

The Bishops' School News



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Districts Success!

Bishops' **won** the District Sports large schools' competition for the third year in a row this week. Congratulations to our team!

It was very exciting to see them finish first in both girls' and boys' relays, and of course many other races where children came in the top three to help our points score.

Thank you, Mr Evans, for your great leadership of our athletes!



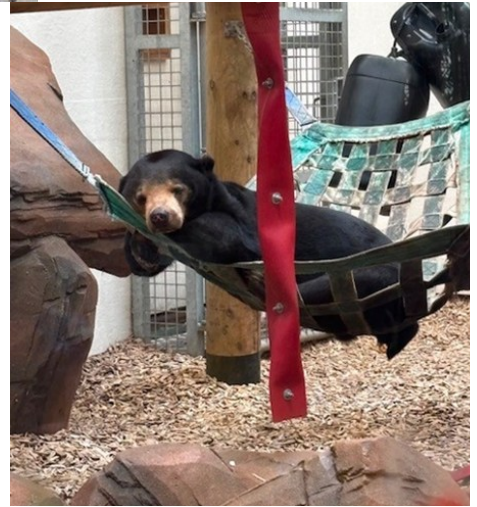
*Live Fully, Laugh Often, Learn Deeply,
Love as God Loves You and Let Your Light Shine*

YR 4 AT COLCHESTER ZOO

"Year 4 visited Colchester Zoo to look at animal habitats. We got to see lots of animals, had a talk about their habitats and found out about how animals adapt in their different habitats. We saw some very cute animals too. We had a good trip.

Thank you Colchester Zoo" ~ Millie: Beech class





Here are some more wonderful pictures from Art Week last week:



JR MUSIC FESTIVAL

The choir sounded amazing at the Junior Music Festival yesterday.

Thank you to all our parents/carers who came to support them and, of course, to Mr Barlow and Mrs Parker for all their nurturing. They had only the highest of praise for how well the children performed and behaved throughout the day.



COLOURS OF THE WORLD

We wish England success today! (I am writing this on Wednesday!) But we are very mindful of children supporting their own home countries, too!



Yr 3 at Chelmsford Cathedral

Our Year 3s had a great time at the cathedral on Tuesday, singing under the skilled hand of Emma Gibbins, the Director of Music, and finishing with a short service. The children, as ever, were a pleasure to take and did a great job of walking there and back.



Use of YouTube in School

There is a lot of discussion in the news at the moment about social media and banning young people from being able to use sites and platforms - and this includes YouTube. We absolutely support young people being prevented from accessing content which is harmful to their wellbeing, and our school has effective firewalls which prevent access to inappropriate content.

However, many of our online resources are only available through YouTube. For example, the whole of our new RE curriculum has educational RE content which is only available on YouTube. There are many excellent resources for our topics which the teachers use as well. I use YouTube's vast orchestral library for the beginnings of many assemblies so that children can enjoy live recordings and see the players in action. The staff will always check that material is suitable, appropriate and educational, and occasionally they will put something on which is simply fun (maybe as a reward or at the end of a tiring day). No child is able to access YouTube on their school laptops, only staff are able to access it on their own laptops.

If you have concerns about our use of internet resources and platforms, I hope that this might allay them - and as always, I would encourage you also to have really effective firewalls in place and to keep a careful check on what your own children are accessing online. Thank you.

Mrs Higgs' Sponsored Silence

Thank you to everyone who sponsored me for my 24 hour silence. In school I raised £127.40, bringing my total fundraising (as I write this on Thursday afternoon) to **£741.90.**

This is an incredible amount and that money will help **Speech and Language UK** to continue running their advice line where a worried family member can chat one-on-one with one of our Speech and Language Advisors, finally receiving the support they need.

It really was a challenge to not talk for 24 hours!

If you would still like to donate money to this great cause then please [CLICK HERE](#)

Thank you again for your support.

Mrs Higgs.

Speech and Language Lead

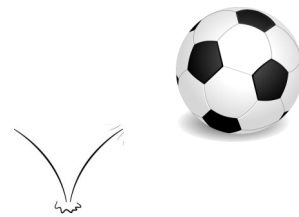
A VERY WELL DONE TO...



Stanley won the Feering Football Tournament
with his team Highend Astroids.

Here he is with the trophy.

A great achievement Stanley.



MUSIC LESSONS



Please be aware that our music teacher Caroline Hall has some availability
coming up for Guitar and Ukulele lessons.

If you are interested in tuition for your child then please email
admin@bishops.essex.sch.uk with your child's name, class, which instrument they
are interested in and permission for us to pass on your contact details to Caroline.

Thank you.

