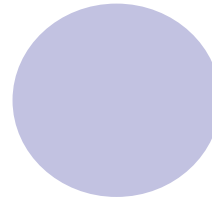
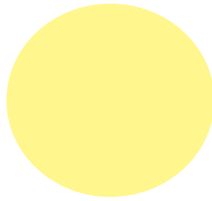


The Bishops' School News



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Feeling Hot Hot Hot!

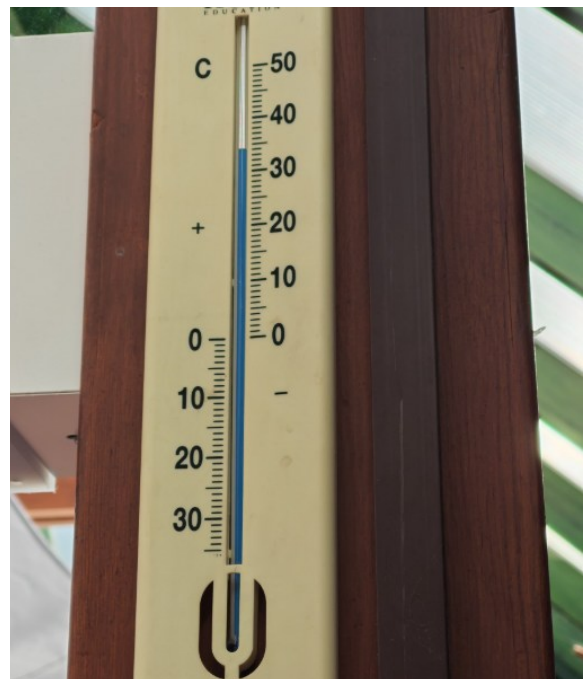
Thank you all for your patience as we closed the school for the past two days to so many. It was done with great reluctance.

The oppressive heat was affecting the health of staff and children and we simply do not have enough air-conditioned rooms to make it possible to have large numbers in.

We very much hope this current heatwave will properly pass over the weekend and we can get back to normal next week.

Here's the thermometer in the courtyard at 3pm yesterday!

We are grateful to Boswells for allowing us to use their air-conditioned theatre at such short notice for the concert this evening.



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



Following their trip to Colchester Zoo last week, year 4 have created informative posters about their visit and what they learnt.

Here are Jason and Olivia with their work and the following interesting fact...

Did you know?

Just like human fingerprints, no two zebras have the exact same stripe pattern; every individual has a unique coat.



Birch Class Assembly

The Birch Class assembly last Friday was TooT-ally wonderful! We hope you enjoyed the music and the fantastic readings from the children.



OLIVER TWIST

Despite it already getting very hot, the children enjoyed the performance of Oliver Twist, delivered in great style by M&M Productions, with great thanks to the PTFA and everyone who has supported events over the current year for funding this.

The children enjoy getting up on 'the stage' to dance at the end!



Gotta Dance 2026

The Got To Dance Show on Monday was brilliant as always! The children looked amazing in their costumes and put on brilliant performances. Thank you to Shush for all the work you do with our children and to all the volunteer helpers on the night.



New Hall Science Fair

On Tuesday, a small group of Science Club students were lucky enough to take part in New Hall's Science Fair. Not only were they presenting the findings from their own experiments, but they experienced amazing activities from Colchester Zoo about animal adaptations, VR headsets, a forensic Science experiment, building stomp rockets and activities from the Imperial War Museum.

The children were a pleasure to take to the event and behaved really well on the day. Well done to all! Thank you to Mrs Yip for helping prepare the children for this exciting project and to Mrs Muir and Mr Yerrell for accompanying them to the Fair.



Congratulations to Mr Evans for reaching a birthday landmark! The class enjoyed some delicious cake with him!



With Mr Evans sadly leaving us at the end of this term, we interviewed for a 'replacement' (not really possible in this case!), and I am delighted to let you know that **Miss Arnall** has accepted the Year 5 position with us starting next term. She will be in school for the move-up morning towards the end of term.



FS GLOBAL NEIGHBOURS



Foundation Stage have been working on a Global Neighbours topic.

In RE, we are talking about how we can help our neighbours in God's world and how we are all connected with our invisible strings. We are collecting coins to cover Africa to raise money for the village Africa Ambulance appeal. We are still collecting! This is a charity close to Mrs Tarplett's heart as she lived there for 6 months as a volunteer teacher.



Water Safety



An important assembly happened on Monday, with Mrs Lee and a colleague from the Blackwater Sailing Club delivering sessions on water safety and, for the Year 6s, a session on resuscitation. The children learnt about the dangers of rip tides and currents, and what to look out for to know that a beach is a safe place to swim.



Church car park use

We are very fortunate to have use of the church car park on most days of the year, however when church events are taking place we ask that you are respectful of this and seek alternative parking or, better still, walk or cycle where possible.

Please take note of the following dates when the Church car park will be needed for important events. Thank you.



