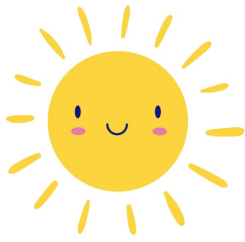


The Bishops' School News



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

The Bishops' Giving Appeal

Thank you so much to the nearly 30 of families who have responded to our Giving Appeal.

It may seem wildly impossible, but my hope and target is to generate £50,000 a year through the Stewardship platform. This would be £42,500 in your giving which would raise an extra £7,500 in Gift Aid. It is this kind of amount that properly safeguards many of the extras that we provide in school. So far, 29 have responded and committed £5,580 per year which is such an amazing start. Thank you!! My hope is that 200 of our 300 families will be able and happy to give. Some of you have expressed your intention to me to do this, but that time has not allowed it. It's a great opportunity to give to the best of causes – your children's education and therefore their future!

So - if you are able - please do. Thank you.

It's easy to set up, please follow [THIS LINK](#).

Thank you.



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

Funfair Creations

5B has been a hive of industrial activity this week, with fairground rides, all original designs, being created by every potential engineer in the class. Mr Barlow and Mrs Parker were wowed by their efforts, teamwork and product!



BE SAFE!



Dropping children off in the morning continues to be a real concern.

Several young children are being dropped off on the pavement and are then running across the road to the school side unaccompanied.

Yesterday, a parent driver reversed out of the staff car park entrance into one of our parents and child on a bike.

PLEASE be late rather than do this. Other parents have seen near-misses and reported them with real concern that a serious accident is waiting to happen.

District Sports & Football

The first leg of the District Sports got underway on Monday at the Chelmsford Sports and Athletics Centre with the field events. Six Year 6 pupils competed in the long jump (Amari 2nd, Ivan 1st), high jump (Sascha 3rd, David 4th) and throwing (Kaeto 2nd, Ian 4th) amassing 76 points for the school which leaves us sitting **2nd overall** before the track events take place next week. Here are Sascha and David on the final event of the afternoon and a few of the children who proudly received their certificates.



On Tuesday, the girls' football team travelled the short distance to Tyrells to play their last league fixture of the season. After securing wins in all their previous matches, the girls knew that they

needed at least a draw to win the league for the second consecutive season. The team started well and after a period of sustained pressure they went 1 - 0 up after great work from Anae allowed Amelia to race clear and score. Unfortunately, the girls weren't able to build upon their early success and Tyrells deserved their equaliser with 5 minutes left to play. A nervy 5 minutes ensued but the team rallied to ensure they got



the point they needed and **now qualify for the cup final** later this month. ~ Mr Evans

YR 2 MINI BASKETBALL

On Tuesday, we took a group of 18 Year 2 children to a Mini Basketball competition. We had a brilliant time and all the children played their very best. We just missed out on a medal, but out of twelve teams **we placed fourth, sixth and ninth!** We were so impressed by how the children got really stuck in and showed excellent teamwork skills.

~ Miss O'Connell



Everything sale!

The 'Everything Sale' last Friday raised an amazing **£199.70** for the PTFA which is



wonderful! Thank you to all the children who contributed to this, and the Birch Class Pupils who led it. The PTFA are thrilled!



A VERY WELL DONE TO...

Congratulations to Alfie from Badger Class
for passing his Stage 3 in Swimming!

Here he is looking deservedly very
proud with his certificate.

Keep up the great swimming Alfie!



Jasmine attended a Hotshot Dance
Competition in Clacton and
performed a jazz solo, song and
dance duet and a group dance.

Her group dance and duet both won 1st
place and she got a 3rd place for her solo!

Fantastic achievement Jasmine!

These boys have trained all
year at Springfield FC and,
at the weekend, each
received a medal for
their hard work!

Pictured from left to right:
Arthur, Jasper, George,
Oscar, Joss, Hudson,
Freddie and Henry.

Super work boys!



Congratulations to Henry, Ada and Alex for all of your recent football achievements!

Henry was given a trophy for being voted 'Parents' Player of the Season' at his Football Club.

Ada was awarded a medal as an end of season well done, and a certificate for smiles and skills!

Alex was also awarded a trophy for being voted 'Manager's Player of the Season'.

Super stuff everyone!



Yr 6 Special Visitor

"On the 11th June, we had an interesting session with Mrs Fowler about the British

Empire. She showed us a presentation on why the British wanted an Empire and the things they traded to earn money. We learnt that the British wanted an Empire to get control, money and power over the other countries. Mrs Fowler brought in replicas of items that the British traded from countries such as tea from India and China, lamb from New Zealand and sugar from the Caribbean.







