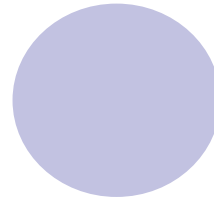
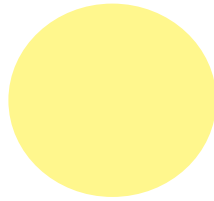


The Bishops' School News



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Notable Changes Ahead...

There are several new developments happening soon for you to be aware of:

Firstly – **School Dinners!**

Please make sure you read the relevant letters carefully as we will be asking you to order your child's meals over a week in advance so that we can then pre-order the right amount of food. Many other schools are already doing this – it will save food wastage, valuable time in class in the mornings, and make for a better and more stream-lined service. This was discussed and agreed at a Governor level. We are providing the information in advance of the changes taking place and any tweaks that we need to make can take place in the half term period.

Whether your child is having a main meal, vegetarian meal or bringing in a packed lunch, this will all need to be logged on Scopay. Menu options will be listed for the day you are ordering. **It will not be possible to make on the day changes***.

For you to be able to order a meal, there will need to be credit on the child's dinner account. Please note that this does not apply to children that are entitled to Free School Meals or Universal Infant Free School Meals (years R – 2).

This function is already enabled in Scopay and you should see a button to pre-order the meals but **please ensure that you DO NOT order any meals that will be served before half-term as this will not be recorded our end.**

** Any changes needed due to illness or short notice sporting events will be managed by the office staff to ensure that families are not charged. If a child does not have a meal pre-ordered then we will make contact home on the day. **

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

RSHE Education

We are also developing our **RSHE Education** – Relationship, Sex and Health Education – in line with recent government guidance.

Whilst this topic is currently taught in the second half of the summer term, going forward next year it will be interwoven throughout the year. It is taught in an entirely age-appropriate way, with an emphasis on faithful, loving relationships and care and respect for others as well as for oneself. If you would like information about what is taught, please follow these links:

[Our RSE Policy](#)

Please note that if you do not want your child to take part in these lessons, there is a **withdrawal** form at the back of the policy – just complete it and send it in to the Office.

www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-consultation-primary

You will need the following login credentials for our school:

Username: **BishopsRSE**

Password: **Hosanna**

We are always asked to consult with you, so above are the links to the materials we will be using from September, and also (once you have looked at this), an online questionnaire whose link is:

[The Bishops' Relationships, Sex and Health Education Parent/ Carer Consultation May 2026 – Fill in form](#)

Year 3

Some of your children wondered at the start of the year whether we would be mixing the classes up again this year, and the answer is - yes, we will!

Over the course of the rest of this term, we will be exploring the best groupings, looking at friendship groups, and giving the children an important experience of change which will help them navigate changes in the future.

If you are a Year 3 parent, please help your child to be full of optimism, and excitement, for this change – and understand that it is still some way off – and whatever happens, there will still be playtimes and lunchtimes and playdates etc to enjoy established friendships, and the opportunity to make new friends, too. We will let you know the new classes a couple of weeks before the end of the term.

School Budget

Regrettably, the coming year's budget is extremely tight, and so (from September) we shall be requesting financial support for some of the extras – in particular the provision of **Shush**, and the **ukulele** (Year 3) and **toot** (Year 4) instrumental lessons.

More details will follow, but we will only ask for this in the term that it happens, and we will not be asking those parents/carers who already donate to the school through the Stewardship portal. If you have not already committed to regularly donating in a tax-efficient way, please follow the link here – it's very easy to set up:

<https://www.stewardship.org.uk/partners/20461994>

3 Tees Cricket

On Tuesday, 24 Year 2 children went to New Hall for an afternoon of 3 Tees Cricket. After lots of practice at school, the children were so excited to play. Throughout the whole afternoon, each child showed amazing skill, determination and teamwork. It was a brilliant event and we were so proud of every team.

Our C team won three out of their five games and came third in their group. Our B team won two games, drew one and lost one and came second in their group. Our A team won all of their games and came first in their group.

They are off to the Chelmsford finals next week. Good luck!



KS1 Sports Awards

Last Friday afternoon, four Year 2 children attended the KS1 Sports Awards. We had a fantastic afternoon filled with a variety of fun activities.

The children took part in 3 Tees Cricket completed the daily mile and proudly collected a sports award for our school. What a wonderful and enjoyable experience it was for everyone involved!

~ Miss Rice



Parent Governor Vacancy

Please be reminded that we have a vacancy for one parent governor.

The governing body, with the headteacher, has overall responsibility for the running of the school. Governing bodies have three core strategic functions:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.
- Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils.
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

Whereas no particular qualifications are necessary and the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school curriculum and management and be prepared to play an active part in governing body's work.

Training is available for all governors and this board of governors has an expectation that those new to governance attend induction training as a minimum. The enclosed sheet summarises the circumstances under which someone cannot serve as a governor. Nominations must be from parents or carers with children at the school on the day that nominations close.

If you would like to stand for election, please arrange for the nomination form (attached to this week's newsletter email) to be completed and returned to the school not later than **Tuesday 5th May**. If you are unable to print a nomination form, a copy can be collected from the school office. You may also include a short personal statement to support your nomination, which should be no longer than 250 words.

