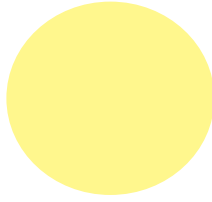


The Bishops' School News



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Care for Creation

This week, Ms Austin led an engaging assembly for our Key Stage 2 pupils to mark National Recycling Week. Children were reminded of the many ways we can **reduce, reuse and recycle** in our daily lives, helping to protect the world that God has entrusted to us. As a school community, we are committed to caring for creation through a range of recycling initiatives. We recycle paper in classrooms, food waste from the hall at lunchtimes, plastics in the staffroom, packaging in our offices and tins in the kitchen, to name a few. We also encourage the reuse of clothing through our 'pre-loved' uniform rail in our reception area and the large blue materials bank located near the car park gates.

Christians and all other major religions believe that caring for creation is an important part of faith. The Bible reminds us that *"The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it."* (Genesis 2:15) and *"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it."* (Psalm 24:1). These verses remind us that the earth is God's gift to us and that we have a responsibility to care for it wisely and compassionately.

Our collective worship this week also continued the themes explored last week. During our church service for Group 1 classes, Hawthorn Class reflected thoughtfully on God's unconditional love for each one of us.

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

On Monday, our worship focused again on relationships and how Jesus teaches us to forgive one another, helping us to build strong, loving and respectful communities.

As we continue through this term, we encourage all members of our school family to consider the small actions they can take each day to care for God's creation and for one another.

Mr R McIntosh

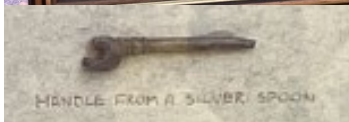
R. McIntosh

Headteacher

AMAZING ARTEFACTS

As part of their topic on Roman Britain, Year 4 were visited by Mrs Dodsworth who brought in a collection of Roman artefacts.

They were discovered in Maldon and include pottery, brooches and even a dice. The children loved getting close to objects that were made over 2,000 years ago.



Year 5 WW2 Day

Year 5 enjoyed an immersive World War 2 day on Friday. Our history and English learning was brought to life by each of us dressing up, picking a new World War 2 name for ourselves and taking part in a workshop to discover what life was like as an evacuee! Some children were picked by a friendly local, Mr McIntosh, who let them draw a picture, others were less fortunate and had to make toilet paper squares out of newspaper with a less welcoming Sergeant Clement!



Year 5 Road Safety

Essex Highways came into school to run a road safety workshop with Year 5.

We looked at the Green Cross Code before putting our knowledge into practice outside showing we could cross a road safely. Well done Year 5! ~ Mrs Bowen-Long



Thank You!

We would like to say a **big** thank you to Jonathan (a friend of Miss Wilson) and his company Shawbrook for their very kind donation of office chairs and a variety of stationery which will come in very helpful around school. With school budgets being so tight, these kind contributions really do make a big difference and we are very grateful.

Year 6 to 7 secondary admission round for September 2027

The new secondary school admission round opened recently, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2027.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31st October 2026

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions . The website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2027-28 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies.

Polite Reminders...



- If your child is being collected by someone different please email admin@bishops.essex.sch.uk **by 12pm on the day**. This allows the office time to pass the message on to their teacher. If it is a regular arrangement then please state this in your email and we can make a note on our system so that you do not need to notify us each time.
- Please make sure your child is on time for school in the mornings. We are experiencing frequent late arrivals through the front office each day.
- **Outside resources/equipment** - Our outside resources, such as the adventure playground and outside gym equipment, should **not be used** at pick up time. The use of the resources is for pupils during school time or other staff-supervised activities. Thank you for your co-operation.
- **Birthday treats** - Please hand out birthday treats with your child at the end of the day on the playground. School staff can no longer be responsible for giving these directly to children due to new legal requirements for schools relating to allergies. It is essential that any such treats are nut-free in order to maintain our nut-free environment – thank you.



Guitar Lessons

Our Guitar Teacher, Caroline Hall, has availability for lessons on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Please email the office if you are interested in lessons for your child and are happy for us to pass on your email address to Caroline.

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 21st September

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> Veggie Chilli	<u>OR</u> Veggie Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding	<u>OR</u> Meat Free Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce	<u>OR</u> Grilled Halloumi Burger in a Bun with Lettuce
Served with Mixed Salad	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	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Ice Cream	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt

Lunch Menu for Week Beginning Monday 28th September

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> Veggie Sausage & Tomato Pasta	<u>OR</u> Roasted Quorn Yorkshire pudding	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	<u>OR</u> Curried Vegetable Samosa with Mango Chutney Served with Rice & Peas
Served with Mixed Salad	Served with Sweetcorn	Served with Roast Potatoes, Cauliflower & Broccoli		Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt
Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Frozen Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt		

Looking Ahead



Monday 21st September:
11+ Assessment Session, 3.20-4.20pm

Tuesday 22nd September:
Church for Grp2 led by Cedar Class, 9.10am;

Meet the Teacher Parent Meetings:

Monday 21st September - Foundation Stage - 2-3pm

Tuesday 22nd September – Year 1 - 2.30-3.00pm

Wednesday 23rd September – Year 2 - 2.30-3.00pm

Thursday 24th September – Year 4 - 2.30-3.00pm

Friday 25th September – Year 3 - 2.30-3.00pm

Monday 28th September – Year 5 - 2.30-3.00pm

Thursday 24th September:
Boswells Staff meeting for Year 6 parents, 5-5.45pm;
PTFA AGM Meeting in school, 8pm



Thursday 8th October:
Flu Immunisations

Wednesday 14th October:
Year 1 Reading Meeting, 2-3pm in the Hall



Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd October:
Parents Evenings for all classes, 3.30 to 6.30pm

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.