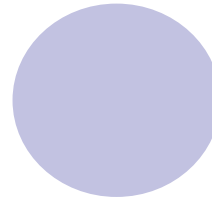
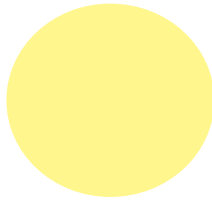


The Bishops' School News



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,



A HUGE THANK YOU!



Last Friday I was treated to a wonderful service of thanksgiving with so many special moments, and I received some incredible gifts thanks to the overwhelming generosity of the school community. Among the gifts are a Pullman Train Trip, front row seats at the Albert Hall (for a Violin Concerto, of course!), a paragliding day course (I've always wanted to do this!), some fantastic watercolour painting equipment (I love painting and have ambition to do some courses for this next year) and a very special 'This is Your Life' book full of photographic and written memories and thoughts.

I was also treated to some money to spend on something special for the school, and so I am in contact with a company that will create outdoor panels with our school motto on them in bright colours designed by our Year 6 pupils.

The Year 4/5 block should look like this sometime next term:



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

Here are a few pictures of the event – and I am so grateful to all the pupils, past and present, who took part and the staff, governors and ex-staff who took part or came from far away to celebrate and give thanks for good times at Bishops'. Special thanks to Mr Fisher who secretly planned this event for months and brought it all together, and Mrs Boreham who was his co-plotter!

The Bishops' has been so much of my life for the past 18 years – and for five years many, many years ago – and I have been so fortunate to serve a school community that is so richly invested in faith, the worth and potential of every child, and the breadth of what it means to be human. Every member of staff brings this to school every day in their own unique gifts and care, and it has been a deeply enriching

experience to be amongst so many skilled and loving colleagues, and to receive so much support from all of you parents and carers.

Huge thanks to you all.





Archdeacon Jonathan came to bless; Gregory and Rayan are showing my gift to the school – a cover for the table at the front of the school hall which shows our motto and school sign alongside the cross and dove, and a tree of life and learning –

thank you so much to Sophie Parker for creating this; you'll also see there Mr Higgs and Mrs Uzzell, two Chairs of Governors who have overseen almost all of my time at Bishops' with great care and strategic support; the choir singing Revolting Children (of course); Year 6 leavers presenting me with a Leavers' Hoodie; Jack Settingington, who was badly injured many years ago and in a coma for some time, back – and well; The Community Choir; Mrs Rourke who many will remember for her passion for all things maths and Kenya; a string group from years past; members of the St Augustine's church community and other great and familiar staff and children.

Thank you to them all.

Well done Year 6 for your amazing SATS results! We are very proud of you and the progress you have made in your journey through the school.

Year 6 Go Wild!



On Saturday afternoon, Year 6 enjoyed 3 hours at the Wilderness Foundation where they played wild games, created a fire with flint and steels and built dens to survive rain storms. They finished up sharing memories about their last year at The Bishops' while they roasted marshmallows! ~ Mr Fisher



Oliver with a Twist

The Year 6 Production of Oliver With a Twist was a joy to watch, full of great singing and acting. Well done everyone!



Dance World Cup

How amazing that four of our pupils represented England at the Dance World Cup last week. We are so proud of all of them! Overall the GB team came 1st!

Here's Imogen (centre dalmatian!).



Wet Wet Wet

Here's a collage of Cedar Class having some end of term water fun!!

They were all very wet and refreshed by the end.....including the staff!



Rocking all over The Bishops'

The RockSteady Concerts get better and better, and this week it was the turn of Rick's groups who entertained us in great style.



Year 2 Visit Maldon



On Wednesday, we took our Year 2 children to Maldon.

We had the very best day!

The children enjoyed learning all about The Battle of Maldon, visiting the statue of Byrhtnoth and drawing a stained glass window.

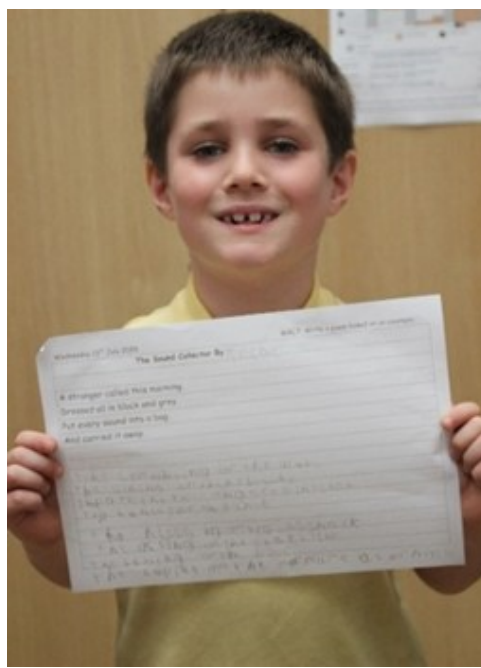
As well as lots of learning, we also enjoyed ice creams (which melted quickly) and had great fun at the park.

The children did not stop smiling and were a pleasure to spend the day with. ~ Mrs Mann



FS are looking for a water butt for the sandpit area ahead of next year and wonder if anyone has a spare and would be happy to donate one?

Thank you!



