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Welcome Back!

A warm welcome back from everyone at Bishop Wood! We hope you all had a fun filled summer break. The children have all arrived in great spirits this week ready for a new school year. It was wonderful to see them all arriving on Tuesday in immaculate school uniform. We will be maintaining a higher focus on school uniform and PE kit this year so please do make sure that your child continues to come to school in the correct attire.

Individual/Sibling Photo Day

Individual/Sibling photos will be taking place next week on Wednesday 11th September. Please make sure your child comes to school in full school uniform. There will be an opportunity before school for parents to bring along siblings who do not attend Bishop Wood to sit for a photo. We hope you find that useful!

Visit from our MP

In March last year, at the end of LGBTQ+ month, 5DR started a campaign to have the zebra crossing in Miswell Lane painted as a rainbow to represent Tring's support for the LGBTQ+ community - children had seen that this had been done around the streets of London. They wrote excellent letters to our local councillor, who passed them on to the county council.

Though the council, responded negatively, our local councillor said that the children should not give up - so on the day of the election results, Francesca and Ralph wrote a letter to our brand new MP, Victoria Collins to see if she could add some strength to their cause. As a result of that, she has asked to visit our school to hand deliver a letter back to Francesca and Ralph, and to talk to the Year 6 children. We are very much looking forward to her visit.

Homework/Home Learning

We are in the process of reviewing our homework/home learning offer. This is following some very useful feedback from last year. As such, we will not be setting homework this half term. This will also afford the children time to settle back into school. Please continue to read with your children at home as normal. Thank you.

Eco Schools Award

We are proud to tell you that we have once again gained an Eco-School's award, with distinction, for the academic year 2023-2024. The credit goes to the whole of the BW community for the support shown towards all our initiatives, with a special mention going to the eco warriors for their hard work last year – congratulations!

Fairtrade Fortnight

The Fairtrade Foundation is a charity that works with farmers and workers in more than 1,900 producer organisations, across 68 countries, so they can improve their living standards, invest in their communities and businesses, and protect our shared environment.

Tring are supporting Fairtrade Fortnight - you may have seen a banner at the top of the High Street, and we thought that as an eco school, we should support it too. On Monday I will be doing an assembly about Fairtrade. I will also be setting the children a challenge - to seek out fairtrade products while they are at the shops, and if any are bought by their family, to bring in the wrapper so that we can add it to a world map showing where the product was produced.

[Here is a link to the Fairtrade Fortnight website](#) if you want to find out any more. Also, [here are some recipes](#) that could be made with your children using Fairtrade products!

Term Dates 2025 – 2026

Autumn Term 2025

Wednesday 3 rd September	INSET Day
Thursday 4 th September	Pupils Return to School
Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st October	Half Term
Monday 3 rd November	Pupils Return to School



Friday 28 th November	Occasional Day – School Closed
Friday 19 th December	End of Term – School Closes at 1.30pm

Spring Term 2026

Monday 5 th January	Pupils Return to School
Monday 16 th – Friday 19 th February	Half Term
Monday 23 rd February	Pupils Return to School
Friday 27 th March	End of Term – School Closes at 1.30pm

Summer Term 2026

Monday 13 th April	Pupils Return to School
Monday 4 th May	May Day Holiday – School Closed to Pupils
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th May	Half Term
Monday 1 st June	Pupils Return to School
Friday 17 th July	End of Term – School Closes at 1.30pm
Monday 20 th – Thursday 23 rd July	INSET Days – School Closed to Pupils

Meet the Teacher

We will be hosting our ever popular ‘meet the teacher’ sessions at the start of the autumn term. This will give parents an opportunity to learn more about their child’s year group and to ask any questions. They are taking place in the classrooms on the following dates and times:

Year 4 – Monday 9th September at 9.15

Year 5 – Thursday 19th September at 9.15

Year 3 – Friday 27th September at 9.15

Around School

This week

Year 3 have written some wonderful diary entries about what they have been getting up to over the summer break. Year 4 had an invite from the Queen of France to kick-start their English unit on Zeraffa Giraffa. Year 5 have been story telling. Year 6 have started a Geography unit on the Amazon Rainforest.

Next week

Year 3 are excited about a new unit on the Stone Age. Year 4 will be swimming up at Tring Sports Centre. Year 5 are learning about the solar system and Year 6 will be studying the circulatory system in Science.

Thank you and best wishes

Mr Stanley