

# The Bishops' School News



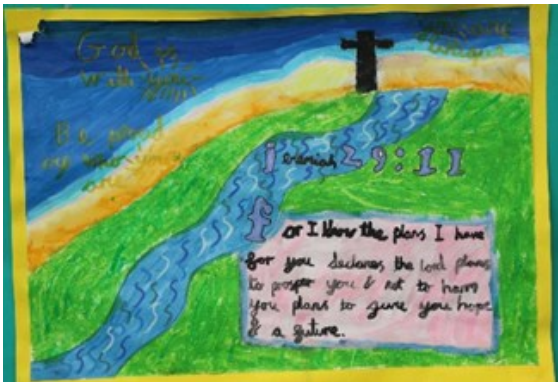
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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

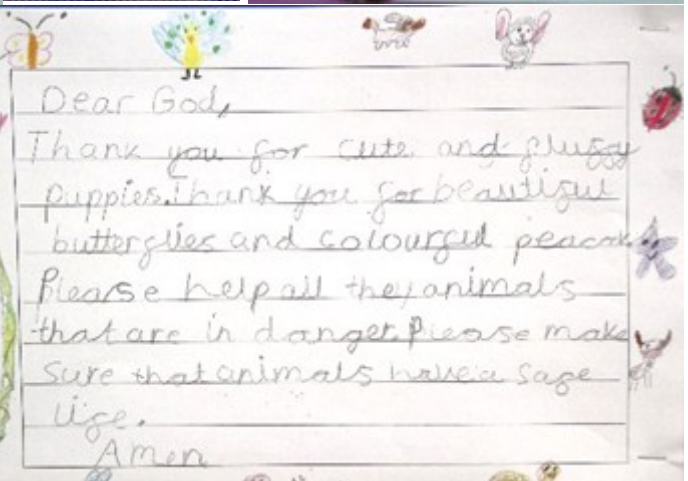
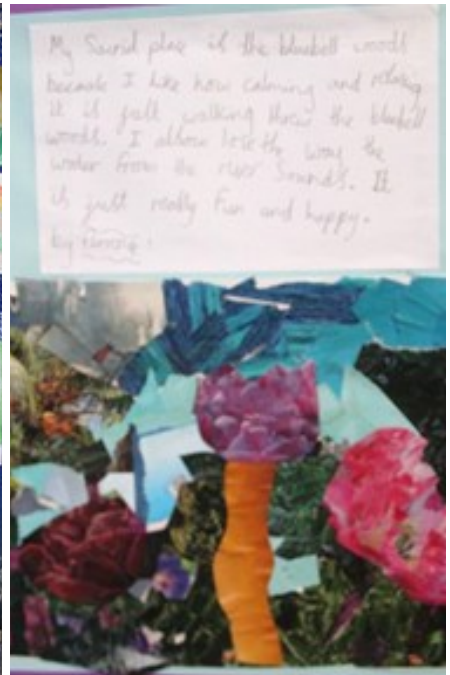
## Exploring Spirited Arts

Across the school, just before half term, children were expressing how and where they felt close to God, or sensed something special and perhaps spiritual. Some painted and drew their favourite places, some went outside and experienced nature at first hand, and others drew inspiration from their favourite Bible verses or their family and community. Some wrote prayers, too.

Much of the work is now on display in the hall, and here is a selection. Your children have amazing spiritual depth, and always fresh eyes to see the world.



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







In the same vein, Year 2 have been expressing how they see 'reconciliation' – essentially forgiveness and the restoration of friendship:



# Saying Goodbye

I know that the SEN Community of the school, staff and parents and children will be sad to learn that **Mrs Sheldon** will be leaving Bishops' at the end of this academic year. She has been appointed to lead an Inclusion Unit for Moulsham Secondary School which is a wonderful opportunity and achievement.

## Cross-Country Events

On Tuesday this week, FS, KS1 and KS2 children took part in Cross-Country events and, as always, they did the school proud with their enthusiasm and fantastic running!

KS1 started the day with some super results. Well done in particular to:

**Roxanne 1<sup>st</sup>** - FS girls

**Harry 1<sup>st</sup>** and **Finn 2<sup>nd</sup>** - FS boys

**Jos** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Year 1 boys

**Oakley** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Year 2 boys



After the joy and success of FS & KS1 on Tuesday morning, it was the turn of KS2 in the afternoon. Forty pupils went across to Melbourne Stadium competing over 1000m - 1200m and against nearly 700 children from all over the city.

Congratulations to **Archie** (Year 6 Gold), **Toby** (Year 6 Silver), **Year 6 Boys** (1<sup>st</sup> Team), **Chisom** (Year 4 Silver), and **Oliver** (Year 3 Gold) for all securing a place at the county final at the end of the month and to all those who competed in the intermittent sunshine.



