



## Bishop Wood C of E Junior School

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### **Big Garden Birdwatch**

Bishop Wood will be supporting and promoting the Big Garden Birdwatch in school this month. Please follow this [link](#) for extra information and to take part.

### **Active Travel Spot-Check**

On the last day of term, the Active Travel Ambassadors completed a spot-check on how pupils had travelled to school that day. 5DR were the winners of Toby the Travel Teddy with 97% of pupils coming actively to school. The school percentage was 89% overall which we are very pleased with. Thank you for your ongoing support with Active Travel!

### **3I Class Collective Worship**

Well done to 3I who led a fantastic worship this week on 'humility'. They did not let the tech issues affect them as they shared some of their amazing gifts and talents with us. Well done 3I!

### **Parking/Dropping Off**

We have noticed some inconsiderate parking and dropping off around school lately. This has included people blocking the school drive as they pull in to drop children off. Not only is this a dangerous place to drop children off but it is delaying staff from arriving at school. Please make the necessary adjustments!

### **No Smoking or Vaping**

A reminder that Bishop Wood is a no smoking or vaping site. This includes any areas within our perimeter fence even if outdoors. Thank you.

### **Staff Leaver**

We will sadly be saying goodbye to Mrs Porter (Izzy) at the end of this month as she relocates to London to start a new and exciting phase of her life. Izzy has worked at the school for many years in various roles but is most well known for her role at Breakfast and Supper Club. Izzy is a real character and will be missed by all of us. We wish her every success and happiness as she moves on. Izzy has loved her time at Bishop Wood and all her varied roles and I am sure she will pop back to see us all.

### **Term Dates 2025-2026**

We have been notified today that Hertfordshire County Council appear to have published an error when determining the dates for 2025/2026 which all schools worked from when setting the dates for the 25/26 Academic Year.

Please be advised therefore that the return date for pupils for September 2025 is now Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025. Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 will be an INSET day and school will be closed.

We are aware that some parents may have booked holidays using the previously published dates - please do let us know if this is the case.

### **Celebration**

This week we celebrated the following pupils in school:

3I – Esme F-B and Tommy H  
3S – Hugo A and Grace C  
4A – Seb W and Alice G  
4PS – Ava W and Thomas L  
5DR – Josh R and Zayne D  
5H – Luca M-C and Alfie J  
6C – Eden P and Emily B  
6M – Luke W and Annable H

Well done – keep up the excellent work!

### **Other Honours**



Pom Poms – 3S

**Around School**

*This Week*

Year 3 have enjoyed using their times table knowledge to multiply by multiples of ten. Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed a visit from the River Chess Project including an escape room and river sampling! During their science lessons, Year 5 have enjoyed learning about gravity and Year 6 have been making colour wheels.

*Next Week*

Year 3 are doing some drama by creating a conscience alley whilst Year 4 are looking forward to writing perspective narratives on a river. Year 5 are eagerly awaiting their trip to the O2 for Young Voices, and Year 6 are looking forward to studying percentages.

**Bishop Wood is Recruiting!**

We are currently recruiting three positions in school. The details for each individual post can be found on the Teach in Herts website by clicking the following links:

[Special Educational needs and Disabilities Coordinator](#)

[Teaching/Classroom Assistant](#)

[After School Club Play Leader](#)

Please share the details with anyone who may be interested or make contact if one of the roles appeals to you. The Bishop Wood team is a fantastic community to be part of!

Thank you and best wishes

Mr Stanley