

The Bishops' School



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Chelmsford's 'Gotta Dance'



The Chelmsford 'Gotta Dance' Show this Monday evening was pure delight as Shush's Dance Clubs performed fabulously with rhythm, precision and acrobatic agility! Congratulations to you all, and thanks to Shush for all her incredible leadership and choreography!



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



Little Fingers Clubs

Our Little Fingers Breakfast and After School Clubs are often in demand.

If you ever need to request one or more sessions for your child then please ensure that you've first completed a **registration form** which can be found on our website [HERE](#).

Please also **use our Little Fingers email address (littlefingers@bishops.essex.sch.uk) for all Little Fingers queries rather than the school admin email.**

Thank you.

A VISIT FROM OUR MP

We welcomed our MP, Marie Goldman, to school for our Monday morning assembly, and she very ably fielded questions about the cost of living crisis, pot holes, education for children across the world, the environment, school funding.....and also told us about herself, her dog, and how she decided to become an MP because she wanted to stand up for what she believed in and felt that she hadn't done this when Brexit came along.



TRI GOLF COMPETITION

On Monday this week the annual Tri-Golf Competition took place at Little Channels with sixteen of our Year 6s competing. Each team worked their way around eight different activities testing their putting and chipping abilities. When all the scores were collated Bishops' A took 2nd place, while Bishops' B finished 5th! ~ *Mr Evans*





KS1 Smash Festival



On Tuesday afternoon, we took 16 Year 2 children to the Smash Festival at St John Payne. The children had many different activities to try, some included balancing a tennis ball on a tennis racket, beanbag throwing and passing the ball down the line on the tennis racket without dropping it. The children had a brilliant time and worked well in their teams. B team came in 7th place and A team came 1st place!

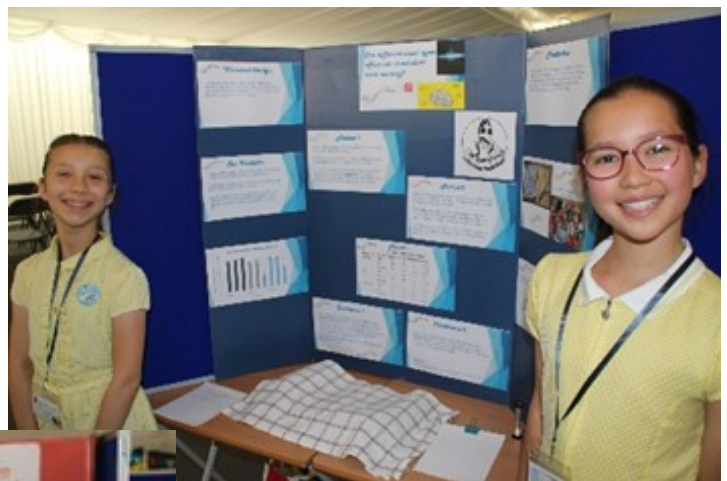
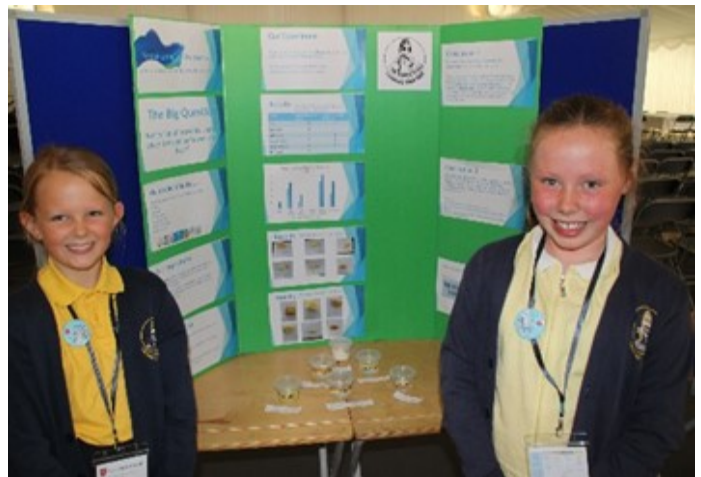
Well done to all children who took part! ~ Mrs Rice

