

The Bishops' School News



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

World Book Day 2026

We love this day! Your children looked amazing in all their descriptive or character costumes, and we enjoyed special assemblies and celebrating all things written – and the gift of reading. Finding time to read with your children can be such a challenge and, as always, we encourage you to prioritise this. We just know from lots of research that it helps in the whole of your child's life, present and future, if they read a lot when they are young.



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





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Yr 4 Retreat Day

Last week, Year 4 took part in a Retreat Day led by New Hall School. They walked there from Bishops' and were greeted by the team in their chapel. They took part in a Liturgy and the children received a lesson on the extraordinary history of Newhall, built as it was by King Henry VIII, lived in by Mary Tudor and bought by Oliver Cromwell for 5 Shillings!

They are currently excavating tunnels which might lead all the way to Boreham House, which is very exciting! We are grateful to Regan Shreiber, the Lead of the Chaplaincy, for inviting us, and all the chaplaincy team for their welcome and providing such a varied day for us. It was a joy to see Willow and Margaret passing by, ex-pupils of Bishops' who are now enjoying all that Newhall has to offer. Willow had just come 4th in a National Running Competition so we are excited for her future!

We also all took part in a game of Stoolball – even the teachers took part—and enjoyed a lovely prayer and art session as well as having a chance to visit their onsite farm.

Both classes had a great day and we all had a chance to be thoughtful and reflect through spirituality and fun.





Not Just a Book Nook

The Book Nook is being enjoyed as a cosy space for other relaxing activities as well as reading!

Badger Class Church Service

It was Badger Class who led a wonderful Church Service this week and their focus was all about trusting God. Well done to all the children!

Hedgehog Class will be leading next Tuesday 10th.



A warm welcome to...



We have a new teacher for Badger Class next term!

Mrs Beckett has been appointed and has been visiting her new class this week, which she will continue to do a few times each week until the end of term. She comes with lots of experience in FS and Early Years, and will be a great asset to the FS team.

Yr 2 at Boydell's Farm

On Tuesday, the Year 2 children had an amazing day at Boydell's Farm. They had so many experiences including milking a cow, bottle feeding a lamb, holding a chick and feeding a donkey. The children loved every second and we were impressed with their knowledge and behaviour. ~ Mrs Mann & Mrs Rice



YR 3 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

On Monday, a squad of seven Year 3 boys and girls took part in a football tournament with 15 different schools at Chelmer Valley High School. They played 5-a-side games and won 3, drew 2 and lost 2 – great effort by all! The children worked so hard throughout the tournament and came 6th in competition. Well done Bishops'!

~ Mrs Turner & Mrs Muir



Calling all story-tellers and readers...

If you love story-telling or reading stories to young children, the FS team are looking for volunteers to come in as special visitors to do this with our children.

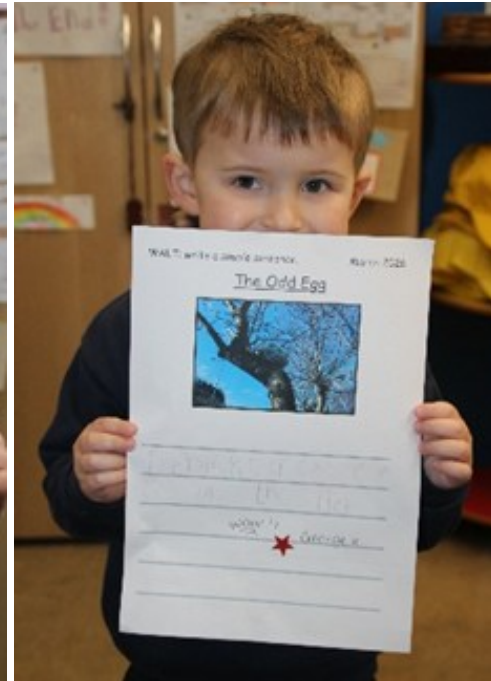
Please email in to Miss Foale (c.foale@bishops.essex.sch.uk) and she will liaise with the FS teachers.

