

# The Bishops' School News



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

## Mothers' & Special People Services

It was such a pleasure to welcome so many to the Mothers' and Special People Services this week – thank you to all who were able to come, and for those who couldn't we hope you received a daffodil at the end of the day, with much love and appreciation from your children.



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



I love you  
right up to  
the moon--  
and back.



Love is something  
if you give it  
away, you end up  
having more."  
- Malvina Reynolds



You are  
the best  
gift I've  
ever  
received.



# Year 6 Fitzwilliam Museum

Both year 6 classes attended the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge last week. They had lots of fun learning about the Greeks and the Egyptians - the guided talk was so informative! The children loved looking at all the different painting's and having a go at sketching the likes of Monet and Picasso. A fun day was had by all.



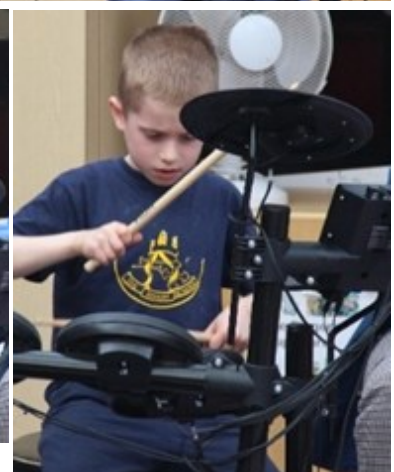
# RockSteady Performances

We have been rocked by RockSteady Concerts this week, and amazed at the progress the groups have made!



# DRUMROLL PLEASE...

Continuing the musical theme, we have also been treated to a drumming concert – here's just a few of the brave performers:



Thank you to our drum tutor Harley for teaching your children so well and organising this brilliant demonstration of all they've been learning.

## School Uniform Reminders

Trainers for every day, PE as well as non-PE days, should be plain black without obvious logos.

Shorts should be mid-thigh length or longer – there have been some which are very short creeping in which are not appropriate for school.

Thank you.

# WONDERFUL WORK

Here are Robins Class who performed perfectly in their assembly last Friday!



And some proud children showing their work this week:



# Year 1 Dotty Day

On Wednesday, Year 1 enjoyed a very dotty day! We have been learning about the work of the artist Yayoi Kusama and celebrated this with a day full of dotty art work. The children dressed in dotty clothes and they particularly enjoyed covering the playground in dots, inspired by Yayoi's Obliteration Room!



# SATS Information Afternoon

Thank you to all who came to the Year 6 SATS information afternoon on Wednesday.  
We hope you found this very useful.



## Holy Week Prep

Next week, we are celebrating the school's Holy Week – it's a really special week as we remember the final week of Jesus's life and His resurrection.

Classes are beginning to prepare for their different assemblies, and here are two beautiful Pascal Candle pictures - the Pascal Candle is new every year in churches across the world to symbolise the life and light of Christ.





## Advice about the Meningitis Outbreak in Kent

The outbreak of meningitis in Kent has been heavily covered in the news and may be causing anxiety in Essex. **The public health team at Essex County Council have said that there is no increased risk to anyone in Essex unless they have a direct link to a case of meningitis in the Kent outbreak and been contacted by the UK Health Security Agency.**

Simply being a contact of a person with a direct link does not increase the risk. If you would like to know more about the outbreak and how it is managed there is an update on the [UK Health Securities webpage](#). If you would like to know more about meningitis and how to spot it the [NHS webpages](#) give good advice.

## Birthday Celebrations

Finally, there have been lots of birthdays at Bishops' this week, and I have been touched by all the good wishes from so many of you for my 'significant' day. It was great to celebrate the day with Max, one of our

youngest pupils!

Thank you all for your kindness to old and young alike!



Plus cake sale  
& drinks stall

THE BISHOPS SCHOOL PTFA

# EASTER TRAIL

SATURDAY 28TH MARCH  
10AM TO 1PM

£4 PER ENTRANT

USE YOUR MAP READING AND  
CODE BREAKING SKILLS TO  
UNLOCK YOUR EASTER PRIZE

BRING A PENCIL  
ADULT SUPERVISION REQUIRED

Starts at The Bishops School  
Approx 1 mile route on local  
footpaths



Book tickets in advance via Scopay  
Limited on the day entries  
Community event - all welcome  
Invite your family, friends, neighbours

## Lunch Menu for Week Beginning Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BBQ Chicken	Sausage & Tomato Pasta	Roast Gammon & Yorkshire Pudding	Jacket Potato With Cheese, Tuna, Beans	Breaded Cod Fish Fingers Served with Chunky Chips & Peas
Served with Rice and Sweetcorn	<u>OR</u>	<u>OR</u>		Served with Chunky Chips & Peas
<u>OR</u>	Veggie Sausage & Tomato Pasta	Roasted Quorn Yorkshire pudding	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	<u>OR</u>
Quorn Fillet	Served with Sweetcorn	Served with Roast Potatoes, Cauliflower & Broccoli		Veggie Fingers
Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Frozen Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Selection & 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 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, 3.30pm to 6.30pm

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

NO Church Service today;  
Padel Competition (sel chn) at Beaulieu Padel, Falcon Bowls Club, 1pm to 3pm

## **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March:**

Cross Country Finals (sel chn) at Garons Southend, details tbc;  
Football Matches (sel chn) v Chipping Hill on the parish field,  
Boys' 3.40pm to 4.25pm, Girls' 4.25pm to 5.10pm

## **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March:**

Year 3 Victorian School Day in school

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

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

## **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April:**

Church for Grp2 led by Hornbeam Class

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**Sports Day:** Friday 3rd July (KS2am / FS & KS1pm) (Reserve Tues 7th July)



Please advise the office....thank you.



### **Illness & medical absences & aptmts / lates:**

By email to [absence@bishops.essex.sch.uk](mailto:absence@bishops.essex.sch.uk) in advance *or* by 9am

**Leave of absences:** By LOA pink form in advance, or email 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.**