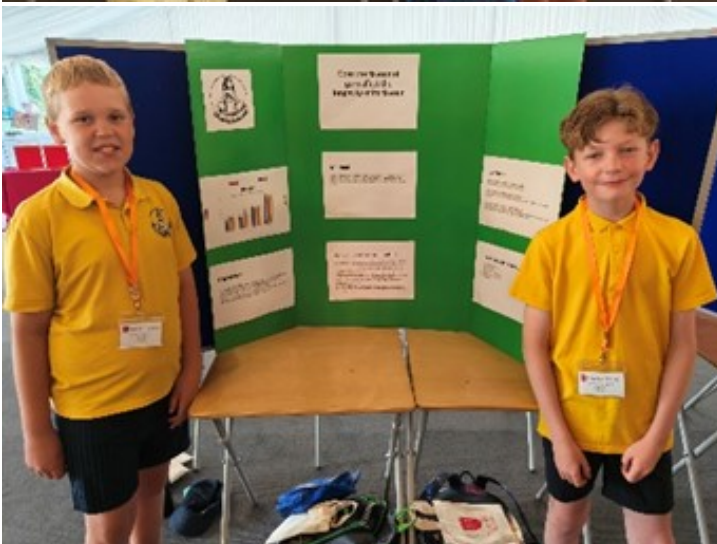


Science Fair at New Hall

A group of scientists headed to Newhall on Wednesday for a day of science. They had done some research themselves and explained their experiments to judges from the New Hall Science Department. Griffin and Oscar were rewarded with the first prize for the Year 6 group! But they were all brilliant.

Thank you, children, and thank you,
Mrs Yip, for organising this.





Here are the amazing questions the children sought to answer.

Amira and Elsie: **Which cereal contains the most iron?**

Alice and Isabella: **What is the best liquid to stop apples from going brown?**

Jenna and Kate: **Which type of vinegar makes the longest last and highest flowing lava lamp?**

Edie and Nelly: **Does the colour of food affect the perceived flavour?**

Gregory and Isaac: **Does the smell of food affect its taste?**

Jessica and Amelia: **Does music affect short term memory?**

Oscar and Griffin: **Does the flavour of gum affect the longevity of flavour?**

Their projects were presented to a very high standard (very well done everyone!) and they deservedly enjoyed many wonderful science experiences throughout the day.

Here is a report written but Gregory and Isaac...

New Hall Science Fair

On Wednesday we went to New Hall to take part in a science fair which was really fun.

We were up against lots of different schools as well as New Hall.

First of all we turned up and collected our lanyards in either black, orange, yellow or silver (which was our group) with our name, school and timetable on. Each group had a different timetable for the first ever science fair at New Hall – this one!

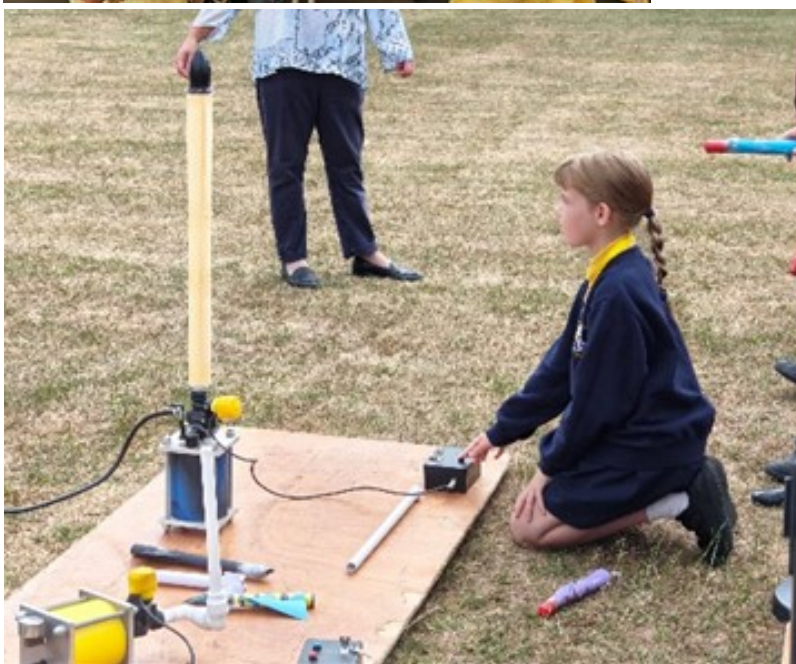
Next we set up our stalls which didn't take long, so we went to find some seats in the front row ready for the safety talk and an explanation of what we were doing during the time we were there.

