

The Bishops' School News



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

YEAR 6 SATS WEEK

We are incredibly proud of all the Year 6s who have worked so hard to prepare for the SATS which took place this week.

Of course, each day starts with the famous SATS breakfast, and it has to be said that the quality of the scrambled eggs this year, under the watchful eye of Mrs Ivanova, has been as good as ever! Thank you to the Year 6 team who have been there each morning, ready with a smile and a welcome – and good food and drink!



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



THE BISHOPS' ART EXHIBITION

We are thrilled to announce **The Bishop's School's very first Art Exhibition**, taking place on **Monday 8th July**, 3.30 to 5.30pm in **St Augustine of Canterbury Church Hall**, just across the road from the school. This is the same day as Exhibition Evening so you can visit one exhibition before or after the other.

This exciting milestone will showcase a beautifully framed piece of artwork from every child, celebrating the creativity, imagination, and hard work of our pupils. Each framed masterpiece will be available to purchase for **£12**, with all proceeds helping to fund school projects and resources that benefit our children.

We warmly invite all families to join us for this historic and colourful event – a wonderful opportunity to support the school and treasure your child's artistic achievement.

SATS RESPITE

Year 6 were treated to some activities such as clay work, cookery, sewing and sports. After working so hard on their SATS they deserved a well earned rest!



Police Museum Visit

Here is a collage of photos from Cedar Class' visit to the Essex Police Museum. We took part in a crime scene investigation workshop, learning about how evidence can be left at the scene of a crime and what it can tell us. We also got to take our finger prints, dress up in police uniforms (they were heavy!) and look at how policing has changed over time.



CEDAR CLASS AT ESSEX POLICE MUSEUM

GREAT WORK!

Here is Mason from Robins Class with an incredible painting he created yesterday!

Well done Mason -
keep up the super work!



FS Bedtime Stories

Bedtime Stories for Foundation Stage was a surprisingly calm event, given that over 40 of our youngest were all in their pyjamas with a cuddly toy! It was lovely to see so many there – thank you if you were able to come, and thank you to the staff, too, for all the preparation and organisation. I was struck by how many children like to dunk their biscuits into their hot chocolate!



IN OTHER NEWS...

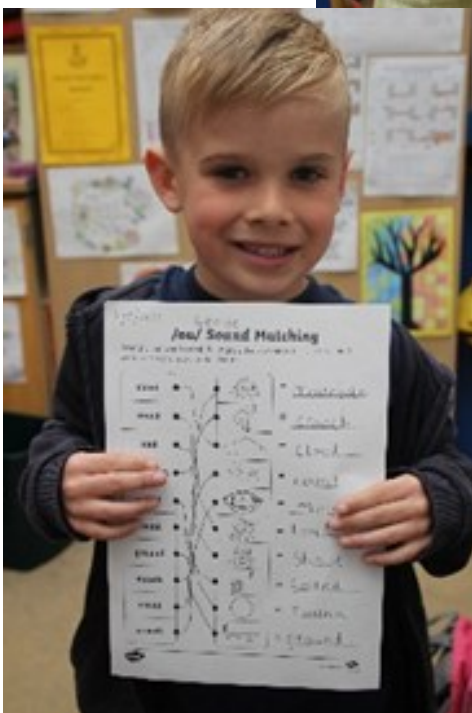


As I write, it is Ascension Day – the day we remember Jesus returning to his Father and we start to wait for Pentecost (ten days later).

Here's Year 1 with Ascension pictures on sticks, followed by Year 2s with Pentecost pictures all about the fruits of the spirit.



Here are some other achievements and events of the past week:



Here's Frank practising his 'f' sound with bubbles. What better way?!



I've also seen some great handwriting and a lovely happy school picture from Amelie.



Chick, Chick, Chick, Chick Chicken!



Next up are the new chicks, being well looked after by Mrs Higgs (thank you!), until they are ready to face the currently unsettled weather outside.



School Celebration Eucharist and Picnic



Friday 22nd May at 11am.

If you possibly can, come to the service as well as the picnic – it is all very special.

