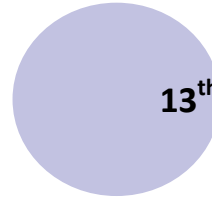
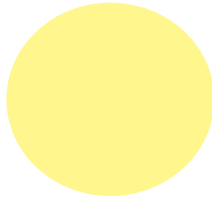


The Bishops' School News



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Letting Our Creativity Shine!

This week has been our **Spirited Arts Week** which we do each year to express in creative ways something of the beauty, spirituality and depth of human life and the world around us.

Here are Year 5s doing a whole variety of creative activity (including dance), and often finding Bible verses to link to their work (for example, Rafferty's beautiful owl picture linked to a Psalm—see next page), a group of Year 4 pupils showing work full of hope,

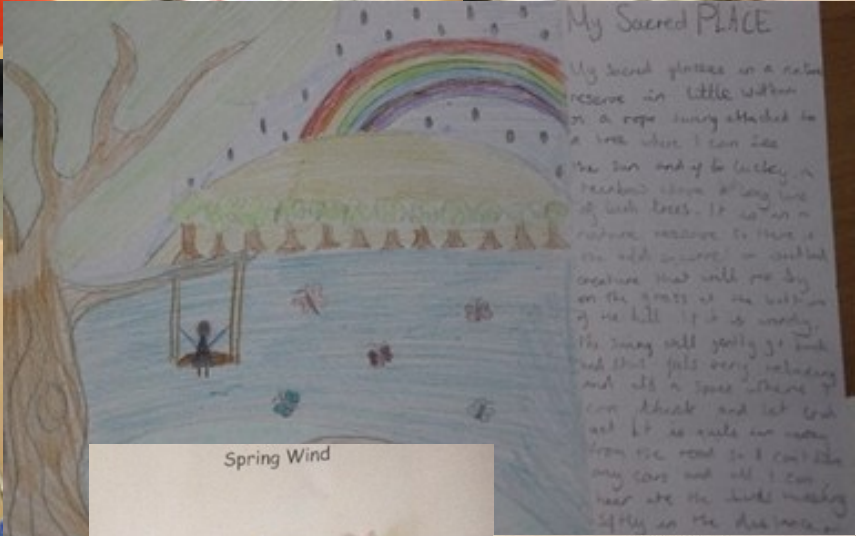
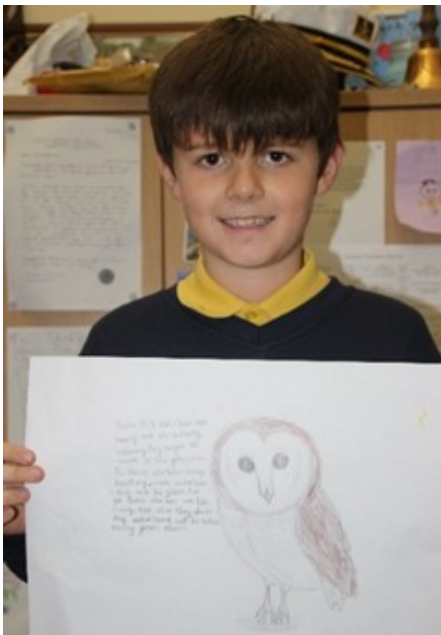


love and community, Foundation Stage Spring trees in blossom, and Year 6 work about their sacred spaces, where they feel inspired and where God might speak to them.

Your children frequently inspire us with the depth of their thinking and spirituality.