After that, we went to our first activity which was either chemistry, biology or physics. Ours was chemistry where we got to make mini explosions, rainbow test tubes and a periodic table. Gregory did phosphorus Isaac did Iodine.

For the next two hours each group did the rest of the activities. Our order was Virtual Reality (where we learnt about mini beasts), New Hall Farm (where we watched a ferret go through a maze to find liver), Colchester Zoo (where we stroked a real leopard skin) and the Imperial War Museum (where we made propellers).

After lunch finally made our way to our stalls ready for the judges and New Hall students to come round, ask us questions and have a go at our science experiment that we had been preparing for in the previous weeks.

Finally, there was an award ceremony and Oscar and Griffin (in year 6) got 1st prize in the student's category!

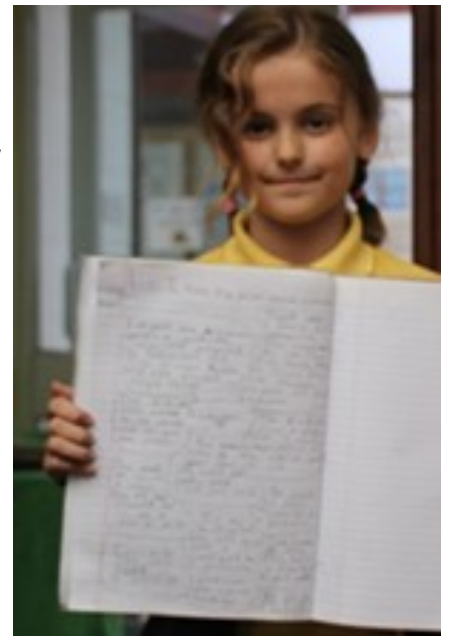


GETTING CREATIVE

Smetna's Vltava has been the inspiration for Year 5 artwork this week



Rose has been writing impressively about Sikh Gurdwaras



FS children have been describing animals and getting us to guess what they are – and then revealing the picture!
Great work!

MINI ORANGE TENNIS FINALS

4 children headed over to New Hall School on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs Boreham to take part in the Mini Orange Tennis finals!!

It was a super-hot afternoon and there was some tough competition.

The children worked their socks off playing 7 games each and came 5th place out of 8 teams. A huge well done to Anae, Chloe, Hugo and Leo.



Celebration Concert

We are super excited for tomorrow's concert!
The concert starts at 6.30pm and here is a rundown of the times different groups should be ready to have a quick rehearsal (so please be inside Christ Church 5 minutes before these times!)

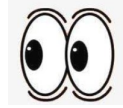
Rehearsal Schedule

- 4.30pm Church Opens
- 4.30pm Neneth and Elizabeth Lyons
- 5.00pm Community Choir
- 5.20pm Harriet
- 5.30pm Pianists
- 5.50pm KS2 Choir
- 6.00pm KS1 Choir / Ukuleles
- 6.10pm Rehearsing finishes!
- 6.30pm Concert starts!!



We Need Your Help!

Imagine Bishops' Without...



- * Teachers who visit the nurseries to get to know your children before they arrive
 - * Sporting fixtures every week for children across the school
- * Shush! - and all the performing arts, public speaking, dance, drama and fun she brings to your children
- * Ukulele and toots teaching in Years 3 and 4and all the specialist music provision in Key Stage 1
- * Our amazing teaching assistants in every class, and the pastoral support, including counselling, and all the tutoring



Please, if you can, help us to safeguard these things which make Bishops' so special.

