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Welcome!

We hope you all had a wonderful summer and enjoyed some special time with family and friends. As we start this new term, we're excited to welcome everyone back to school. We're looking forward to an exciting year ahead, full of learning, growth, and opportunities for every child to shine. At Bishop Wood, we want every child to feel happy, valued, and ready to thrive. Our vision is inspired by Jesus' words: *"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly"* (John 10:10). This means helping children enjoy life in all its fullness—growing in confidence, learning new skills, and caring for others. Guided by our values of **Wisdom, Hope, Community, and Dignity**, we work together to create a school where everyone feels included, respected, and encouraged to be their very best.

Farewell to Mrs Wilton

After an incredible 54 years of dedicated service to Bishop Wood, Mrs Wilton has decided to retire. Her commitment, care, and passion have touched the lives of countless children and families over the decades, and we are truly grateful for everything she has given to our school community. We will be marking this special occasion with an appropriate farewell, where staff and pupils will have the chance to celebrate her amazing contribution and wish her every happiness for the future.

Frogmore Street Crossing

Herts CC have asked us to make you aware that Frogmore Street will not be staffed by a crossing patrol for the next few weeks. We kindly ask all pedestrians and drivers to take extra care and caution when using the crossing during this time.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy on our board for a parent governor. School governance is a big commitment, but it is also an incredibly rewarding role. Details of the election process will be shared with parents next week. In the meantime, if you have any interest in this role, please book a meeting to discuss it with myself via the school office (admin@bishopwood.herts.sch.uk).

Buddies Annual General Meeting

The Buddies warmly invite all parents and carers to the Bishop Wood School Association AGM on Thursday, 11 September 2025 at 19.15. This is a great opportunity to come together as a school community, elect committee members, and plan for the year ahead. During the meeting, Buddies will be voting on the roles of Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary, and are also looking for volunteers to join the committee in non-executive roles to help them maintain at least 10 active members. If you'd like to stand for a key position or join the team, please complete the attached nomination form and email it to buddies@bishopwood.herts.sch.uk by 4pm on Wednesday, 10 September.

They currently have vacancies for **Secretary** and **Vice Chair**, so this is a fantastic chance to get involved!

Meet the Teacher – A Reminder

Our ever popular 'Meet the Teacher' sessions will be taking place again in the Autumn Term on the following dates:

Friday 12th September – Year 6

Friday 19th September – Year 5

Friday 26th September – Year 4

Friday 3rd October – Year 3

These meetings will start at 9.15 and last no longer than an hour.



He came so that we can 'be the best
version of ourselves, enjoying life in all its
fullness.'



Little Spinning Yarns Club

Children in Years 3 to 6 are invited to join this creative and relaxing after-school club where they can explore crochet, knitting, weaving, felting, and more. The club runs on Thursdays from 3:30 to 4:45pm, starting on Thursday 4th September, and spans 15 sessions. All materials and a snack are included in the cost of £10 per session.

Places are limited and may fill quickly, so early booking is advised. For more information or to join the waiting list, please contact little spinning yarns@gmail.com

Led by Sally Spriggs and Hilary Gatehouse, it's a wonderful opportunity for children to develop new skills and unwind at the end of the school day!

Parking!

Please park considerately in and around the school during drop-off and pick-up times. We have already experienced incidents of cars being left in unsafe locations, blocking pavements, and obstructing staff access. Your cooperation helps keep our school community safe. Thank you for your support.

Celebration

Congratulations to the following pupils who were celebrated in school this week for being the best version of themselves:

3PS – Dominic R and Hazel M

3S – Robin G and Charlie L

4A – Francesca L and Matthew R

4C – Finn M and Anastasia S

5DR – Arlo H and Eli B

5M – Alice H and Alice G

6I – Hector Q and Seb B

6H – Elle B and Max S

Diary Dates

Please find below a list of key dates for the Autumn Term. We will add to this as we progress through the school year.

New dates will be highlighted.

Date	Event
Friday 12 th September	Year 6 Meet the Teacher
Wednesday 17 th September	Individual and Sibling Photos – full school uniform please!
Friday 19 th September	Year 5 Meet the Teacher
Wednesday 24 th September	Year 3 – Chiltern Open Air Museum
Friday 26 th September	Year 4 Meet the Teacher
Wednesday 1 st October	African Drumming Workshop
Friday 3 rd October	Year 3 Meet the Teacher
Tuesday 7 th October	Harvest Festival at St P and P 11.15am
Thursday 9 th October	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Friday 10 th October	Harvest Festival at St P and P
Sunday 12 th October	Worship for All at St P and P
Wednesday 15 th October	Come Dine with 3PS
20 th – 24 th October	Fun Fit and Fruity Week
Wednesday 22 nd October	Come Dine with 3S
27 th – 31 st October	Half Term
Wednesday 5 th November	Y5 Saxon Day
Friday 7 th November	Year 4 Greek Day
Sunday 9 th November	Remembrance Sunday
Monday 10 th November	Parent Consultations 4-7pm
Wednesday 12 th November	Parent Consultations 4-7pm

Thursday 27 th November	Nasal Flu Vaccination Mop Up
Friday 28 th November	Occasional Day – School Closed!
Monday 1 st December	Reverse Advent Calendar Begins (Details to follow!)
Wednesday 3 rd December	Year 6 Victorian Day
Friday 5 th December	Buddies Christmas Fayre
Monday 15 th December	Afternoon and Evening Christmas Services at St P and P
Tuesday 16 th December	Christmas Golden Time
Wednesday 17 th December	Pupil Christmas Lunch
Thursday 18 th December	End of Term Service at St P and P 11.30am
15 th – 19 th December	Christmas Jumper Week
Friday 19 th December	School closes at 1.30pm

Thank you and best wishes
Mr Stanley