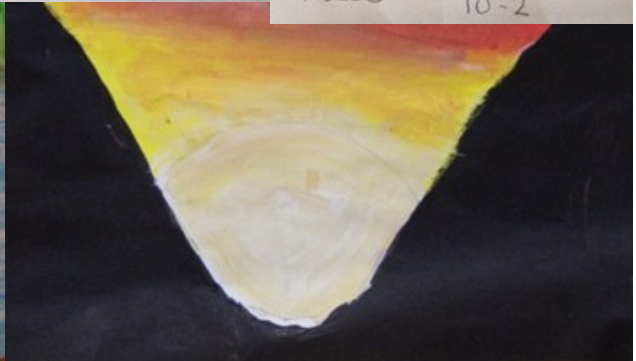
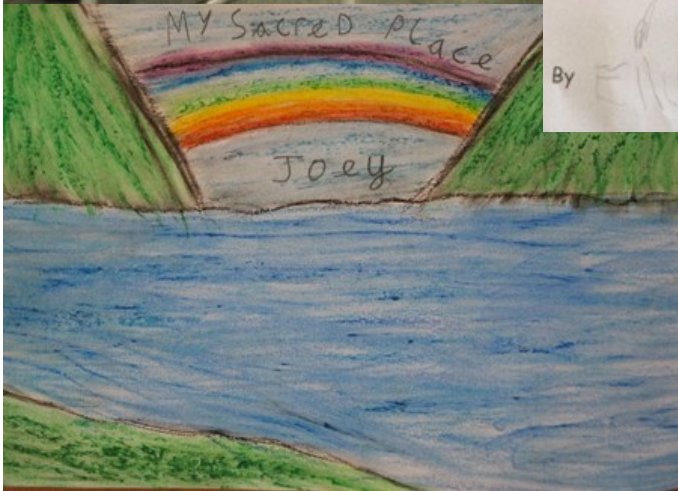


*Live Fully, Laugh Often, Learn Deeply,
Love as God Loves You and Let Your Light Shine*



Spring Wind

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Year 6 Science

“We were lucky enough to get a visit from Mr Girling. We made DNA sequences of an animal and I chose a butterfly”

“We also did branching database so we had animals and questions and each question would leave you with a different animal.”



Welcome to our new members of staff

Mrs Myint has recently joined our LSA team, Mrs Shelley has recently joined the Catering Team, and Mr O'Connell has recently joined the Lunchtime Club Team.



Change 4 Life Event

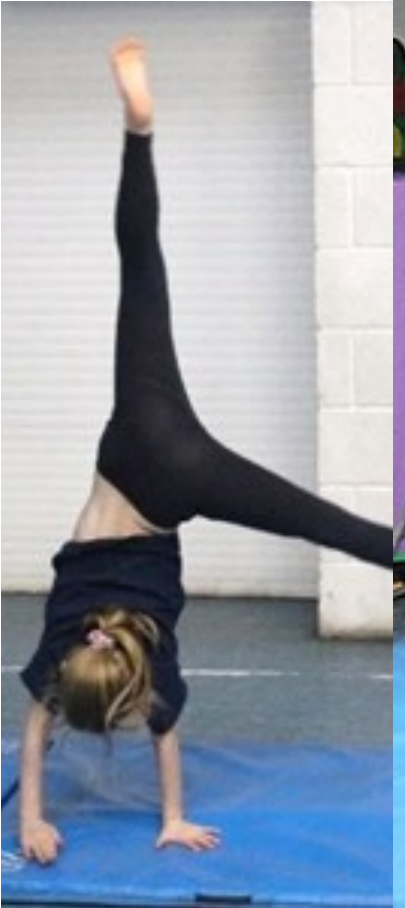


Eight year 4 pupils enjoyed an afternoon of sport at Writtle University College on Monday afternoon.

The children experienced archery, scooting, tennis, basketball, curling, and even used the treadmill and rowing machines in the gym. ~ Mr Evans



YEAR 3 GYMNASTICS



RESILIENCE BUILDING OVER HALF-TERM

It's time to build some more **resilience** into your children!

We have two activities for you to do in the coming weeks to help your children build some life skills:

Give your children your home address and phone numbers to learn by heart (or at least one of them) – and teach them that if they ever get lost or need you, knowing their address and your phone number might be a great help in finding you again.

