

# The Bishops' School News



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

## Year 6 SATS Results

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils who have gained the best results for The Bishops' for many years.

It was very moving seeing the staff give the results to your children in individual meetings, full of praise for their efforts and explaining the value of each result.

**Over 90%** reached the expected level in maths, and **over 85%** reached this in Reading and Writing, with 80% reaching it in Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling.

All of these are well over the national results for 2024 (we do not yet know the national figures for 2025). **80%** of our pupils achieved the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths combined – and the national figure last year was **62%**.

The % of pupils who reached the 'exceeding' was also significantly higher than national – so many congratulations to all our Year 6s, and great thanks to you parents for your support and the staff for their amazing teaching.

For all those children who did not reach these standards, it's important to say how incredibly proud we are of their progress and all the things we hold dear at Bishops' - creativity, kindness and positive character.



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

# SINGING FOR A BEE-RILLIANT CAUSE!

On Saturday Morning, 27 members of our amazing choir sang in High Chelmer Shopping Centre, to help start Farleigh Hospice's Buzz in the City trail and Summer campaign.



Our fantastic children sang for 45 minutes to a great crowd and were also visited by the Mayor of Chelmsford, Jannetta Sosin, who thanked the children for their singing and support.

Once again we are very proud of our children who continue to let their light shine for all to see.





## **We received this lovely message from the Farleigh Fundraising Team...**

Thank you so much to the wonderful children from The Bishops' Primary choir for performing on Saturday to help with our annual Sunflower Collection Day in Chelmsford and the Launch of our 'Buzz in the City' art trail. We really appreciate them giving their time as having live entertainment makes such a difference and the shoppers were delighted to hear them perform.

We were delighted that you were able to help us as there was so much interest in the hospice and I am very pleased to let you know that £2534 was raised for the hospice from the day.

We couldn't organise such successful events without the support of lovely people like you – please know you are all very much appreciated and the time you give to us is so valuable. It was a delight to see so many of our local community in the town centre and how they engaged with the special 'hospice' day.

Thank you so much - it is because you care, that we can.



# BOWLED OVER BY BOWLS

On Monday, 12 children from year 4 attended a morning hosted by Falcon Lawn Bowls Club in Channels. The club members taught them techniques on how to hold and release the bowls and how to direct the curve bias. They then led the children in several different fun games designed to improve their skills. There was some very impressive accuracy from the children, many of whom haven't tried bowls before. A very well done to all the children, for their teamwork, encouragement of each other and determination to do their best. ~ Mrs Yip



## Clay Creations at Art Club

The Art Club have been enjoying clay and painting this week.

In Art Club, a messy session is the sign of a good time had by all!





## Some other events this week:

Year 5 have been helping Mr Evans teach Year 1 Tri-Golf – they have also been out in the open writing about and drawing things of wonder in creation.



## Keeping Safe from the Wasps

We have had a wasp invasion, with several children being stung, and a member of staff (Mr W!).

We eventually found a nest and then called in pest control to destroy it. It's always sad to harm the natural world, but a wasps' nest inside school grounds is a real potential danger.



# Our Fondest Farewells...

Mr Barlow has been finding interesting things in his cupboards while he has been sorting them out!



Speaking of which, we will be sorry to see a number of our staff leaving us at the end of this term – starting with Mr Barlow, these are the staff members who we will be saying farewell to:

**Mr Barlow** has been a wonderful Year 5 teacher, led the choir from strength to strength, led all our computing advances, acquired robots and 3D printers, run animation and computing clubs, created brilliant end of year videos for the school community....and always remained cheerful, hopeful and gently wise. I am so pleased he has agreed to continue with the choir and singing assemblies. Mr Barlow is retiring, looking forward to time with grandchildren.



**Miss Christie** started with us as an LSA and developed an interest in Speech and Language, which she took over responsibility for a couple of years ago, just when the challenges of Covid speech and language were kicking in. Her work with FS pupils using the NELI intervention has been excellent. Also, her leadership of the netball team has brought it great success and deep quality, including drawing ex--pupils back as volunteer coaches. She moves to a new school in her much-loved Dorset.



**Mrs Steele** is another long-standing and skilled member of the community. She has been with us for over 20 years, firstly as a parent, then PTA chair, then MDA and finally LSA. She is retiring.