In other news, Darcey has been doing some great maths & Archer's been doing some great writing!

Well done to them both!

Thank you so much for supporting the Usborne book fair last Wednesday. We have ordered **over £100 worth of new books** for our library which is fantastic!



Here's an amazing gift!

A crocheted rug from Little Fingers through the expert guidance of Mrs Wooten.....

Thank you so much!

A Fond Farewell

Sadly, another member of staff will be moving on to pastures new at the end of term – Mrs Gibbins who has been a parent, volunteer, LSA, music teacher and SENDCO Assistant, and will be greatly missed by the school and parent community. Thank you, Mrs Gibbins!

We wish her and her family every blessing for the future.



Year 6 Anointing Service

The Year 6 Leavers' Service of Anointing is always such a special and emotional event, and the Year 6s led it with such characteristic confidence, humour and skill.



A Polite Reminder

Next term, we will be asking for contributions for the Performing Arts lessons from Shush and for the Year 3 ukulele and Year 4 toot lessons.

If you already contribute to the Governors Stewardship Fund, then you will not be asked to support this as these funds go directly to supporting the school's budget for these activities as well as the many other LSA supporting interventions that The Bishops' provides.

Please support and keep The Bishops' 'extras' going! Thank you.

BISHOPS' GOT TALENT

The Bishops' Got Talent Show Finals were held on Thursday afternoon and here are the winners – Amelia wowed us with her singing, Harriet, Edalie and Isla danced beautifully and told a story through their dance, and Leo rocked us with his drumming! Extra playtime and something tasty for them and their classes!



These Pools Rock



Foundation Stage have had a great time this week with some inspired rock pools!



A VERY WELL DONE TO...



Ophelia got a silver medal at the dance World Cup for her group jazz performance which was one of five dances (she placed 5th & 6th in another two of them) that she performed in Dublin.

Very well done Ophelia.

Samuel and Luke achieved their Green Badge at Boys' Brigade and were also awarded a trophy for their attendance.

Fantastic work boys.



Rebekah recently performed at the O2 Indigo with Little Stars Theatre Workshops and was awarded her 5 Years' Service Gold Medal.

Wonderful achievement Rebekah.





FROM YOUR PTFA AT
THE BISHOPS' SCHOOL

THANK YOU
for an amazing year!

TOGETHER WE'VE RAISED
OVER £20,000+
SINCE OCTOBER 2025!

Every penny goes back to our children to
enrich their learning, experiences and school life.

BIG INVESTMENTS, BIG IMPACT!



NEW LAPTOPS
for better learning
and technology



NEW LIBRARY BOOKS
inspiring our
young readers



NEW GAZEBOS
keeping our children
shaded and safe



AMAZING EXPERIENCES
including MC Grammar,
The Naughty Elf and the
Christmas Pantomime!

*Enriching education and
creating memories!*



HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR YEAR



CHRISTMAS MARKET



FUNNY MUMMY



EASTER TRAIL



INFLATABLES DAY



WONKA BARS



MAKE THE RULES DAY

*Plus lots of cake sales, non-uniform
days, uniform sales and more!*



AS A THANK YOU
for your incredible support...

WE'RE TREATING ALL CHILDREN
TO A

FREE ICE POP!

**AT THE END OF SCHOOL ON
FRIDAY 17TH JULY**



LET'S CELEBRATE TOGETHER!

Here's to an even bigger year ahead!

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 31st August

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Summer Break	Non-Pupil Day	Non-Pupil Day	Chicken Curry <u>OR</u> Meat Free Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce Served with Rice, Naan Bread & Sweetcorn Ice Cream	Breaded Pollock Fish Fillet <u>OR</u> Grilled Halloumi Burger in a Bun with Lettuce Served with Chips & Winterslaw Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt

Lunch Menu for Week Beginning Monday 7th September

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

Goodbye Mr Waters

And so a final goodbye from me, with great hope and assurance that Mr McIntosh will lead the school to new successes and development and that you will be in safe hands, and with great thankfulness for the privilege of leading this unique and special school.

I wish you all blessing, as I wish my fellow leaving colleagues and thank them for their wonderful service: Mrs Torr and Mrs Carey, two deeply caring and skilled LSAs, Mrs Sheldon our brilliant SENDCo, Mrs Gibbins our excellent SENDCo Assistant, Mrs Beckett who has been a wonderful FS teacher this term, and the extraordinary, uniquely talented and sporting Mr Evans.....and Luna!

May you all go from strength to strength, live life to the full, laugh often, learn deeply and understand the great love that God has for each of us – and shine in all the gifts we have been given.

You will



be missed

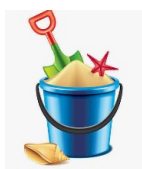


You've been pawsitively the best!

We will miss you Luna!

Thank you for all the therapy you've given to the children and staff! You have provided lots of calming, happy moments during your time at Bishops' and enjoyed lots of tummy tickles and treats along the way!

Thank you! We wish you well for the future.



Looking Ahead



Monday 20th July to Wednesday 2nd September: Summer Holiday

Thursday 3rd September:

First Day of the Autumn Term, Back to School for Yrs 1-6

Thursday 8th October:

Flu Immunisations



Friday 23rd October: Non-Pupil Day



Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October: Half-Term



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.