Please make sure your child has a packed lunch on this day for the picnic. The kitchen will be providing vanilla ice creams for all the children and dairy free strawberry smoothies for those with a dairy allergy. You may wish to also bring a chair if you have one, or a blanket. The forecast is happily good!

Afterwards, you will be able to take your children home which is a great way to start the half-term!

Dates for your diaries

- ◆ **Wednesday 3rd June:** FS Trip to Sealife Adventure Southend, 9am to 3.15pm
- ◆ **Saturday 13th June:** School Food Forest Open Afternoon, 2pm to 4.30pm
 - ◆ **Tuesday 16th June:** Year 3 Cathedral Singing, 10.30am to 2.30pm
 - ◆ **Wednesday 17th June:** PTFA Non-Uniform Day 'Colours of the World'
 - ◆ **Thursday 18th June:** Piano Concert, 2pm
 - ◆ **Friday 19th June:** Birch Class Assembly in the hall, doors close 9am
PTFA Father's Day Pen Sale at lunchtime
M&M School Pantomime Oliver Twist 1.45pm
- ◆ **Wednesday 24th June:** Year 2 Trip to Prom Park Maldon, 9.15am to 2.45pm
- ◆ **Friday 26th June:** Bishops' School Concert, Christ Church, **6.30pm (note time change)**
 - ◆ **Wednesday 1st July:** Rocksteady Concert in the hall, 10am
Year 2 Production to Parents, 1.30pm
 - ◆ **Thursday 2nd July:** SJP Taster Day for Year 5s, 9.30am to 3pm
Year 2 Production to Parents, 9.15am
 - ◆ **Tuesday 7th July:** Choir Concert to Year 6 Parents, 1.45pm
 - ◆ **Wednesday 8th July:** Art Exhibition/Sale in the Church (3.30pm to 5.30pm)
Book Sale in the Courtyard, 3.30 to 5pm (tbc)
 - ◆ **Tuesday 14th July:** Rocksteady Concert, 1.45 to 2.45pm
Year 6 Production to Parents, 7pm
 - ◆ **Wednesday 15th July:** Move Up Morning