**Miss Day** is the daughter of Mrs Day who works in our office. Ella has been working with some of our pupils in FS this year, and is leaving us to take a role at the Priory as Assistant Psychologist on the CAMHS ward.



**Mrs Caetano** is also leaving us. She has worked as an LSA for several years in Year 2 and then for this year as an MDA.



**Mrs Yip** who has been working up in year 5 is leaving us to become a Science Technician at Boswells School to further her career after 5 years working with us. She has been a real asset to the school, leading 5E as a HLTA when Mr Evans has been out on sporting events. She also set up and ran a successful Science club.



**Miss Pugh** has been working in Little Fingers for nearly 2 years and is leaving us to go to university.



**Miss Sturgeon** has been a student early years practitioner in FS for two years and has been an asset to the team. She is training to be a teacher.

**We owe a great debt of gratitude to all those who have served our pupils in whatever capacity, and wish all the above a great final week and a bit - and great blessing in their future.**



Mrs Spencer introduces her class to their new teacher, **Mrs Bowen-Long**, who is joining us in September and has already been visiting several times.

She will be coming to meet the class on Move-Up morning on Monday.

# Our New School Crossing Patrol

This week, we welcomed **Sandra Hitching**, our new **School Crossing Patrol**, who seems to have settled so quickly to the role.

Please wait for Sandra to invite you to cross before heading into the road – she will always go to the middle of the road and make sure the traffic is stopped before inviting you to cross. Thank you.

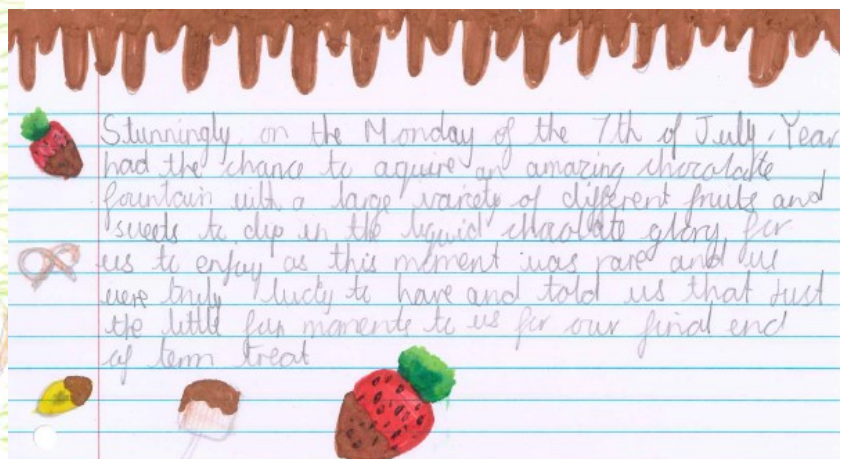
She tells me she is loving the role and that the children are all so polite.



Thank you for joining us, Sandra!



Our Year 6 children were treated to a delicious treat this week in the form of a chocolate fountain! Here's what one of the children wrote about it...





# Library Books



The school library will be closed from next Monday (14<sup>th</sup>) until the new term.  
This means that reading books won't be coming home next week and we ask that any books children may have at home be returned please.

Thank you.

## It's Official - We Rock!

We enjoyed the first RockSteady Concert of the term on Wednesday.  
There will be some spaces available at the start of next term, so please watch out for information about how to apply for a place.



**Please be reminded that this week is the last week of clubs**  
**- with the exception of Choir and Animation Club which**  
**will continue next week.**

# School Meal Costs

Please be aware that, with effect from September, we will be increasing the cost of a school dinner from £2.50 to £3.00. This is in line with other schools.

We have put this increase off for as long as we can, but it has become necessary due to the increasing costs of producing meals.

Thank you for your understanding.

A promotional poster for Essex ActivAte. At the top, the word 'Essex' is in a green script font, followed by 'ACTIVate' in large white letters with a green apple character as the letter 'i'. Below this, a blue banner with white text reads 'Free holiday clubs, fun activities and food across Essex and Thurrock!'. A list of seven bullet points with green checkmarks follows: 'Specialist SEND, mental wellbeing and youth clubs', 'Sports and games, arts and crafts, cooking and so much more!', 'Nutritious snacks and tasty meals', 'Run by qualified, local club providers', 'Family support, resources and guidance', and 'Discretionary paid and paid for spaces'. To the right of the list is an illustration of two children, a boy and a girl, holding a blue sign that says 'Essex ActivAte'. Below the list, the text 'WHAT IS ESSEX ACTIVATE?' is in green, followed by a paragraph explaining the program. At the bottom left, there is a website link 'www.activeessex.org' and social media icons for Facebook and Instagram with the handle '@EssexActivAte'. At the bottom right, there is a QR code with a green border and the text 'SCAN ME' above it.

