

# The Bishops' School News



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

## Our Very Special Visitor!

This Thursday has been a Crazy Bishops' Day with Nick Butterworth visiting us and filling us with excitement for writing stories and illustrating them – we have one of his freshly drawn pictures to keep for ever! Nick even told us that we were one of the friendliest & most welcoming

schools he's ever visited! We also enjoyed a cultural non-uniform day and it was lovely to see so many children in different national dress.

Thank you to the PTFA for this idea and

also for the doughnut Sale!



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

# Celebrating Our Cultures

Here are some beautiful photos of your children in their cultural day clothing. It was a joy to see so many expressive colours & designs.



# FANTASTIC FOOTBALL!



The boys' and girls' football league season kicked off on Monday at the Parish Field in conditions that can only be described as cold, wet, muddy, and downright miserable!

Thankfully, it was worth braving the weather as both Bishops' teams secured comprehensive victories.

**The girls winning 13 - 1 and the boys 6 - 0** after some impressive team and individual performances.

A great start to the season and one where both teams are looking to retain their league and cup titles from last season.

*~ Mr Evans*



## GREAT WORK!

Poppy and Nancy have been making aerodynamic vehicles as part of their Science and DT studies.

Super stuff girls!



# Ready, Steady, Cook!

Cookery is part of our Design Technology curriculum, and Year 6 have been making healthy soups from scratch.



They have been chopping up vegetables (painful for some!) and then slow-cooking them for a delicious treat the next day.

## A VERY WELL DONE TO...

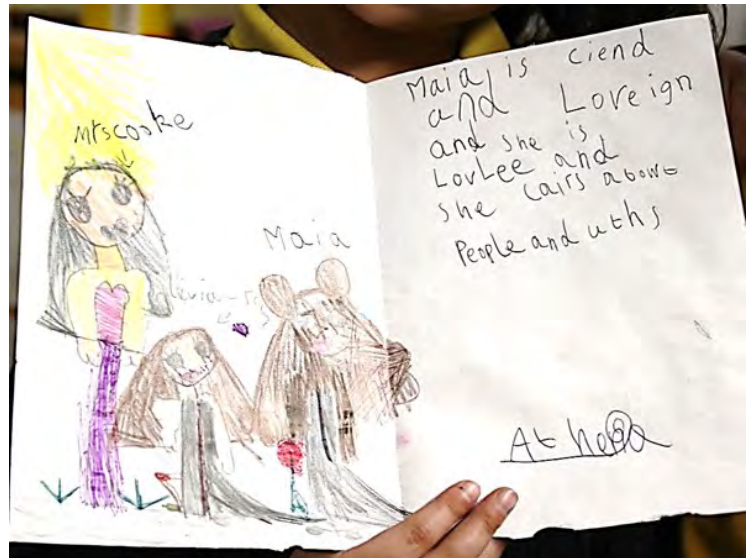
You may remember the Bits and Bobs Sale masterminded by Poppy, Nancy and Toby. It raised **well over £200** and they were presented with thank you certificates in an assembly this week by Sarah, from Farleigh Hospice. If you want to see how you can support this great work, please see the poster via the Community News link on our website.



# Recognising our qualities



Year 1 have been describing the qualities of their friends, and Athena has written a beautiful piece about the kindness of Maia.




# Goodbye and Warm Wishes

We said a fond farewell to Mrs Mountain yesterday! She has been a valuable asset to our MDA team as well as our lunchtime club and Year 4 team.

**Thank you** Mrs Mountain! We wish you *lots* of happiness in your future endeavours.



  
We would also like to warmly **welcome** Mrs Manga to our MDA team.  
We know your children will welcome her with open arms.



# SPIRITED ARTS

We have a project going on around the school called 'Spirited Arts' where children are exploring the things that give us a bit of a 'wow' feeling – this might be the beauty of nature, the fun of friendship, the love of music, the excitement of sport.....and some of your children's work will be heading off for a national children's celebration of the things that make us feel most alive. Here, Ethan has



created this beautiful artwork with the words:

*'Help one another, no matter who they are.'*



## DISCO DANCING!

Thank you to the PTFA and all the volunteers for organising such great and colourful discos last Friday!



# A day in the life of our Clergy



Year 4 welcomed Reverend Sally and Father Martin to be interviewed (deeply!) by the children about their role as clergy.

Father Damien also visited Foundation Stage.

The children were interested to find out what skills and qualities the role requires and just how different every day is for them!



# Happy Half-Term!



We wish you all a good half-term and look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February. In this first week back we will be celebrating Ash Wednesday and starting our journey through Lent towards Easter. And hopefully the skies will brighten and the spring bulbs will flower – we are looking forward to hundreds of new flowers at Bishops' thanks to the dedicated work of Mrs Stonestreet and her team of volunteers!

As ever, thank you for your support for our school's life in so many ways.

If you are planning to take your child out of school for anything other than a medical appointment then please complete a **pink Leave of Absence form** from the school office and hand it in ideally **at least 2 weeks in advance.**

Thank you.

## PTFA NEWSLETTER UPDATE

JUST TO SAY :	EVENTS TO COME	FINANCE UPDATE
<p>We had an absolute blast at the disco and hope that everyone who joined us enjoyed themselves as well. Once again, a massive thanks to the parents who helped out, you are just simply awesome!</p>	<p>📅 <b>25th of Feb</b> 25 FOR 2025</p>	<p>FUNDRAISING TARGET FOR 2024/2025: <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 24<sup>th</sup> February

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Meat Free Monday</u>	Pork Apple Burger & New Potatoes	Roast Chicken with Yorkshire Pudding	Pasta Bolognese	Cod Fish Fingers
Macaroni Cheese	<u>OR</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>OR</u>
Served with Salad	Veggie Burger & New Potatoes	Quorn Dippers	Vegetable Bolognese	Veggie Fingers
Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Served with Cucumber & Carrot	Served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Savoy Cabbage	Served with Garlic Bread & Salad	Served with Chips & Peas
	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Frozen Smoothies	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt

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### Community News

The [Community News](#) page on our 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>



# Considerate Parking!

Inconsiderate parking is driving us mad.

Please be reminded that the Lupin Drive car park is for **private use only** and it is covered by CCTV.

There is no excuse for inconsiderate parking and there is certainly no excuse for speaking to local residents in a less than respectful manner.

**PLEASE be considerate when parking to drop-off and collect your children!**

A little bit of thought goes a long way.





# Looking Ahead



**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February—Half Term Break**

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**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February—Back to School for all;**  
**Football Club trip to Chelsea FC Cobham Training Ground, 7.15am to 1.30pm**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February - Church Service for Grp2 led by Birch Class, 9.10am**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February— Year 3 Victorian School Day in school;**  
**Netball Match (selected chn) v Beaulieu Park (home), 3.30 to 4.15pm**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February —**

**Cedar Class Assembly in the Hall, doors close 9am for 9.10am;**  
**Chestnut Class Bookmark Sale for KS2 in school at break time in aid of Cancer Research**

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**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Shrove Tuesday Church Service for Grp1 led by Beech Class, 9.10am;**  
**Year 2 trip to Boydell's Farm, 9.15am to 3pm**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March - Netball Match (selected chn) v Perryfields (away), 3.30 to 4.15pm**



**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March—**

**World Book Day Non-uniform Day, Dress as an Adjective**  
**(£1 optional donation for visiting author)**



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**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March—Class Photos / Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March—Piano Concert, 2pm**

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

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

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

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](mailto:admin@bishops.essex.sch.uk) / Tel: 01245 460107**

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