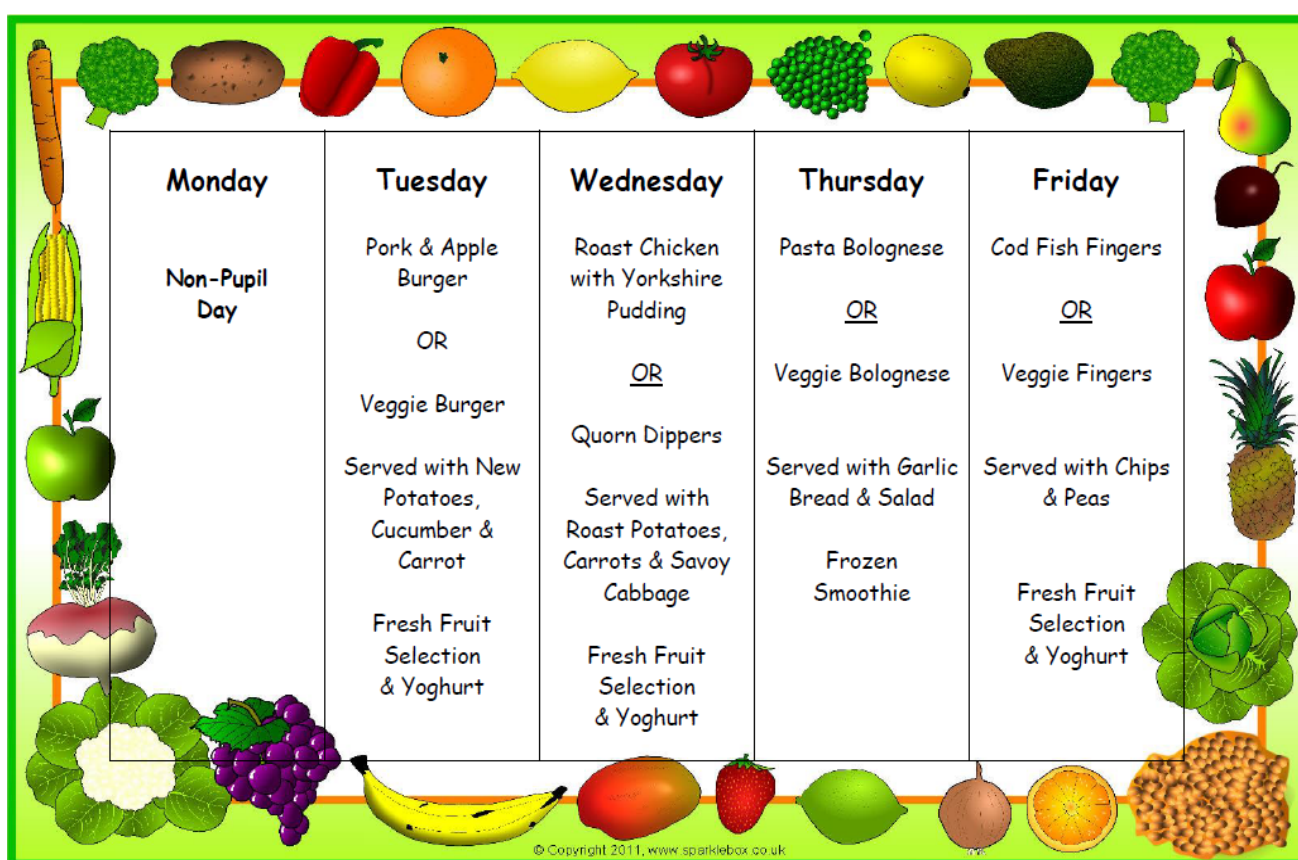


School Meal Ordering

For After Half Term

Please see below a menu below for the first week back **after Half-Term**
(week commencing Monday 1st June).

All lunch orders for that week **MUST** be submitted on Scopay
no later than 1pm on Friday 22nd May.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Non-Pupil Day	Pork & Apple Burger OR Veggie Burger	Roast Chicken with Yorkshire Pudding <u>OR</u> Quorn Dippers	Pasta Bolognese <u>OR</u> Veggie Bolognese	Cod Fish Fingers <u>OR</u> Veggie Fingers
	Served with New Potatoes, Cucumber & Carrot	Served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Savoy Cabbage	Served with Garlic Bread & Salad	Served with Chips & Peas
	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Frozen Smoothie	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt

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Please note that orders for week commencing Monday 8th June must be submitted by Friday 29th May (in Half-Term).

All menus can be found on the school website and are visible on the day that you are ordering for on Scopay.

A VERY WELL DONE TO...

Annalise received her First Holy
Communion on Sunday at
St. Augustine Church.
Wonderful news Annalise.



Poppy became a member of the Gang
Show in October 2025 and has just spent a
week on Stage at Chelmsford Theatre with
around 80 other local Cubs, Scouts,
Explorers, Guides and Rangers. It was a
fantastic week of shows where the Gang
members were able to show off their
performance skills in front of 500 audience
members each evening, culminating in a
matinee and evening performance on
Saturday. Congratulations Poppy.

Ophelia took part in the
StarzUK dance competition as
part of her dance school and
came third in her two junior
group dances.

Excellent work Ophelia.



Olivia-Rose completed a Nuclear Race on Sunday!

Well done Olivia-Rose.



Jasmine competed at a dance competition on Saturday and achieved the

following array of awards :

- *Ballet solo 2nd place
- *Lyrical solo 3rd place
- *Lyrical group dance 2nd place
- *Jazz group dance 1st place
- *Song and dance Duet 1st place
- *Judges special mention award

Fantastic achievement Jasmine.



PTFA NEWSLETTER



PTFA EVENTS

Things may have been quiet from us recently, but behind the scenes we have been eagerly planning our summer events for the next half-term.

A few dates for the diary:

Saturday 13th June -
Food Forest Celebration

Weds 17th June - Colours
of the World Non
Uniform Day.

Fri 19th June - Junior PTFA
Father's Day/Father
Figures pen sale in
school at breaktime.

