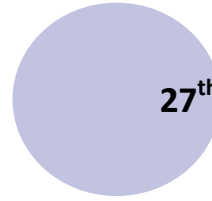
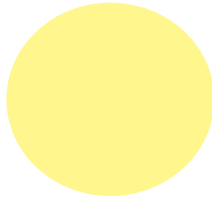


The Bishops' School News



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Water of Forgiveness Services

We were (literally) blessed to have Archdeacon Jonathan join us for our 'Bishops' start of Lent' services as Ash Wednesday was during half term.

Nine of our Year 6s helped to sign the cross on those children who wanted to receive it, and I hope that your children came away with a great sense of being both loved and forgiven by God – who is Love.

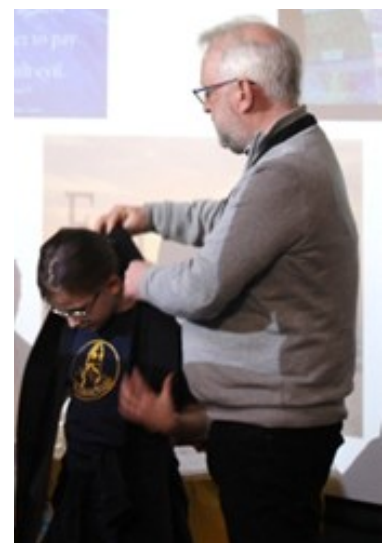


Here is Archdeacon Jonathan (whose name we learnt means 'Gift of God') demonstrating with Tobi (which means 'God is Good') Alannah (meaning 'precious child') and Florence (which means 'blossoming or flourishing') the symbolism behind his vestments.

The black cassock is symbolic of sinfulness, the white surplus is symbolic of being forgiven by God, and the scarf

is symbolic of the call to action, to demonstrate God's love in the world.

Something new learnt every day....



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

Pancakes and Lent



Year 6 have been busy making pancakes!

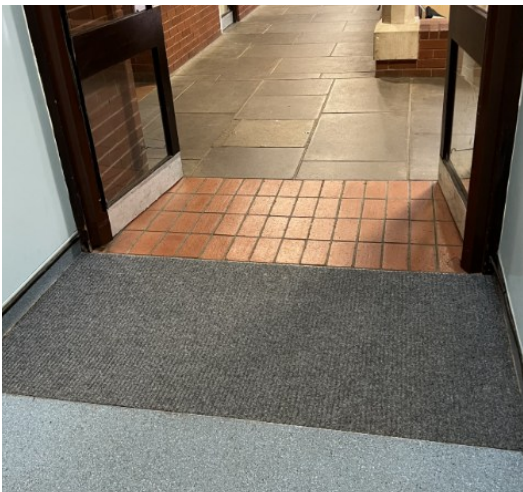
Here's Sekemi, Rebekah, Molly and Jewel from Hornbeam Class.

And here are some Year 2 themed Lent promises – 'we will be loving'!



Thank you

A great thank you to Mr Nattrass for helping us with the matting in three very worn areas of the school over the half term. Highly recommended!



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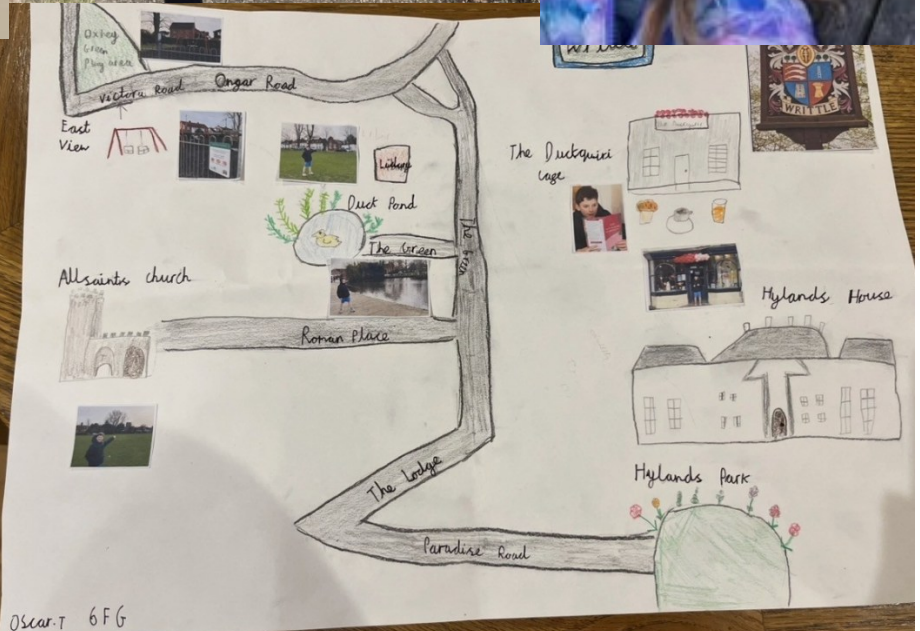
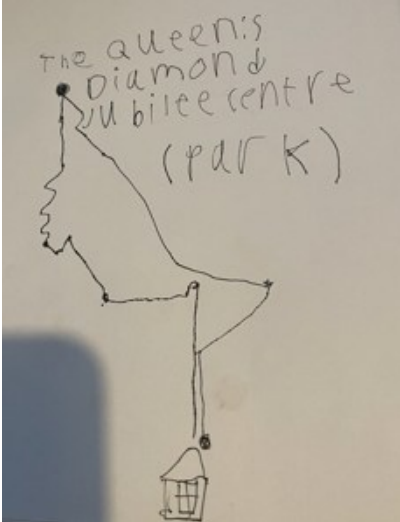
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RESILIENCE BUILDING OVER HALF-TERM

Well done to those of you who practised resilience building over the half-term. Here are some examples of the wonderful local walks your children have been on and the maps they created. Please continue to share these with Miss Foale c.foale@bishops.essex.sch.uk so that we can celebrate these.