Please **DO NOT** misuse the disabled car parking bay in the church car park.

This is for disabled blue badge holders only.



Thank you.



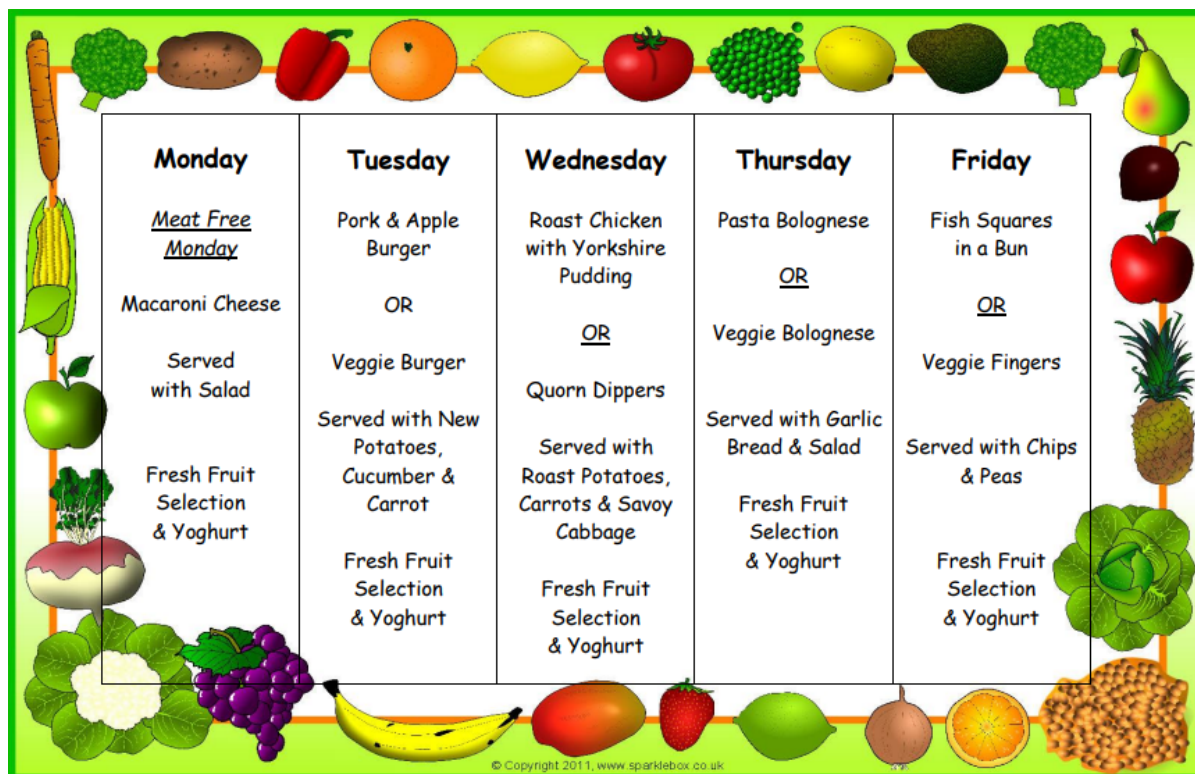
Piano Concert

Yesterday, we were treated to a wonderful selection of piano performances from Lisa Ramsey's students. They should all be proud and thank you to Lisa for all the teaching and encouragement you give them.



Please find below dinner menus for the following two weeks for your reference.
Please remember to pre-order meals by 1pm each Friday 9 days before meals are served and to input an 'S' code for 'Sandwiches' if your child is having a packed lunch.