Thursday 2nd July – there is a large funeral taking place at 1pm.

Friday 3rd July – Sports Day. There is a service 9.30am to 10.15am and then the church hall is also being hired out from 10am to 12pm. Please walk to attend sports day where possible.

A VERY WELL DONE TO...

Ioan has decided he wants to raise money for the Bobby Moore charity - he has been inspired by the World Cup. He has to do 100 keepy ups a day.

Here is a link to his fundraising page if you'd like to contribute it would be much appreciated: <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/siobhans-giving-page-10021>



Tully did very well in the Miles For Miles Race, coming 9th out of dozens of children in his age group for his mile-long run. He was just beaten by Ioan (8th), and in a separate race Toby H came 5th! Congratulations to each!

Connor came 2nd in his first long-distance cycling race and for his running. He was also 1st in his hospital singing and received an honour and gold medal at the Music& Art Festival in Reigate. Fantastic achievements Connor!



Rescheduled!

3D Printed Items and Bracelet Sale!

★ Tuesday 7th July ★

Years 1 to 6 · Break time, by the Year 6 Block

3D Printed Items

50p - £2.00



**Raising money
for**

**Essex Retired
Police Dogs**



Handmade Beaded Bracelets

£1.00



Thank you for
helping my
retired friends.



Organised by Oscar T (6FG)

Community News

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

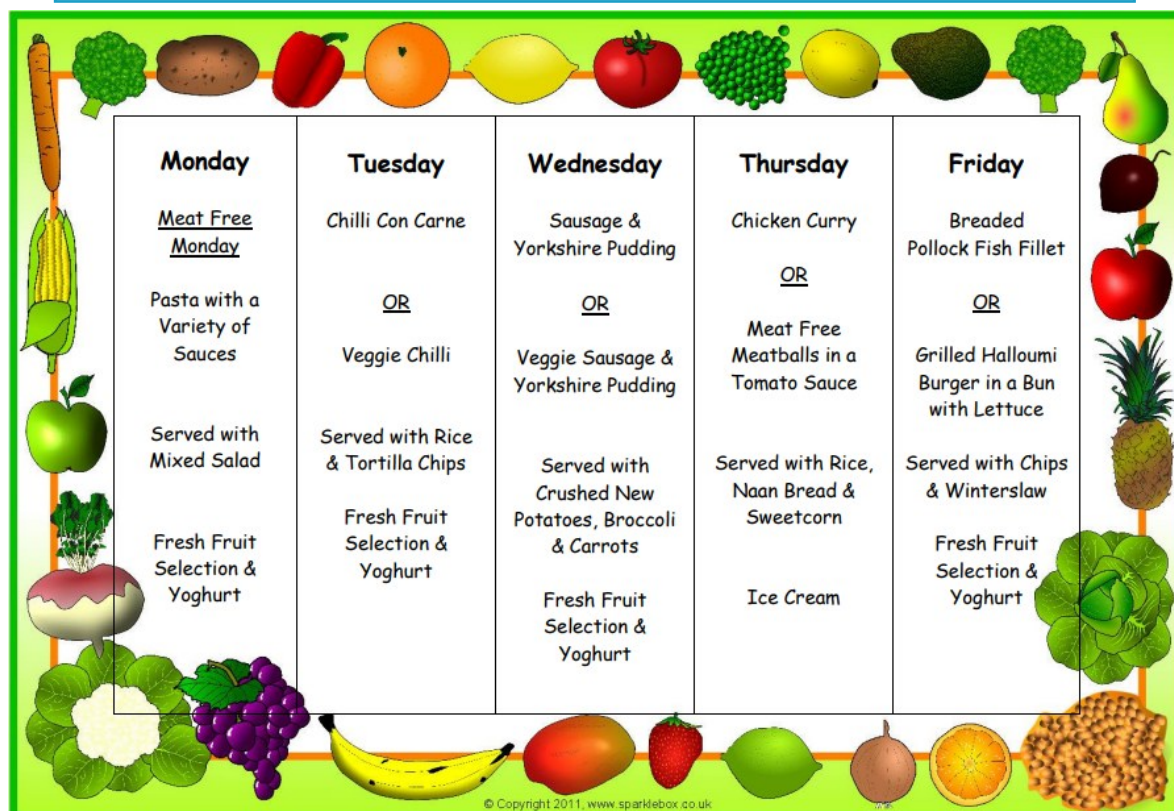
- * **Support for parents/carers**
- * **Free Family Learning Courses**
- * **Local church events**
- * **Holiday camps/activities**
- * **Music workshops/shows**
- * **Sports clubs and activities**
- * **Performing arts**
- * **Swimming Lessons**



**Check it
out!**

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.

