

The Bishops' School News



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Holy Week at Bishops'

The final week of the Easter Term is always very special as we journey through the final week of Jesus's life, remembering His death and celebrating His resurrection. Your children come to these special services, and to The Stations of The Cross, with great reverence and calm, with each year group taking special responsibility for each event.



Here, the Year 4s are
acting out the
procession into
Jerusalem



Jesus washes the disciples
feet before blessing the
bread and the wine of the
Last Supper.

Thank you Year 1s.



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

Here, pieces of bread are distributed to KS2 children in a service led by Year 3.



Our Year 6s present the arrest and crucifixion to KS2:



Throughout this week, children have also been reflecting on the Easter story through poetry and art.



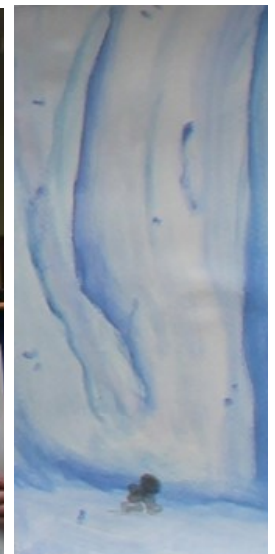




Here is another photo from KS1
Palm Monday and, below,
the Stations of the Cross



Year 6s have been reflecting on the
different emotions of Jesus's
suffering. Their paintings and their words are amazingly profound.





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Year 5 girls received a visit from Chelmsford County High School for Girls, and it was a special pleasure to welcome the daughter of a member of staff and also a former pupil.



This is
Dough
Disco
for FS!
It looks
like a
lot of
fun!



Football News



On Monday, the boys' football league continued with Broomfield the visiting school to the Parish Field this week. The team started quickly and were soon **3 - 0** up early in the first half before seeing out the rest of the game in the hope of conserving their energy ahead of the South National Finals...

The boys then travelled to Slough Town FC, Berkshire to take part in the South National Finals having successfully navigated their way through the South East Regionals in Tonbridge, Kent via the best 2nd overall finisher across the five regional competitions. The competition was fierce and although the boys battled valiantly in each fixture they couldn't find a way to secure the points required to reach the semi-final stage. They were understandably disappointed having progressed so far in the competition, but finishing joint 11th in a national competition that involved over 400 schools is not a feat to be underestimated. The boys will continue their league campaign against Lawford Mead and Perryfields after the Easter break.



~ Mr Evans

NETBALL NEWS!

A huge well done to the Netball Team for winning **18-0** against Tyrrell's School yesterday afternoon! A special mention goes to Ivan who was named Player Of the Match for the 4th time running!



This means that we have won our group and now await details of who we will play in the final.

Mrs Christie says the team worked brilliantly together and can't wait for the final and the tournament.

Mr Clements gave Robins Class a road safety talk as part of their Jigsaw work.



They have also been busy decorating biscuits!



Year 6 Fitzwilliam Museum Trip

On Tuesday, Year 6 travelled to the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge to support this term's historical learning about Ancient Greece and The Battle of Troy. They enjoyed an excellent Ancient Greek workshop and had the chance to look around many fascinating galleries and artefacts which also included some Egyptian Pharaoh tombs. Another highlight was our visit to the art galleries where we had the opportunity to enjoy and sketch some original artwork from Monet, Renoir and Picasso.



Here are a couple of write-ups from the year 6 children about their day...

On the 1st of April 2025, we visited the Fitzwilliam museum in Cambridge. We travelled on a coach on a 1 hour journey to get there. When we got there we met a woman called Rosana who brought us outside to have our snack at around 10:00. After that we had a self- led tour and lots of statues and we saw lots of paintings from famous artists like Picasso, Monet and others. We had paper a pencil and a folder to lean on so we could sketch out one of the paintings so that when we get back to class we can watercolour them. While we did that it was very peaceful.

When there was space for us to come in we walked through the armoury which was very cool because there was stands with armour on and a plastic horse and the person on it had a big jousting stick it was way taller than me!



In Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1, we have been counting how many times each child has read at home.

Star Reading



Congratulations to all our pupils who received Star Reader Awards this week and a big well done to all of the children for the amazing reading that they have been doing at home this term. Thank you parents for supporting us with this - we always appreciate it!



Well done to the following children for reading the most times at home this term:

Badgers: Samuel and Alfie **Hedgehogs:** Henry **Wrens:** Florence B

Robins: Tharinsa **Owls:** George **Kestrels:** Luna

We made Easter treats as part of our club for Young Carers. We meet every second Thursday at lunch. Please let us know if you might be interested in joining.



We are also looking forward to our trip to Pizza Express in July.