Friday 3rd July - Sports
Day

Thursday 9th July -
Inflatable Fun Day.

We are also hoping to
organize the return of
Frozen Friday's after half-
term. Watch this space!

Bishops' PTFA present...

COLOURS OF THE WORLD NON UNIFORM DAY

WEDNESDAY 17TH JUNE

THE BISHOPS PTFA INVITES YOU TO

INFLATABLE DAY!

Thurs 9th July

£6 PER CHILD. AVAILIBLE TO PAY THOUGH SCOPAY
PRINGFIELD PARISH FIELD. THEBISHOPSPTA@GMAIL.COM

Food Forest Celebration

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Saturday 13th June
@ Bishops' School
2:00pm - 4:30pm
Free Entry

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Join us in the Food Forest for an
open afternoon - including garden
tours, cake sale, herbal tea tasting,
and seed planting to take home!

Bishops' Junior PTFA present...

Fathers Day pen sale! Breaktime Friday 19th June

Father figures hap-*per* to be
INK-redible

Choose from a variety of
messages

All pens £2

PTFA Helpers needed

Thank you so much to the people who have already told us they can help at Sports Day, Inflatables Day, or even both. We will be in touch after half-term with further details.

We still need volunteers, especially for Inflatables Day as we need a minimum of 20 volunteers for each session. Please let us know via the Google Form link or thebishopspta@gmail.com if you can help.

If your employer offers paid employee volunteer days why not use this opportunity to help the PTFA. A report recently published found 140million paid volunteering hours go unused in the UK EVERY YEAR!

Please see the Community News page on our website for a discount code the PTFA have secured for parents to get £20 off a Barracudas Holiday Camp booking.

Every time it is used the PTFA get a £5 donation!



Lunch Menu for Week Beginning Monday 18th May

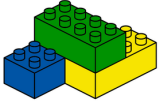
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Meat Free Monday</u>	Sausage & Tomato Pasta	Roast Gammon & Yorkshire Pudding	Jacket Potato With Cheese, Tuna, Beans	Picnic Day
Freshly made Pizza with a variety of Toppings	<u>OR</u> Veggie Sausage & Tomato Pasta	<u>OR</u> Roasted Quorn Yorkshire pudding	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Bring your own packed lunch
Served with Mixed Salad	Served with Sweetcorn	Served with Roast Potatoes, Cauliflower & Broccoli		Vanilla Ice Cream
Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt		(Dairy Free Strawberry Smoothies available for Dairy Allergies)

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**
- * **Free Family Learning Courses**
- * **Local church events**
- * **Holiday camps/activities**
- * **Music workshops/shows**
- * **Sports clubs and activities**
- * **Performing arts**
- * **Swimming Lessons**





Looking Ahead



Monday 18th May: Bikeability for Grp1;
KS2 Quad Athletics (sel chn) at New Hall School, 12.45 to 2.45pm;
Yr2 Dodgeball Competition (sel chn) on the school playground, 3.30 to 4.30pm

Tuesday 19th May: Bikeability for Grp2;
Church for Grp1 led by Chestnut Class, 9.10am

Wednesday 20th May: Yr5 Lego Workshop in School

Thursday 21st May: Bikeability for Grp3

Friday 22nd May:

Non-uniform day, Pentecostal/Fire Colours; Bikeability for Grp4;
St Augustine's Day Eucharist & Picnic, 11am to 1.15pm
*(Please no parking at the Parish Centre,
to ease congestion please walk where possible, thank you)*



Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May: Half term break
Monday 1st June: Non-pupil day

Tuesday 2nd June: Church for Grp2 led by Cedar Class, 9.10am

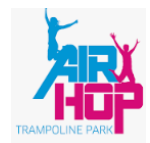
Wednesday 3rd June:

FS trip to Sealife Adventure, Southend, 9am to 3.15pm; Bikeability for Grp6

Thursday 4th June:

Year 6 trip to AirHop Chelmsford, 8.50am to 12.45pm

Friday 5th June: Alder Class Bits N Bobs Sale (details tbc)



Please advise the office....thank you.



Illness & medical absences & aptmts / lates:

By email to 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

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.