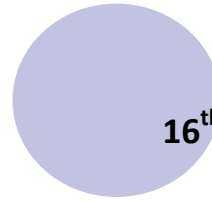
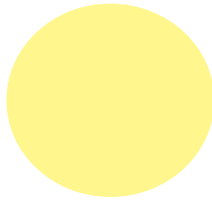


The Bishops' School News



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16th October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

A time to give thanks

The highlight of this week was undoubtedly our Harvest services at St Augustine's Church, where we gathered as a school community to give thanks for God's many blessings. Led by Reverend Sally Croft, two identical services were held to accommodate the large number of children, staff, families and friends who wished to attend.

Children from across the school contributed through prayers, songs, readings, poems and reflections on the work of the local Community Pop-Up Food Store. We were delighted to welcome so many family members, helping to make the occasion a special celebration for our school community.



We were grateful to Mr Barlow who

accompanied the hymns and songs and provided music as we entered and left the church.

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

A particular feature was the incredible generosity shown by our families. Children brought an abundance of food and household donations for the Community Pop-Up Food Store, demonstrating the kindness and compassion that are such important values within the Bishops'. We are very grateful to everyone who contributed – these gifts will make a real difference to people in our local community.

Our Harvest celebrations reminded us of God's goodness and faithfulness.

As Year 4 shared during the service:

What a rich harvest your goodness provides! Wherever you go there is plenty.

Psalms 65:11

Harvest is a wonderful opportunity to remember that God's blessings are not just for us to enjoy, but also to share. The donations received for the Community Pop-Up Food Store were a powerful example of this in action, helping to ensure that God's generosity can be experienced by those in need within our local community.



Thank you to everyone who helped make our Harvest services such a memorable and meaningful occasion.

Mr R McIntosh

R. McIntosh

Headteacher



THORPE WOODLANDS

A fun time was had by all of year 6 on their residential with lots of smiles and fears conquered.

We loved all of the activities and thankfully the rain held off.

Here are a few group photos from the week.



KS1 Football Comp



On Monday, twelve Year 2 children had a fantastic time at a Key Stage 1 Football Competition. We had a boys' team and a girls' team. Both teams played brilliantly, winning all of their matches and finishing **1st place** in their pools. We are incredibly proud of all the children for their teamwork, determination and sportsmanship.

Well done footballers!

~ Miss Rice and Mrs Mann



Polite Requests...



Parish Centre Car Park/Street Parking

Please be aware that The Parish Centre car park is **not** to be used when dropping off and collecting your child/ren on the school run.

Springfield Parish Council are in the process of having a sign created to make it clear that there is no school parking. Please also be respectful by not parking in streets and side roads in a way that obstructs other road users and pedestrians.

Thank you.

Spare underwear and socks needed

Please drop these into the school office if you are able to.

Thank you.

Library/Reading Books

Please ensure that your child's library/reading books are well cared for when being transported to and from school, especially around liquids. Thank you.

Thank you!

We wish Coach Faye a fond farewell and many thanks for all of the wonderful support that she have given to the children during P.E lessons and at clubs. You will be very missed and we wish you well with your future endeavours.

We would also like to express a warm welcome to Coach Evie who joins us in the same capacity. We hope your time at Bishops' will be an enjoyable one.



A VERY WELL DONE TO...

Congratulations to Jessica for her fantastic achievements in her recent gymnastics competition.

Keep up the great work.



Well done to Connor for being the youngest child to be accepted into the orchestra that he plays for.

It is always great to see children so passionate about music and other hobbies outside school.

PTFA

Together for our children

AGM Update

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our PTA AGM on 24th September!

It was a fantastic evening, with a great turnout, lots of positive energy and some brilliant discussions about the year ahead. We're really pleased to say that the meeting was a great success!

Welcome to our New Trustees!

We're delighted to introduce our PTA Trustees for 2026 - 2027:

Co Chairs

Clare Holland & Lucy Winstone

Vice Chair

Donna Howard

Treasurer

Ben Smith

Vice Treasurer

Perpetual Aneke

Secretary

Sidonia Bernardi

Vice Secretary

Lisa Stonestreet

★ We're also very pleased to have:

★ Hayley Ellis helping to manage the preloved uniform.

