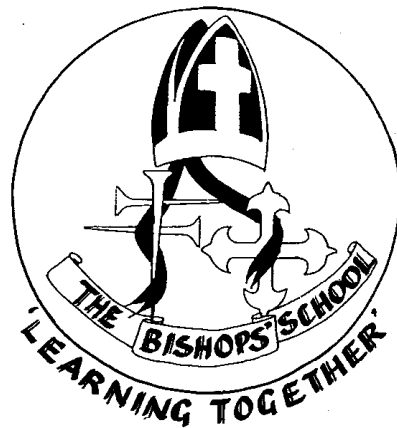


The Bishops' C of E & RC Primary School



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

Welcome to The Bishops' School



This leaflet is designed to give you a feel for The Bishops' because choosing the right school for your child is possibly one of the most important decisions you can make for them. As your children's educators we wish to work with you and for you, to support your children through their formative years.

'Bishops' is a place where a foundation for life is built...' Parent 2015

'Life in all its fullness' is an important phrase for us. As a joint church school we believe that education should be about the whole of life and should be rich in experiences and personal development. Life is a gift rich with wonder and opportunity, and we do our best to give our pupils experiences which will nurture their development academically, socially and spiritually.



The school is...' amazingly welcoming, warm and nurturing...believe this is down to the Christian ethos.' Parent 2018

This is a highly inclusive school. Classrooms are calm and joyful.' OFSTED 2023



Our pupils come from a **wide range of backgrounds and cultures**, and we value the diversity of faith (apart from Anglicans and Catholics we have many Christians of other denominations, Muslims, Hindus and welcome those with no faith background), culture (we have higher ethnic diversity than most Chelmsford schools) and locality (pupils come to our school from across Chelmsford and nearby villages, as well as those who live close to the school).

You will have to visit the school to get a proper feel for the atmosphere here and the friendliness of staff and pupils.

'It is our belief from our experience The Bishops' School is second to none...(the staff) have instilled beliefs and passion in (my daughter) that will carry her a long way throughout her life...' Parent 2019

'Your mission statement of 'live fully, laugh often, learn deeply, love as God loves you and let your light shine' sits at the heart of your school community. You passionately and unreservedly believe that the children and pupils should thrive through a love and passion for learning.' OFSTED 2018



On the **academic** side, our pupils make good progress from whatever their starting points, and where they may struggle we work with parents to find the right support. Every year a number of pupils gain entrance to the selective grammar schools, although most go to Boswells, St. John Payne or Beaulieu Park (with some going to Chelmer, Sandon or other local schools). Class visits and

special visitors to school happen every term so that the children's learning is enriched. We have special theme weeks and days to celebrate different aspects of the curriculum as a school, and the achievement of The Music Mark, Healthy Schools Award, the Full International Schools Award and the Platinum School Games Award are all testament to our commitment to a curriculum which develops children in a broad and healthy way. In addition to this, in 2022 we won the Chelmsford School Sports Partnership Award.

'Thank you so much for an exceptional, wholesome, caring education....'

Parent of a Year 6 leaving pupil 2021

As a joint church school we also benefit from the support of our local parish St. Augustine's as well as All Saint's Springfield and the Church of our Saviour in Chelmer Village. Our PTA work tirelessly to support the school's development (recently supporting the provision of our Rainbow Shelter), and all our staff are wholly dedicated to serving the school and its community to enable us to be the best that we can be.

I look forward to welcoming you to our unique and special school. If you are interested, please contact us on 01245 460107, or come and see us.

There is also a video tour to look at. It can be found on the video section of The Bishops' School and Hall Project facebook page.



Greg Waters, Head Teacher



An Exciting and Challenging Curriculum

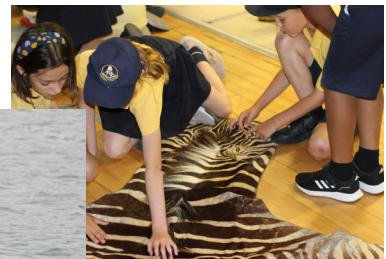


We follow a **curriculum we have designed ourselves**, based on the National Curriculum 2014 and underpinned by the Oxfam global dimension which promote global citizenship. We promote enquiry-based learning which fosters curiosity, depth of understanding, and the development of learning skills for life.