Challenge your children to create a local walk which they have not done before, using local maps (you can find these on a phone....) but then drawing the walk out and then leading you out on the walk they have designed.

Challenge your children to include maybe some park space (for some nature or a kick around), a children's play area and perhaps a shop for a treat to motivate them. Do send in photos to Miss Foale (c.foale@bishops.essex.sch.uk) so we can make a display in school and celebrate local walking in the newsletter. Enjoy!



This picture gratefully used with the permission of the artist, Olivia Iris Wilson (<https://oliviairiswilson.co.uk/products/chelmsford-map-print>)

World Book Day

We are very much looking forward to
World Book Day on Thursday 5th March.

On this special day, we are asking the children to dress up as an **ADJECTIVE** of their choice. They could wear their own clothes but with a theme e.g. spotty, colourful, green or sparkly. Alternatively, they could dress up as a book character and link it to an adjective e.g. Mr. Bump (clumsy) or Matilda (clever).

They could even wear their pyjamas (cosy). We ask that they display their adjective somewhere on their costume e.g. a label or a badge.

As part of this, we are asking for a suggested £1 donation. This money will go towards brand new picture books for the school library.



Thank you.

Signs of The Week

This week, the Makaton signs that your children have been learning are ...



Our signs of the week

Look

Listen



Marvellous Music

On Wednesday some members of CHEGO – Chelmsford Guitar Orchestra – visited us and gave Key Stage 2 a wonderful performance of several of their pieces.

We returned their generosity by singing to them.

Many of our children know Mrs Hall who teaches ukulele and guitar here, and this group also had Peter Jupp, grandfather of two of our pupils.



Great thanks to all of them.



THANK YOU

Today is Sandra's last day on Patrol.

We would like to thank her for keeping us safe in all weathers and wish her all the best in her next endeavours.

The vacancy for a replacement patrol can be accessed via the following link:

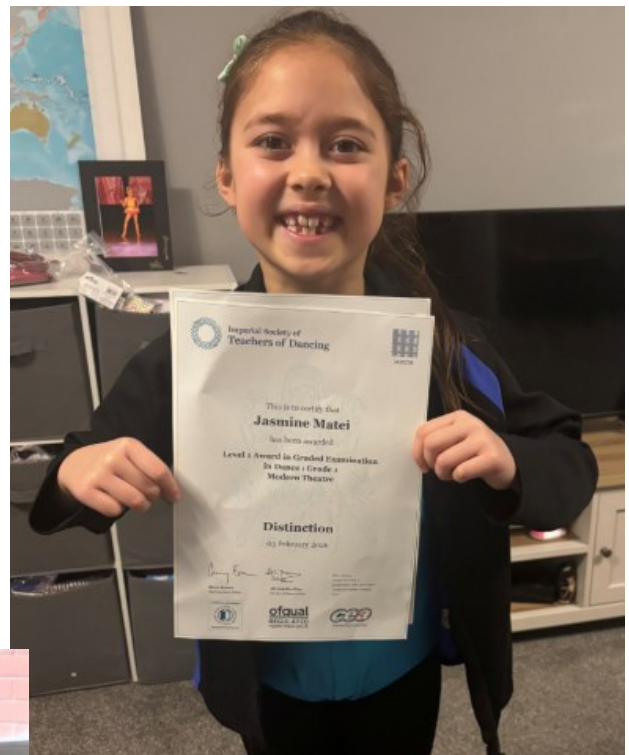
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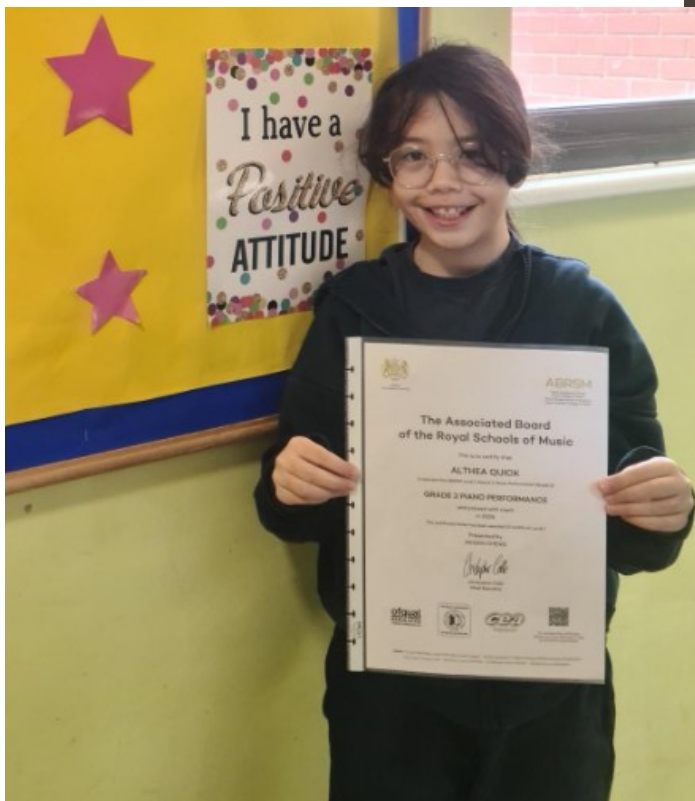