Thank you!



Lots to smile about!...

I have enjoyed some other visitors this week (well done, Quinn and George), along with visiting children in their play (FS) and their cheerleading classes (Year 4):



Prayer Reflection



If you would like, please reflect on and pray this prayer, written by our Bishop of Chelmsford whose brother was murdered by the Iranian regime before Bishop Gul's family fled to the UK. Our service on Tuesday, led wonderfully by Badgers for the first time (see previous page - well done Badgers!) had the theme of trusting God for all things and not worrying, from Jesus's words in the Sermon on the Mount:

'Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?..... But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these

things will be given to you as well. Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.'

A PRAYER FOR IRAN

BY THE RT REVD DR GULI FRANCIS-DEHQANI,
BISHOP OF CHELMSFORD

Ever loving God,
who hears us in our anguish and distress,
and longs for us to be free.
We pray for the people of Iran
and the wider Middle East,
at this time of fear and uncertainty.
Be near to those who are anxious;
bring comfort to all who are suffering.
Guide those with the power to make decisions,
and lead them in the ways of wisdom,
compassion and moderation:
that people of good will would seek
harmony and reconciliation.
Join us with our Christian brothers
and sisters in all places,
in praying for peace with justice,
through him who is the prince of peace,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Some Ideas for Lent

We hope that your Lent is going well. It's a great time to recommit to:

- * The education of your children by not taking them on holiday during termtime
- * Reading to your young ones every night as part of their bedtime routine
- * Parking and dropping off your children safely, calmly, away from the school carpark entrance, away from double yellows etc....
- * And, importantly, finding time and space to wonder at the beauty of Spring, the love of your children, and, if you are someone who prays, to set a little time aside for this, to be loved and nurtured by God.

Mother's & Special People Services

All mums, grandmums and special caring people are welcome to join us for our celebration service next **Tuesday 17th March.**

The services will start for **Group 1 at 9.10am** and for **Group 2 at 10.10am.** If the service happens again next year we'll try to reverse the groups in the interests of love and fairness!

Please join us if you can.

A VERY WELL DONE TO...



Last weekend, Archie and Jenson took part in their first regional Judo competition representing Chelmsford Judo club. Jenson only started Judo at Christmas so was super happy to have had his first chance of competing. Archie walked away with a silver in his weight category. Congratulations, also, to Archie, Mr Evans and Miss Wilson and her daughter for their amazing run on Sunday at the Chelmsford Marathon Events.



Mollie recently achieved Distinction in both her ballet and tap exams. Brilliant work Mollie.

Lunch Menu for Week Beginning Monday 9th March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><u>Meat Free Monday</u></p> <p>Macaroni Cheese</p> <p>Served with Salad</p> <p>Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt</p>	<p>Pork Apple Burger & New Potatoes</p> <p><u>OR</u></p> <p>Veggie Burger & New Potatoes</p> <p>Served with Cucumber & Carrot</p> <p>Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt</p>	<p>Roast Chicken with Yorkshire Pudding</p> <p><u>OR</u></p> <p>Quorn Dippers</p> <p>Served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Savoy Cabbage</p> <p>Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt</p>	<p>Pasta Bolognese Served with Garlic Bread & Salad</p> <p><u>OR</u></p> <p>Vegetable Bolognese</p> <p>Frozen Smoothies</p>	<p>Cod Fish Fingers</p> <p><u>OR</u></p> <p>Veggie Fingers</p> <p>Served with Chips & Peas</p> <p>Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt</p>

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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 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 (children to wear full school uniform)

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;

Chestnut Class Bits 'N' Bobs Sale in aid of Cleft Palate, in school, FS & KS1 first;

Drum Concert to Parents in the Courtyard, 2pm



Tuesday 17th 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 18th 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 19th March:

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

Friday 20th March:

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



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.