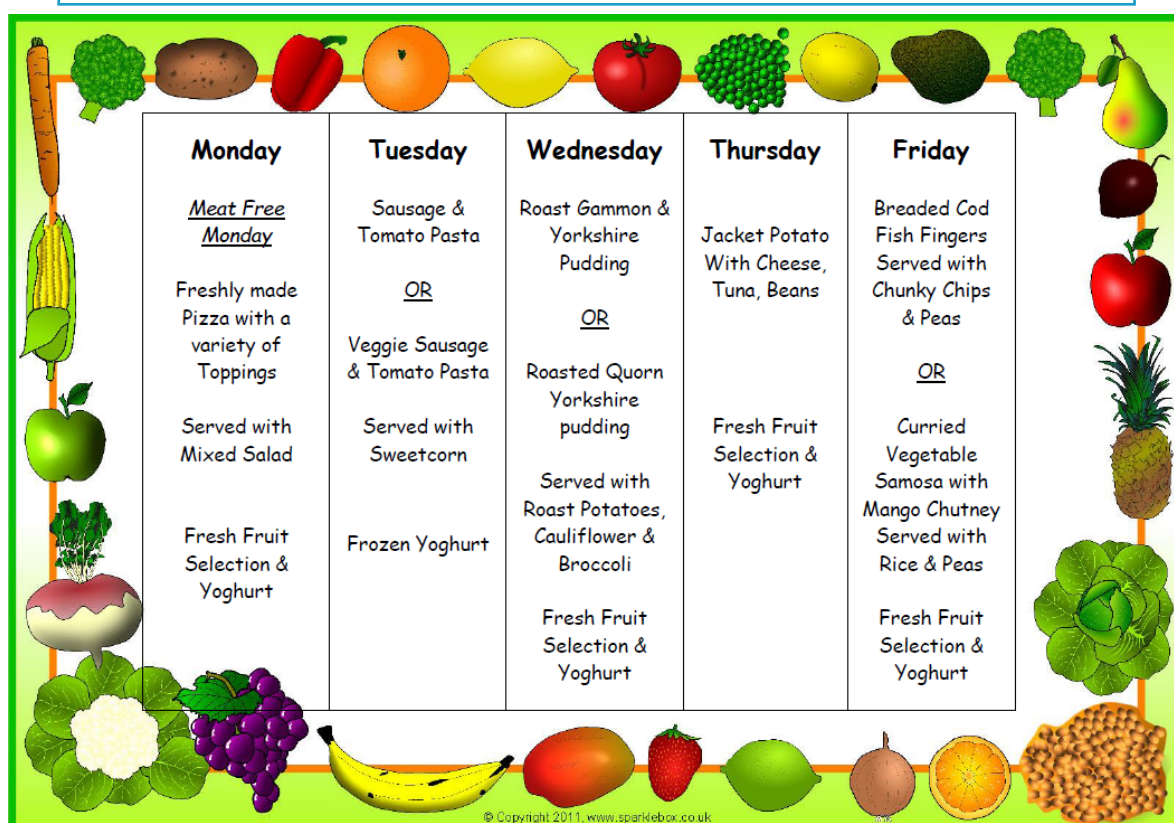
Lunch Menu for Week Beginning Monday 29th June



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	<u>OR</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>OR</u>
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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Lunch Menu for Week Beginning Monday 6th July



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Meat Free Monday</u>	Sausage & Tomato Pasta	Roast Gammon & Yorkshire Pudding	Jacket Potato With Cheese, Tuna, Beans	Breaded Cod Fish Fingers Served with Chunky Chips & Peas
Freshly made Pizza with a variety of Toppings	<u>OR</u>	<u>OR</u>		<u>OR</u>
Served with Mixed Salad	Veggie Sausage & Tomato Pasta	Roasted Quorn Yorkshire pudding	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Curried Vegetable Samosa with Mango Chutney Served with Rice & Peas
Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Served with Sweetcorn	Served with Roast Potatoes, Cauliflower & Broccoli		Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt
	Frozen Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt		

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Looking Ahead



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:

Quad Kids Athletics Finals (sel chn) in Saffren Walden, 9.30am to 2pm;
Rocksteady Concert for Wednesday groups in the hall, 10am;
Yr2 Performance to parents of 'Mega, Mighty, Minibeasts' in the hall, 1.30pm

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, 9.15am

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



Monday 6th July: KS1 SMASH Festival (sel chn) at CVHS, 1 to 2.45pm

Tuesday 7th July: Church for Grp1 led by Owl Class, 9.10am; **Oscar's 3D Printing & Bracelet Sale for KS1/KS2 at breaktime,**
Choir Concert for Year 6 parents in the hall, 1.45pm

Wednesday 8th July: Exhibition Evening in school, 3.30 to 5.15pm ,
Usborne Book Sale in the courtyard, 3.30 to 5pm, and
Art Exhibition at St Augustine Church, 3.30 to 5.30pm

Thursday 9th July: PTFA Inflatable Day on the parish field in the school day

Saturday 11th July:

Year 6 Leavers' Wildnerness Foundation Activities, 1 to 4pm



Change of Dates:

Move-up Morning, **Tuesday 14th July;**
Year 2 trip to Maldon, **Wednesday 15th July,** 9.15am to 2.45pm



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.