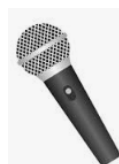


Creative Animal Enclosures

Year 4 have been making enclosures complete with enrichment activities for their chosen animals.



Community Choir



Calling All Parents, Carers, Grandparents and Friends of the School -
we are SINGING again!!

We have a concert to prepare for on the evening of **Saturday 28th June** at
Christ Church, New London Road!

Rehearsals will be on Fridays after school in the Year 6 block, from 3.20pm to 4.20pm
and there will be FREE child care to entice you in!

These are the Fridays for your diaries: **25th April, 9th May, 16th May, 6th June,**
20th June and 27th June. Please give it a go - you just need to enjoy singing and
we'll teach all the notes!

Letters will be sent out early next term.

For the 25 for 2025 fundraising challenge, Wale has written a 20 page book with illustrations about Bond and some of his other favourite TV characters to raise money for the PTFA.

Each printed book will be sold for £5, with £2.50 going towards the PTFA and the remainder to cover printing costs.

Handwritten versions will also be available for the same price if pre-ordered before the school holiday and ALL £5 will go to the PTFA.

Wale and his mum will be setting up outside the front of school at the end of the day on **Friday 4th April (today!)** and **Friday 25th April**.

PTFA NEWSLETTER UPDATE

JUST TO SAY :

EVENTS TO COME

FINANCE UPDATE



Thank you to Wale for writing an incredible 20 page children's book with illustrations about some of his favourite TV characters to raise money for PTFA!

We are hoping to organise an after school day for our little ones and perhaps you creative crafty clever ones to sell their items - if this is something you'd like to join please email us thebishopspta@gmail.com Wishing you all a lovely break!

□ 25 for 2025
Running from
25.2.25 to
25.4.25

Fundraising
target for
2024/2025:
£4366.28
out of
£10 000



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



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Year 6s have been making electronic quiz boards related to their topics:



Summer Term Clubs

Our new **Summer Term club letter and timetable** will be emailed out during the first week back after the Easter break for **clubs to start week commencing Monday 28th April.**

You will need to re-register your child for clubs on Scopay when advised.

Thank you.



Congratulations to Chisom who came 3rd in the Essex Cross Country Final, which is the highest place for a Bishops' pupil in at least the last 16 years! Well done also to Archie B who raced incredibly well in the final.

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards the cake sale last week.

We are pleased to announce that a wonderful **£264.50** was raised towards **Meows Kitten and Cat Rescue.**

They were very impressed and grateful for everyone's support.

Wishing you all a very happy and healthy Easter break!

We look forward to seeing your children back on Tuesday 22nd April.

We have a number of **Navy Caps** available in the school office.
They are £7 each and available to purchase via Scopay.
Please email admin@bishops.essex.sch.uk when you purchase one so that we are aware and can arrange a collection time for you. Thank you.



A VERY WELL DONE TO...



Grace did an amazing job at church reading a verse from the bible, handing out flowers and drawing a picture of her family for Mother's Day.
She practiced her reading all week and made her parents very proud.

Well done Grace!



It is always a joy to hear success stories of ex-Bishops' pupils.