★ Megan Janse Van Rensburg heading up the social media.

And lots of others willing to help - which is fantastic!



Dates
for your Diary

**Non Uniform Day
& Donut Sales**



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**Thursday 22nd
October**

Non uniform day
and donut sales
(after school).



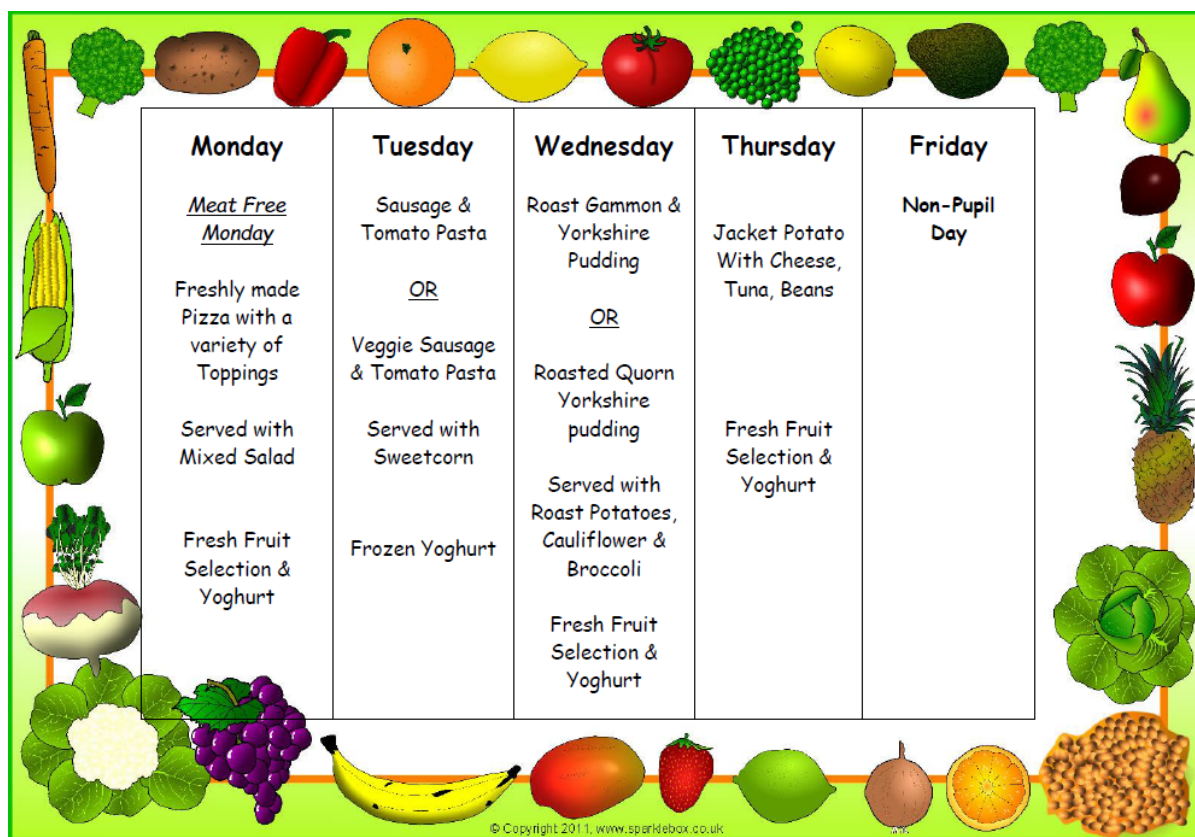
Thank you for your continued support!

Together we can make a real difference



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.