**Essex**  
**ACTIVate**

**Free holiday clubs, fun activities and food  
across Essex and Thurrock!**

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- ✓ Family support, resources and guidance
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**WHAT IS ESSEX ACTIVATE?**

Essex ActivAte is the name for the exciting activity clubs run by Active Essex! During school holidays, local club providers across the county deliver free holiday clubs and fun activities to get eligible primary and secondary children active, as well as support young people to make friendships and learn new skills, helping to enhance their wellbeing.

Please only book your child/ren a space at an Essex ActivAte club if they will attend. If they are booked on and do not attend, other children may miss out on this beneficial opportunity across the holidays.

[www.activeessex.org](http://www.activeessex.org)

  @EssexActivAte

**SCAN ME**





# A VERY WELL DONE TO...

Our piano teacher Lisa Ramsay has proudly shared the success of two of her students Jessica Y and Davide who recently passed their grade 3 piano exams.

Congratulations to you both!



Luke loves spending his time at the allotment. He planted the Funky veg pack that was donated to each pupil back in April. Here he is showing some of the progress that he has had. He is very proud of the fact that he has had his first courgette ready to harvest.

Fantastic work Luke!



Ella and Jasmine returned from a busy week at their dance World Cup.

They performed a Harry Potter themed “showstopper” in the up to aged 9 “minis” category which placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the world and they are very proud!

They also performed an acrobatic arts (“acro”) number in a much older age category (up to aged 14) - this didn’t place as highly as the standard was incredible and there were a very large number of entries, but the girls really gave it their all and danced beautifully. Although their

number didn’t win an award, it did contribute to team

England’s score across all of the Acro categories (which are

different ages, as well as different group sizes). Team

England got the most Acro points overall and Ella got to

accept the award on their behalf.

Brilliant achievement girls!





# Staying Safe on the Roads

It is really important for your child to wear a helmet when cycling to and from school.

Please also remind them to always stop and look before crossing a road and to always use safe places to cross.....

Thank you!



## PTFA NEWSLETTER UPDATE

JUST TO SAY :	EVENTS TO COME	FINANCE UPDATE
Inflatables Day payment deadline is today. We look forward to hosting it next week	17th of July Inflatables Day  Nonuniform day Fri 18th of July	Fundraising target for 2024/2025: £6925 out of £10 000



🎈 Inflatable Day 🎈

📅 Event Date: Thursday 17th July

💷 Cost: £5 per child

🕒 Payment Deadline: Friday 11th July

💻 Where to Pay: Scopay

“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 14<sup>th</sup> July

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Meat Free Monday</u>	Sausage & Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato	Peri Peri Chicken	Cheese Burger
Freshly made Pizza with a variety of Toppings	<u>OR</u> Veggie Sausage & Tomato Pasta	With Cheese, Tuna, Beans	Served with Rice and Sweetcorn	Served with Chips and Beans
Served with Mixed Salad	Served with Sweetcorn	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	<u>OR</u> Quorn Fillets	<u>OR</u> Veggie Burger
Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Frozen Yoghurt		Ice Cream	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt

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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**





# Looking Ahead



**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 6 Leavers' Events:

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

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**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July** - Move Up Morning for all classes; School reports home today

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July** - Church Service for Grp2 led by Staff, 9.10am;

Rocksteady Concert for Tuesday Groups, 2 to 3pm

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 6 Performance of 'Aladdin' in the Hall, 1.30pm:

Choir Assembly in the Hall, 9.10am

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July** -

PTFA Inflatables Day on the Parish Field during the school day (KS2 am/FS&KS1 pm);

KS1 Talent Show (am) / KS2 Talent Show (pm) (in school event only);

Year 6 Performance of 'Aladdin' in the Hall, 7pm



**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 5 Trip to Greenwich, 8.15am to 5.15pm

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**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July** -

Year 6 Leavers' Anointing Service in the Church, 10am to approx. 11.15am

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** - Last day of term

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**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July to Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** - Summer Holidays!

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**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** - Back to school for Years 1 to 6



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

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