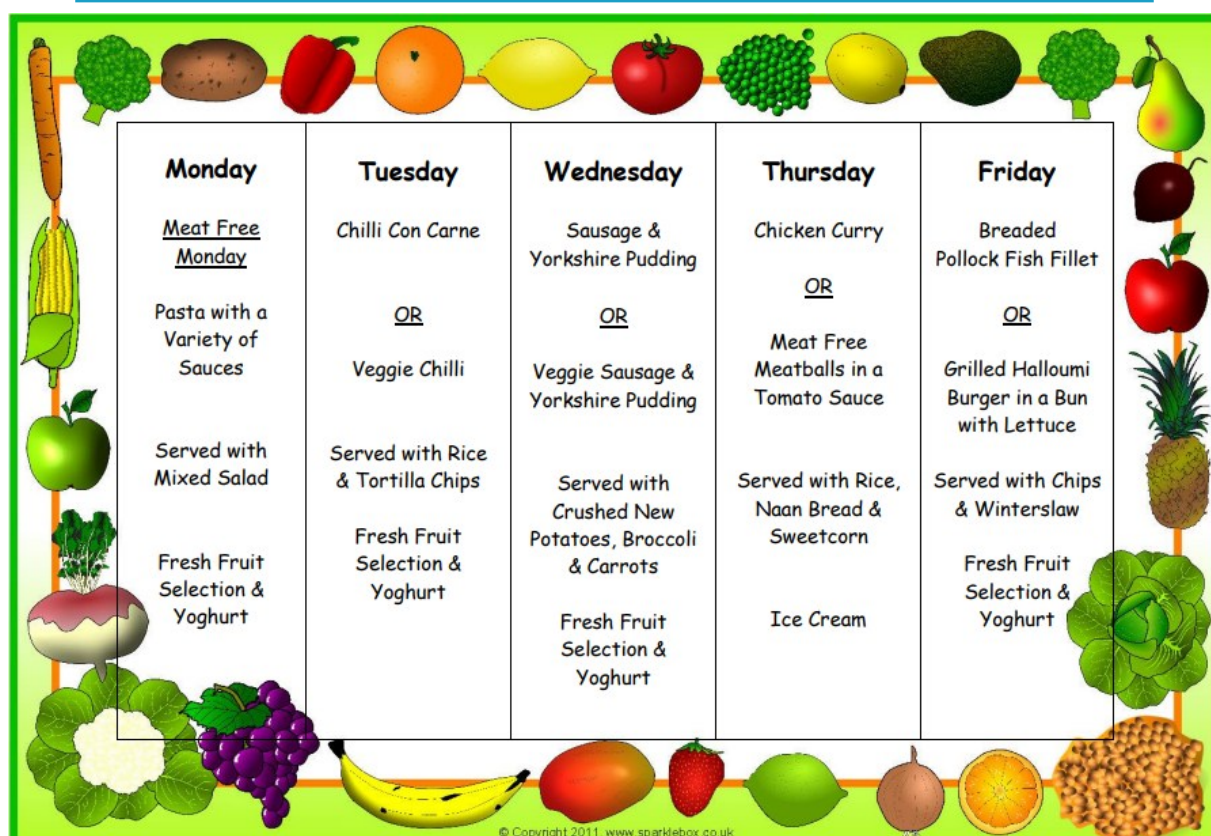
Lunch Menu for Week Beginning Monday 22nd June



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Meat Free Monday</u>	Pork & Apple Burger	Roast Chicken with Yorkshire Pudding	Pasta Bolognese	Fish Squares in a Bun
Macaroni Cheese	OR	OR	OR	OR
Served with Salad	Veggie Burger	Quorn Dippers	Veggie Bolognese	Veggie Fingers
Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Served with New Potatoes, Cucumber & Carrot	Served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Savoy Cabbage	Served with Garlic Bread & Salad	Served with Chips & Peas
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Lunch Menu for Week Beginning Monday 29th June



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Meat Free Monday</u>	Chilli Con Carne	Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding	Chicken Curry	Breaded Pollock Fish Fillet
Pasta with a Variety of Sauces	OR	OR	OR	OR
Served with Mixed Salad	Veggie Chilli	Veggie Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding	Meat Free Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce	Grilled Halloumi Burger in a Bun with Lettuce
Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	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	Ice Cream	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt

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Looking Ahead



Monday 22nd June:

Shush Club children to Chelmsford Gotta Dance Show at Chelmsford Theatre, 7pm

Tuesday 23rd June: Church for Grp1 led by Aspen Class, 9.10am;
Science Fair (sel chn) at New Hall School, 8.45am to 2.30pm;
KS1 Smash Festival (sel chn) at CVHS, 1 to 2.45pm

Wednesday 24th June: Year 2 trip to Maldon, 9.15am to 2.45pm

Friday 26th June:



Oscar's 3D Printing & Bracelet Sale for KS1/KS2 at breaktime,
in aid of Retired Essex Police Dogs;
The Bishops' School Concert at Christ Church, 6.30pm



Tuesday 30th June: Church for Grp2 led by Alder Class, 9.10am;
Yr2 trip (all children) to Mini Games at CSAC, 12pm to 3.15pm

Wednesday 1st July: Rocksteady Concert for Wednesday groups in the hall, 10am

Thursday 2nd July: SJP Taster Day for Yr5s (pre-registration reqd), 9.30am to 3pm:
Yr2 Performance to parents of 'Mega, Mighty, Minibeasts' in the hall,
doors close 9.05am for a 9.15am start

Friday 3rd July: Sports Day:

KS2 9.15am to 12pm / FS & KS1 12.30 to 3pm;
Yr6 Leavers' Beach Farm Disco Party, 7 to 9pm



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.