FS PANCAKE CAFÉ!

Foundation Stage have been getting involved in various craft and food making activities already this term. Here is their scrumptious Pancake Café from before half-term.



Parents' Consultation Meetings

Parents' Consultation Meetings will be taking place in school
from **3.30pm to 6.30pm** on:



- **Tuesday 17th March** – all classes,
- **Thursday 19th March** – all classes except Badger and Kestrel Classes,
- **Monday 23rd March** - for Badger and Kestrel Classes only.



The **online booking system** for parents/carers to book a timeslot to meet with their child's teacher will open on Scopay.com at **6pm on Tuesday 3rd March 2026**, and then close at 12pm the day before each of the dates.

Please take this opportunity to book a meeting with your child's teacher to discuss their progress this year.

Make the Rules Day!

Just before half term, we had the excitement of the 'Make The Rules Day' which made **over £680** for the PTFA (they have just agreed to a gift of £2000 to provide new



reading books across the school) – thank you all for supporting this fun day and the PTFA for such great and imaginative fund-raising organisation.



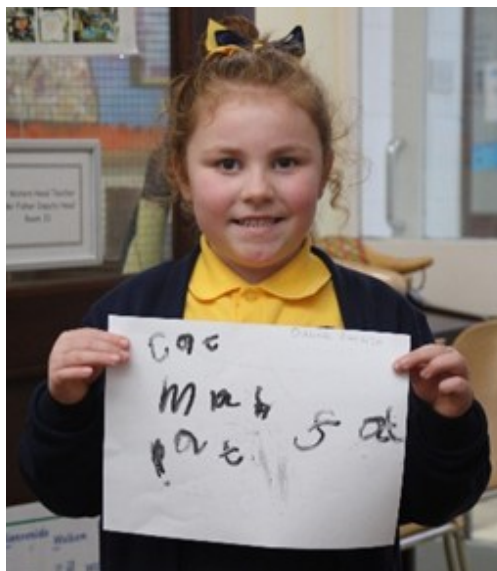
It was also Beech's Class assembly where they showcased an amazing amount of work, and others enjoyed PE in strange outfits and had great fun at playtime.



GREAT WORK!



This week, Olivia has done some amazing writing (and been helping to save lives with the Bleed Boxes which are now being provided for every Fire Station in the county – with lots of help from her fundraising!)



Year 2 have been doing Performance Poetry, FS have been busy as always, AND Happy Chinese New Year!





AstraZeneca Visit



Thanks to another school's cancellation, and a past Bishops' parent, Chestnut Class were able to visit The Discovery Centre at AstraZeneca in Cambridge on Thursday. After successfully navigating their way through security, the children enjoyed a tour of the working centre to understand the six stages that take place in the creation of a new medicine, while trying to find a cure for the rare illness 'Unicorniosis'.

They then moved in to the STEM Inspiration Lab to get hands on and carry out their clinical trials to see if their new medicine would be an effective treatment, what side effects patients may endure, and finally whether their medicine would be endorsed by

the government and sent out to hospitals.

~ Mr Evans



Lunch Menu for Week Beginning Monday 2nd March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Meat Free Monday</u>	Sausage & Tomato Pasta	Roast Gammon & Yorkshire Pudding	Jacket Potato With Cheese, Tuna, Beans	Breaded Cod Fish Fingers Served with Chunky Chips & Peas
Freshly made Pizza with a variety of Toppings	<u>OR</u> Veggie Sausage & Tomato Pasta	<u>OR</u> Roasted Quorn Yorkshire pudding	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	<u>OR</u> Curried Vegetable Samosa with Mango Chutney Served with Rice & Peas
Served with Mixed Salad	Served with Sweetcorn	Served with Roast Potatoes, Cauliflower & Broccoli		Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt
Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Frozen Yoghurt	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 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 (Dress up as an adjective) / PTFA Wonka Bar Day

Friday 6th March:

Owls Class Assembly in the Hall, doors close 9am for 9.10am start;
Year 4 Cake Sale for KS2 in school at breaktime in aid of World Horse Welfare



Tuesday 10th March:

Beech Class trip to Stansted Airport Aerozone, 9am to 3.30pm;

Church for Grp1 led by Hedgehogs, 9.10am;

FS & KS1 Cross Country at CSAC, 9.30 to 10.30am (transport provided);

KS2 Cross Country at CSAC, 12 to 1.30pm (transport provided)



Wednesday 11th March: Photographer in School for Class Photos



Thursday 12th March:

Year 6 trip to The Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge, 8.30am to 3.45pm;

Birch Class trip to Stansted Airport Aerozone, 9am to 3.30pm;

Cross Country at Hylands Park, 11.15am to 3.15pm (transport provided)



Friday 13th March:

Robins Class Assembly in the Hall, doors close 9am for 9.10am start;

Drum Concert to Parents in the Courtyard, 2pm



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.