Self- nominations will be accepted, but if you are nominating another parent, please seek their prior consent.

If there are more nominations than vacancies, the election will be by a secret ballot.

SOME JOYFUL THINGS AROUND SCHOOL...

Miss Parker is one of our LSAs who has a great talent for art, and she has been creating designs for the 'altar table' at the front of the hall to replace the one that is now quite old. Here are her first designs which I thought you'd like to see.

Staff and children who I have asked had very different preferences and so the final design will be a mix of their favourites, to be unveiled later in the term!



Mrs McLuckie has started to teach French to Years 3 and 4 and Spanish to Years 5 and 6 this week. Here she is teaching Year 5, who seemed to really enjoy their session. Gracias, Mrs McLuckie!





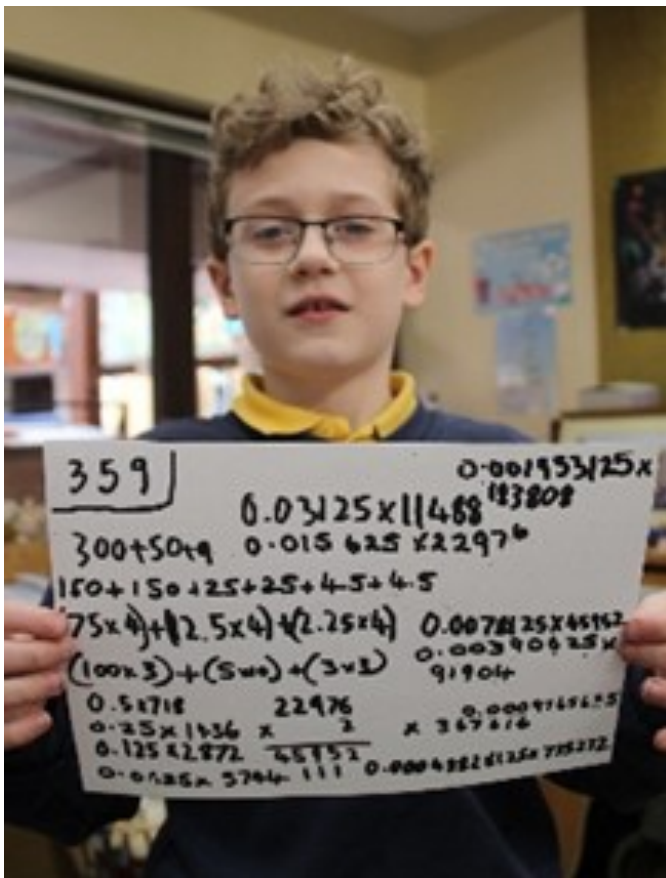
This is what a wedding for dinosaurs looks like!



Made by Edward and Hunter.



Below, is Alex with some extraordinary maths – every sum makes 359, feel free to check....., and some fabulous Year 4 girls who have helped our playground to sparkle by collecting litter – thank you!



Our Glorious Garden

I spent a sunny lunch hour welcoming any who wanted to come into the school garden and enjoy the scents of all the herbs and the beauty of the flowers. Thank you so much to Mrs Stonestreet and the Gardening Club (and lots of parent volunteers) for creating such a natural haven in our busy playground.



CCHS VISITORS

Here is a photo from the CCHS visit to Year 5 yesterday. Mrs Lewis and Mrs Maslin



came in to explain how the entrance test works and brought two Year 13 pupils to answer questions ranging from how much homework the girls get to the all important what is lunch like! Our CCHS visitors were really impressed with how engaged and enthusiastic Year 5 were during the session.



A VERY WELL DONE TO...

Ollie was presented with a shield for 'Most improved player of the year' for Chelmsford Rugby Club.

Fantastic job Ollie! Keep it up.



Lunch Menu for Week Beginning Monday 4th May

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bank Holiday	Pork & Apple Burger	Roast Chicken with Yorkshire Pudding	Pasta Bolognese	Pollock Fishwich in a Bun
	OR	OR	OR	OR
	Veggie Burger	Quorn Dippers	Veggie Bolognese	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	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt

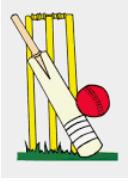
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Community News

The [Community News Page](#) of our website has lots of information about activities, events and support available locally including:

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





Looking Ahead



Monday 4th May: Bank Holiday, School Closed

Tuesday 5th May: Church for Grp1 led by Robins Class, 9.10am;

Wednesday 6th May: Yr4 Rapid Fire Cricket (sel chn) at Writtle CC, 12.30 to 3.30pm

Friday 8th May: National David Attenborough Day;
Chestnut Class Assembly in the hall, doors close 9am for 9.10am start;
Cedar Class trip to Essex Police Museum, 9.10am to 1.30pm;
Community Choir, 3.15 to 4.15pm



Monday 11th May: FS Bedtime Stories, 6 to 6.45pm

Tuesday 12th May: Church for Grp2 led by Cedar Class, 9.10am

Friday 15th May:

Wren Class Assembly in the hall, doors close 9am for 9.10am start;
Aspen Class Charity Sale, details tbc;
Community Choir, 3.15pm



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

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.