# A LOT OF CHEER IN KS2 P.E!

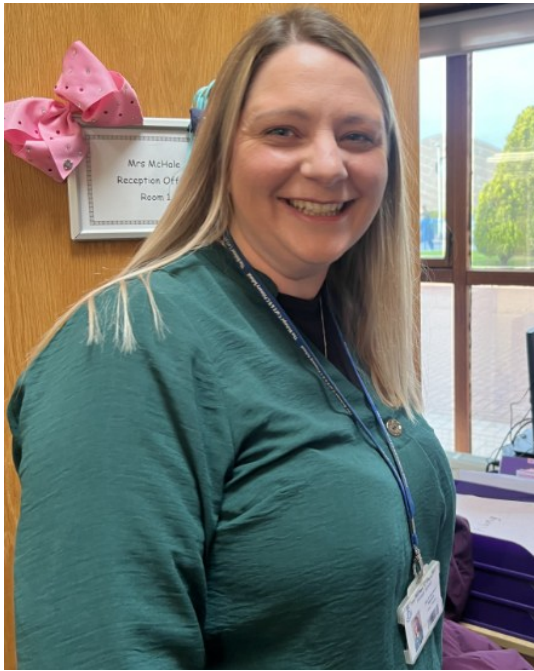
PE for KS2 continues to be all about learning cheerleading skills which is full of teamwork, creativity in making up routines, and physical skill and discipline. I was really impressed with Hawthorn Class when I popped in to see how they were getting on:



# Beech Class Visit Stansted

Beech Class had a brilliant time at the Aerozone at Stansted airport. It was a great trip! We heard about the history of the airport, meet a sniffer dog, Potter, who demonstrated his work in front of us, heard from an Airport Noise Officer and took part in lots of fun Science and Geography activities. We all loved the flight simulator and dressing up in different uniforms. The highlight of the day was going up to the viewing platform and seeing planes take off and land. We were lucky enough to have a pilot wave at us as they taxied. Photos of Birch Class next week!





# CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mrs Hayward-Windsor who has recently been awarded a **Level 7 Diploma in Assessing and Teaching Learners with Dyslexia, Specific Learning Difficulties and Barriers to Literacy.**

A fantastic achievement after months of hard work and dedication.

## A VERY WELL DONE TO...

Congratulations to Florence, Henrietta, Keira, Naomi-Joy and Tishe for organising a very successful cake sale last week in aid of World Horse Welfare.

They raised a fantastic **£172.49** and, with the help of Florence's father, this was rounded up to **£200** in total! Thank you to all who helped support this event.



### Thank you for donating to World Horse Welfare



Dear Will,

Thank you so much for making your donation of £200.00 today - your gift will make such a difference.

Your support promises to be life-saving and life-changing for horses in the UK, Europe and internationally, where we work with communities to develop horse care knowledge, skills, and services.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Roly Owers, Chief Executive

Bella and Connor have also been busy achieving great things! Well done!



# Mother's & Special People Services

Please be reminded that all mums, grandmums and special caring people are welcome to join us for our celebration service next **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March.**

**The services will start for Group 1 at 9.10am and for Group 2 at 10.10am.**

**Group 1:** Hedgehogs, 1YG Robins, 2R Owls, 3TH Aspen, 4S Beech, 5E Chestnut,  
6A Hawthorn

**Group 2:** Badgers, 1CS Wrens, 2ML Kestrels, 3M Alder, 4B Birch, 5B Cedar,  
6FG Hornbeam



Please join us if you can.



## Lunch Menu for Week Beginning Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<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



## **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March:**

Mothers' & Special People Services, 9.10am for Grp1 / 10.10am for Grp2;  
Rocksteady Concert (Tuesday Groups) to Parents in the hall, 1.45pm;  
Parents' Consultation Meetings in school, 3.30 to 6.30pm

## **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March:**

FS Ht, Wt & Vision & Yr6 Ht & Wt measurements in school;  
Rocksteady Concert (Wednesday Groups) to Parents in the hall, 10am;  
Quick Sticks Hockey Tournament at Chelmer Park, 12 to 3.30pm;  
Yr6 SATs Parents' Meeting in the hall, 2pm

## **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March:**

Parents' Consultation Meetings in school, 3.30 to 6.30pm (not Badger & Kestrel Classes)

## **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March:**

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

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## **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March:**

KS1 Tag Rugby Competition (sel chn) at Writtle Coll Sports Grnd, 10am to 12pm;  
Badger & Kestrel Class Parents' Consultation Meetings in school, 3.30 to 6.30pm

## **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March:**

Padel Competition (sel chn) at Beaulieu Padel, Falcon Bowls Club, 1 to 3pm

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March:** Football Matches (sel chn) v Chipping Hill on the parish field,  
Boys' 3.40 to 4.25pm, Girls' 4.25 to 5.10pm

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March:** Year 3 Victorian School Day in school

## **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March:**

PTFA Non-uniform Day, Easter/Spring Colours; Last day of term

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**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April:** Spring Break

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**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April:** Back to school for the Summer Term



Please advise the office....thank you.



**On the day Absences/Aptmts/Lates:** By email to [absence@bishops.essex.sch.uk](mailto:absence@bishops.essex.sch.uk) by 9am

**Advance Absences/Aptmts:** By email in advance to [absence@bishops.essex.sch.uk](mailto: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](http://bishops.essex.sch.uk), Parents and Notify Us

**All other general enquiries:** Email: [admin@bishops.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bishops.essex.sch.uk) / Tel: 01245 460107

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