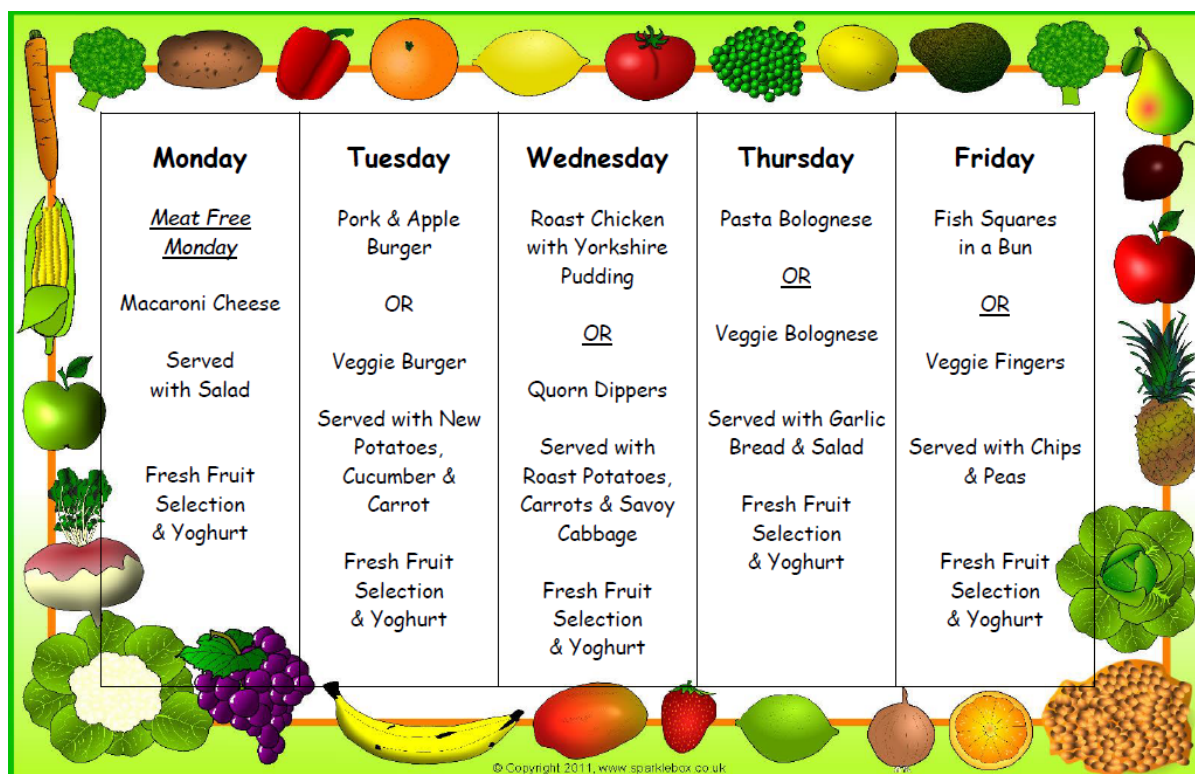
Lunch Menu for Week Beginning Monday 19th October



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Meat Free Monday</u>	Sausage & Tomato Pasta	Roast Gammon & Yorkshire Pudding	Jacket Potato With Cheese, Tuna, Beans	Non-Pupil Day
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	
Served with Mixed Salad	Served with Sweetcorn	Served with Roast Potatoes, Cauliflower & Broccoli		
Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Frozen Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt		

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Lunch Menu for Week Beginning Monday 2nd November



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	<u>OR</u> Veggie Burger	<u>OR</u> Quorn Dippers	<u>OR</u> Veggie Bolognese	<u>OR</u> Veggie Fingers
Served with Salad	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	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt

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Looking Ahead



Monday 19th October:

Year 5 Trip to Duxford, 8.15am for 8.30am to 3.15pm

Tuesday 20th October:

Church for Grp1 led by Beech Class, 9.10am



Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd October:

Parents' Evenings for all classes, 3.30pm to 6.30pm



Thursday 22nd October:

PTFA Doughnut Sale, 3.15 to 3.45pm

Friday 23rd October: Non-Pupil Day



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

Monday 2nd November:

FS Road Safety Sessions - Hedgehog Class, 9 to 9.45am
Badger Class, 10 to 10.45am



Tuesday 3rd November:

Church for Grp2 led by Alder Class, 9.10am

Wednesday 4th November:

Year 2 Maths Meeting in the Hall, 2 to 3pm



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.