Hannah has recently completed her tap exam and successfully achieved a merit. Here she is with her certificate.
Brilliant news!



Jasmine achieved a distinction in her latest dance exam: Grade 1 modern!

Great work!



Althea has passed her grade 3 piano exam with a merit.

Fantastic job!



So many certificates to be proud of this week!

The Bishops' Olympics

While Chestnut Class were doing their Spirited Arts work, Cedar Class were competing in their very own Winter Olympics, complete with Ice Hockey, Figure

Skating and our very own International Judge, Mr Clements!



Happy Half-Term!



We will report on all the excitements of 'Make The Rules Day' (Thank you, PTFA!) in the newsletter after half term.

In the meantime, we wish you all a lovely half-term, some fresh spring air and safe travelling wherever you may go.

Lunch Menu for Week Beginning Monday 23rd February

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

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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:

- * Support for parents/carers
- * Local church events
- * Holiday camps/activities
- * Music workshops/shows
- * Sports clubs and activities
- * Performing arts
- * Competitions
- * Swimming Lessons





Looking Ahead



Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February: Half term break

Monday 23rd February:

Back to school for the 2nd half of the spring term

Tuesday 24th February:

Church for Grp1 led by Owl Class, 9.10am

Thursday 26th February:

Beech Class New Hall Retreat, arrive school 8.30am for 8.45am to 3.15pm

Friday 27th February:

Birch Class New Hall Retreat, arrive school 8.30am for 8.45am to 3.15pm;
Cedar Class Assembly in the Hall, doors close 9am for 9.10am start

Monday 2nd March:

Yr3 Football Tournament at Chelmer Valley High Sch, 3.45 to 5.15pm

Tuesday 3rd March:

Church for Grp2 led by Badgers Class, 9.10am;
Yr2 trip to Boydell's Farm, 9.15am to 3.15pm

Thursday 5th March: World Book Day / PTFA Wonka Bar Day

Friday 6th March:

Owls Class Assembly in the Hall, doors close 9am for 9.10am start;
Year 4 Cake Sale (tbc)



Please advise the office....thank you.



On the day Absences/Aptmts/Lates: By email to absence@bishops.essex.sch.uk by 9am

Advance Absences/Aptmts: By email in advance to absence@bishops.essex.sch.uk

All lates: advise lunch choice by 9am

Collection Changes: By email by noon, after this urgent messages only by phone by 2.30pm

Notification forms: Available on our website: bishops.essex.sch.uk, Parents and Notify Us

All other general enquiries: Email: admin@bishops.essex.sch.uk / Tel: 01245 460107

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