Gardening Club News



On Monday, some of our Gardening Club children took part in a fantastic session with Terry from BioScapes. Terry explained a bit more about our new SuDS planter, led the children on a wonderful bug hunt in the Food Forest and helped the children fill the planter with plants he brought along. He was so impressed with the variety of creatures we found and the children's knowledge of plants and bugs!



As some of you may have already noticed, our new 'Sensory Garden' planters at the front of the school have been installed and filled with soil (big thanks to the volunteers who answered the call to shift some compost—including Isaac from FS!). Yesterday, Gardening Club planted some interesting herbs - we can't wait to watch them grow and flower.

This project was possible thanks to a Tesco Stronger Starts grant. ~Mrs Stonestreet



PTFA NEWSLETTER UPDATE

| JUST TO SAY : | EVENTS TO COME | FINANCE UPDATE |
|---|---|--|
| A very special thank you to Birch Class who did an 'Everything Sale' on behalf of the PTFA raising a stunning £199.70 🥳 | 17th of July Inflatables Day Nonuniform day Fri 18th of July | Fundraising target for 2024/2025: £6925 out of £10 000 |



☀️ Father's Day is this Sunday ☀️

Whether it's for a father, a granddad, or someone who's stood in that role, why not gift them a pen for £2 while also supporting our school.

Look forward to seeing you at our refreshments stand 😊

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

💖 THE PTFA 💖

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Lunch Menu for Week Beginning Monday 16th June

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|--|--|
| <u>Meat Free Monday</u> | Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding | Peri Peri Chicken | Chilli con Carne | Jacket Potato With Cheese, Tuna, Beans |
| Pasta with a Variety of Sauces | <u>OR</u> Veggie Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding | <u>OR</u> Quorn Fillet | <u>OR</u> Vegetarian Chilli | Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt |
| Served with Mixed Salad | Served with Crushed New Potatoes, Broccoli & Sweetcorn | Served with Rice and Peas | Served with Pasta, Tortilla Chips & peas | |
| Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt | Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt | Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt | Ice Cream | |

Community News

The [Community News page](#) of our website has lots of information about activities, events and support available locally including:

- * **Information about Mid Essex Open Evenings for Years 7 and 12 and Tours for 2026-2027 intake**
- * **Support for parents/carers**
- * **Local church events**
- * **Holiday camps/activities**
- * **Music workshops/shows**
- * **Sports clubs and activities**
- * **Performing arts**
- * **Competitions**





Looking Ahead



Monday 16th June -

District Athletics Track Events (sel chn) at CSAC, 1pm to 3.30pm (transport provided)

Tuesday 17th June - Church Service for Grp2 led by Badger Class, 9.10am

Wednesday 18th June - Yr6 Bikeability (Group 4);

Yr5/6 Mini Orange Tennis (sel chn) at Cford Tennis Acdmy, Oaklands Park, 1 to 3pm

Thursday 19th June - Yr6 Bikeability (Group 4);

Choir to Junior Music Festival Rehearsal at Chelmsford Theatre, 9am to 3pm

Choir to Junior Music Festival, Chelmsford Theatre, 7pm



Friday 20th June -

Birch Class Assembly in the hall, doors close 9am for 9.10am start;

Community Choir Practice in the Yr6 Block, 3.20 to 4.20pm

Saturday 21st June - 2025 New Starters' Family Picnic, 10.30am to 12.30am

Monday 23rd June - Tri Golf Competition (sel chn) at Little Channels, 10am to 12pm;

Shush Club (sel chn) Performance at Chelmsford's Gotta Dance Show

at Chelmsford Theatre, 7pm

Tuesday 24th June - Church Service for Grp1 led by Hedgehog Class, 9.10am;

Yr2 Smash Festival (sel chn) at St John Payne Sch, 1 to 2.45pm

Wednesday 25th June - Yr6 Bikeability (Group 5);

Yrs 4-6 Science Fair (sel chn) at New Hall Sch, 8.45am to 2.30pm

Thursday 26th June - Yr6 Bikeability (Group 5)

Friday 27th June - Aspen Class Assembly in the Hall, doors close 9am for a 9.10am start;

Community Choir Practice in the Yr6 Block, 3.20 to 4.20pm



Saturday 28th June - The Bishops' School Celebration Concert
at Christ Church, New London Road, 6.30pm (ticket holders only)



Please advise the office..

Absences/Lates ...

By 9am: Illness: by email

In advance:

Medical appointments: provide appointment notification

All other absences: complete leave of absence form

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.