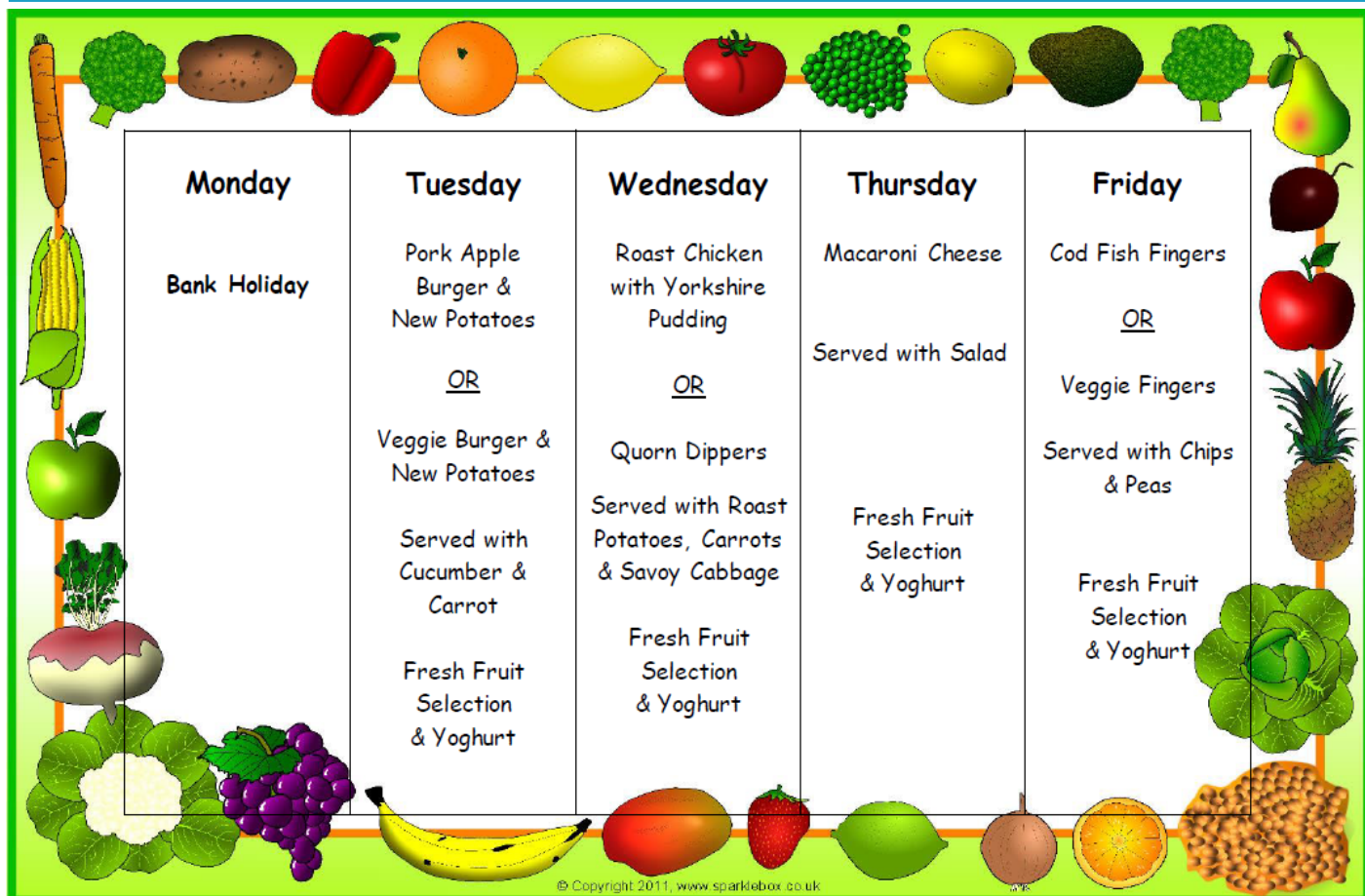
Harry got a taste for table tennis through the Jack Petchey event held in Harlow during his time here in year 6. In January this year he took part in the Ping Pong World Cup held in China and came away with \$500 in prize money and three trophies for various events.

His brother Ben has also signed a 2 year football scholarship with Stoke City, starting in July.

Congratulations to them both!



Lunch Menu for Week Beginning Monday 21st April



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bank Holiday	Pork Apple Burger & New Potatoes	Roast Chicken with Yorkshire Pudding	Macaroni Cheese	Cod Fish Fingers
	<u>OR</u>	<u>OR</u>	Served with Salad	<u>OR</u>
	Veggie Burger & New Potatoes	Quorn Dippers		Veggie Fingers
	Served with Cucumber & Carrot	Served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Savoy Cabbage	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Served with Chips & Peas
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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.

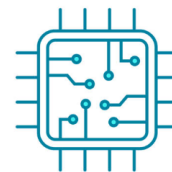
If you are able to help, please use the link below. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

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

Check it out!



Looking Ahead



Monday 7th April to Monday 21st April—Spring Break

Tuesday 22nd April—

First day of the summer term, back to school for all;
High Five Netball Competition (slctd chn) at Chelmer Park, 4 to 5.45pm

Thursday 24th April—

Boys' Football Match v Newlands Spring (away) (slctd chn), 3.30 to 4.45pm

Friday 25th April—

Selected Yr5 Chn to Primary Schools Challenge—Phase 2 (slctd chn) at E2V;
End of 25 for 2025 PTFA Fundraiser; Community Choir Practice, 3.15 to 4.15pm

Monday 28th April —

Boys' Football Match (slctd chn) v Lawford Mead (parish field), 3.30 to 4.30pm

Tuesday 29th April – Church Service for Grp2 led by Kestrel Class, 9.10am;
Yr3/4 Mini Wimbledon Competition (slctd chn) at C'ford Tennis Academy, 12.45 to 2.45pm

Wednesday 30th April—

Year 5 trip to The Lion King at the Lyceum Theatre, London, 9.30am to 7pm;
Year 1 trip to Thorndon Country Park, 9.15am to 3pm;

Thursday 1st May —

Chestnut Class Assembly in the hall, doors close 9am for 9.10am

Friday 2nd May — PTFA Spring Fayre, 3.30 to 5.30pm

Monday 5th May—Bank Holiday



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 / Tel: 01245 460107

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

