

The Bishops' School News



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Our Celebration Concert!

The Celebration Concert on Saturday filled Christ Church with song, ukulele, piano and of course the amazing X Factor and BGT voices of Neneth and Elizabeth Lyons. It was also a special pleasure to welcome Harriet, an ex-pupil of Bishops' who is about to study music at university and who has been helping our choir – she sang two songs, one of which she composed herself. And of course James Moran, a parent of ours who performed in Les Miserable as a child and finished the first half, supported by the choir, singing Bring Him Home. Wonderful!



We raised over £770 for Brentwood Catholic Children's Society, £770 towards our plans for a new performing arts base, and £250 for the PTA. Thank you so much to all those who took part on this hot evening, and all who supported us.



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



Pictured above is everyone singing 'May The Road Rise To Meet You' at the end, including many ex-pupils.

All this we pledge...

On Monday of this week, Mrs Spencer led a special Pledge Assembly when we took on the vision of the late Pope Francis as Pilgrims of Hope in the world, and pledged ourselves to work for justice and peace, and to care for the environment. We especially pledged our beautiful gardens at the front and back of school as an offering to God and to the school and local community. Again, thanks so much to Mrs Stonestreet and all the volunteers she brings into the garden, and the gardening club, for nurturing such beauty in our school.



NETBALL MATCH RESULTS

On Tuesday, ten of our Year 5 netballers and two Year 4 netballers travelled to Our Lady Immaculate to play a friendly match. One of our teams won 10-4, the other losing 4-0. Players of the matches were chosen by the opposition as Anae and Toby. Well done to all for playing what was, for many, their first competitive match representing the school.

Mrs Christie is a super proud netball coach!

Hats Off to Year 2!

Thank you to all our Year 2s who gave such a spirited performance of 'Hats Off' this week!





A Few Thank You's...



Thank you all for dealing so well with the changes of uniform due to the heat

Thank you to our kitchen staff who have carried on cooking in incredible temperatures in the past few weeks

Thank you to Chelmsford Council who have kept on advertising for a new School Crossing Patrol who is starting NEXT WEEK! We are looking forward to welcoming Sandra Hitching on Monday



**Please take a look at the Important Dates section on the last page of this newsletter...
Be aware especially of Exhibition Evening (next Wednesday 10th July) and the
Leavers' Anointing Service (Monday 21st July at 10am).**

Year 3 Visit Bradwell



On the hottest day of the year so far, Year 3 headed to the cool(ish) coast for a pilgrimage to St. Peter's Chapel, Bradwell, where they learnt about St. Cedd (the Celtic saint who brought Christianity to Essex), enjoyed a nature walk, acted out stories, made crosses, created Lego buildings and watched great dramas.

They also met Dean Jessica, the new Dean of Chelmsford Cathedral, pictured below praying for us all. The children were a great pleasure to take (and the Year 5s enjoyed the air-conditioned Year 3

classrooms in their absence).



Keeping Cool, Having Fun!

Year 1 had a great time on the HOTTEST day throwing water bombs at each other!
Thank you to Mrs Parish for this treat!!



YOUNG CARERS AT PIZZA EXPRESS

On Thursday 3rd July, Mrs Godfrey, Mrs Martin and Mr Waters took our Young Carers Group to Pizza Express. We made Margherita pizzas, spreading the passata adding the cheese and coming away with our own yummy pizza and a certificate.



We learnt why the Margherita pizza is so important - it was named after the Queen of Italy and represents the colours of the Italian flag. We also learnt about the ingredients of the pizza, did you know that the country that produces the most Basil is India?

If you think that your child may be a young carer please speak to Mrs Martin or Mrs Godfrey.



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...

Eleanora has participated in Charlie and the Chocolate factory, and now she is doing Peter Pan in July at Chelmsford Theatre, after receiving a Distinction in her Ballet exam, Grade 3.

She and her brother, Connor have also received gold for their categories in musical theatre.