Can you commit to regularly giving:

£10 per month if you have one child with us.

£15 per month if you have two or more children with us.

Gift-aiding your giving will add an extra 25p for every £1.

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

A VERY WELL DONE TO...

Rebekah passed her two LAMDA Musical Theatre and Acting entry level exams with high merits. Amelie and Sascha were awarded certificates for Combined Acting Grade 2 and Kayra was given a certificate for Acting Solo Entry level. Super work girls!



Toby has done incredibly well with his running recently, finishing with an extremely strong time at the Miles of Miles event, and then coming 7th out of 175 entrants at a 1.5 mile trail run.

Leo fought in the WKO National Kickboxing Championships on Saturday and is now a Gold and Bronze medalist. Great work Leo!



Can You Help?



Do you have any Lego Sets for Ages 9+ ?

These need to be **complete sets with instructions** for our Lego Therapy Sessions. Please hand any donations to the school office. Thank you!

PTFA NEWSLETTER UPDATE

JUST TO SAY :	EVENTS TO COME	FINANCE UPDATE
<p>Across all charities and organisations, volunteers are often hard to come by, and lack of time and burnout is real. I truly appreciate how busy so many of you are, and am so grateful to those who are able to help - whether it's through donations, time, or simply kind words, you've reminded us that generosity comes in many forms.</p> <p>We're incredibly lucky to have such a vibrant, kind-hearted school community who make a real difference to the children's experience here at school.</p> <p>We're happy to celebrate that we now have enough volunteers for the Inflatables Fun Day to take place. Thank you.</p>	<p>17th of July Inflatables Day</p> <p>Non-Uniform Day Fri 18th of July</p>	<p>Fundraising target for 2024/2025: £6,825 out of £10,000</p>



A very warm thanks to Mfon and Karthik from our Year 1 parent group for volunteering their time to make today's Ice Cream Sale happen💕

We look forward to 3 parent volunteers from our FS parent groups for more icecream sales on the 4th of July 😊

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



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CHARITY NUMBER: 1017473



Lunch Menu for Week Beginning Monday 30th June

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



Midday Assistant Job Vacancy

Application Close: 08/07/2025 Midday

Date of Interviews: Wednesday 16th July 2025



Please visit [THIS LINK](#) for the Essex Schools Jobs website where you can view more details about this vacancy and apply.

Happy weekend! May it be
a time of mindfulness,
gratitude, and appreciation
for the beauty and wonder
of life



Looking Ahead



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

Monday 30th June - Netball Match v OLI (sel chn) at OLI, 3 for 3.30 to 4.15pm

Tuesday 1st July - Church Service for Grp2 led by Wren Class, 9.10am;
Year 3 Bradwell Pilgrimage, 8.30am to 3.30pm;
Yr2 trip to Mini Games at CSAC, 11.30am to 3.15pm

Wednesday 2nd July - Year 2 Performance of 'Hats Off' in the Hall, 1.30 to 2.30pm

Thursday 3rd July - Young Carers Club trip to Pizza Express, 8.30am to 12pm;
Year 2 Performance of 'Hats Off' in the Hall, 9.15am to 10.15am

Friday 4th July -

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



Monday 7th July -

Yr3-4 Bowls Competition (sel chn) at Falcon Bowls Club, 10am to 11.30am



Tuesday 8th July - Church Service for Grp1 led by Robin Class, 9.10am;
Yr2 Trip to Maldon, 9.15am to 3pm

Wednesday 9th July - Rocksteady Concert for Wednesday Groups, 10.30am

Thursday 10th July - Exhibition Evening, 3.30 to 5.30pm;
Usborne Book Fayre in the Hall, from 3pm;
(No Little Fingers today, activity clubs still running)



Friday 11th July -

Year 4 Trip to Chelmsford Theatre, 10 for 11am to 3pm;
Hawthorn Class Cake Sale for the whole school in aid of PTFA/Neurodivergence

Saturday 12th July - Year 6 Leavers' Events:

Wilderness Foundation, 1 to 4pm & Gaming Party in School, 6 to 8pm

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.