'There is an emphasis on providing pupils with the tools they need to be a global citizen.'

OFSTED 2023

Trips are a regular feature of class learning. Here Year 4s are visiting Colchester Zoo, and Year 6 children are learning adventurous activity skills which they do each year on residential in Thetford Forest.



We encourage **parents** to support the learning – this Viking ship was made at home over a holiday.

Children excel in **art** – and we take our most enthusiastic artists to a gallery each year.



Performing Arts are important to us— here is 'Shush', our Performing Arts teacher who teaches every class drama, and public speaking skills.



The Bishops' is a **Joint Church School** – our foundation is Church of England and Roman Catholic. Where there is faith we seek to nurture it, but we welcome children from all backgrounds and we celebrate the festivals of the Church's year with an open heart and in a way which includes everyone.

A **'Service of Forgiveness'**, held in Lent to help us prepare for Easter, in which children have the sign of the cross made on their forehead in water. Children are free to choose whether they want this or not—it is not forced.



We have a **school dog**, Luna. She is a cockapoo (a hypo-allergenic breed) and is trained to support children's learning and emotional well-being – and to bring something special to The Bishops'.

When we can, we have **fun**, children and staff.





Music is really important to us. All children in Foundation Stage receive specialist class music teaching, children in Year 1 learn the ocarina, children in Year 2 learn the recorder, children in Year 3 learn the ukelele and children in Year 4 learn the toot (a kind of flute) . There are opportunities to have individual or small group teaching on strings, guitar, keyboard and percussion. There is also a choir which sings at the greatest venues in the country – here at The Royal Albert Hall.



'The school's vibrant walls display the wealth of activities experienced by pupils.' OFSTED 2023

'Adults and pupils are proud of what The Bishops' stands for. It's deeply embedded Christian vision affirms this. It reflects the school's distinctive joint Church of England and Roman Catholic Church context and provides a blueprint to live by.' SIAMS inspection 2024



We believe that children who learn to **express themselves, work together and play together** will have the skills in later life to work well and live happily.
'Children are generous in their encouragement and praise of each other.'
OFSTED 2023



Sport is also important to us, and Specialist Teaching is provided for basketball, tag rugby, swimming (for the less confident), gymnastics, dance, cricket and football, as well as clubs for netball, basketball, table tennis, multi-sports, running and various forms of dance and musical theatre. We have recently been awarded the Platinum School Games Award, and also won the Chelmsford School Sport Partnership Award.

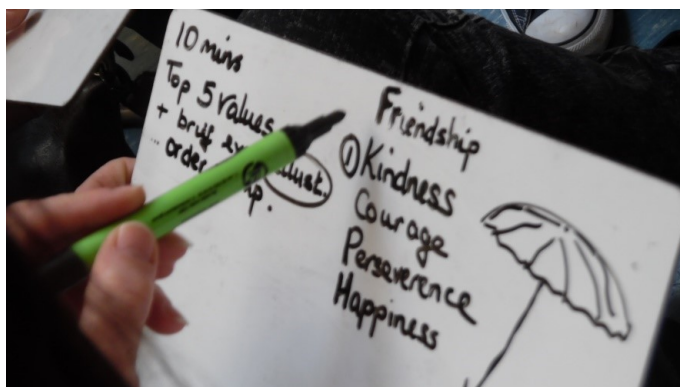
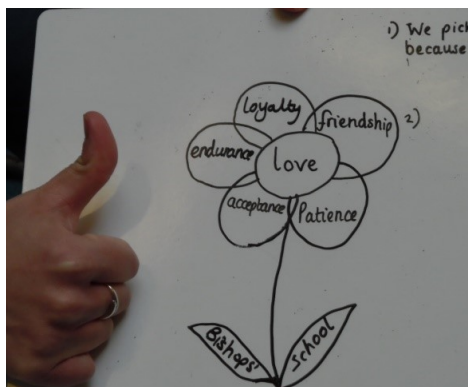


We have an active and supportive **PTA**, run by parents for the benefit of all the children.

Above all, we want our children to have a memorable, fulfilling and enjoyable education...



...where our values run deep and make a difference to each member of our special community.



Thank you for taking an interest in our school, and we look forward to welcoming you in the future.