Well done to you both!



Elina passed her ABRSM grade 4 piano exam last week. Great work Elina!



Jasmine recently received top marks of Distinction for her primary ballet exam with an amazing 93 points out of 100! That's brilliant news.

Here's a picture of her in her new Grade 1 uniform.





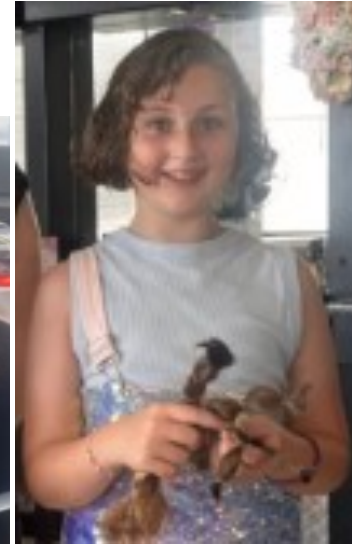
Matthew has passed his Grade 1 Violin exam with Distinction (85 marks).

Super work Matthew!

Nellie has wonderfully raised over £1500 for the Little Princess Trust, through having her hair,

which has been growing for the last 10 years, cut off to make a wig for a young person suffering from cancer who has lost their own hair for a while.

Congratulations, Nellie!



Once upon a bookshop

Discover, explore, transform:
your escape awaits...
www.onceuponabookshop.co.uk

Once Upon a Bookshop is
coming back to
The Bishops' Primary School
on Thursday 10th July

Find us in the hall
from 3 - 4.30pm

Come along to see a wide selection
of amazing Usborne titles to purchase
and take away on the day!

Earn up to 60% in
FREE books for your
school with every
book you purchase!

Cash and card payments
accepted



Guitar & Ukulele Lessons

Our music teacher, Caroline Hall, has availability for Guitar and Ukulele lessons on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Please email us if you are interested in lessons for your child and are happy for us to pass on your contact details to Caroline.

Thank you.

The Wizard of Oz

Thank you very much to the PTA for agreeing to pay for the travelling



theatre we enjoyed last week - an enthralling and fun production of The Wizard of Oz.

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PTFA NEWSLETTER UPDATE

JUST TO SAY :

Ice cream sales have now ended. Thank you to the parents who volunteered and helped make Frozen Fridays a special treat.

EVENTS TO COME

17th of July
Inflatables Day

Nonuniform day
Fri 18th of July

FINANCE UPDATE

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!

💖 THE PTFA 💖

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Lunch Menu for Week Beginning Monday 7th July

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Meat Free Monday</u>	Chilli Con Carne	Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding	Chicken Curry	Breaded Pollock Fish Fillet
Pasta with a Variety of Sauces	<u>OR</u> Veggie Chilli	<u>OR</u> Veggie Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding	<u>OR</u> Meat Free Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce	<u>OR</u> Grilled Halloumi Burger in a Bun with Lettuce
Served with Mixed Salad	Served with Rice & Tortilla Chips	Served with Crushed New Potatoes, Broccoli & Carrots	Served with Rice, Naan Bread & Sweetcorn	Served with Chips & Winterslaw
Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Ice Cream	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt

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 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, 9.30am (time change)

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

Monday 14th July - Move Up Morning for all classes

Tuesday 15th July - Church Service for Grp2 led by Staff, 9.10am;
Rocksteady Concert for Tuesday Groups, 2 to 3pm

Wednesday 16th July - Year 6 Performance of 'Aladdin' in the Hall, 1.30pm

Thursday 17th July -

PTFA Inflatables Day on the Parish Field during the school day (KS2 am/FS&KS1 pm);
Year 6 Performance of 'Aladdin' in the Hall, 7pm



Friday 18th July - Yr5 Trip to Greenwich, 8.15am to 5.15pm



Monday 21st July -

Yr6 Leavers' Anointing Service in the Church, 10am to approx. 11.15am

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.

