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Collective Worship at Bishop Wood

At Bishop Wood, collective worship is a valued part of daily school life and reflects our Christian vision of enabling everyone to “be the best version of ourselves, enjoying life in all its fullness.” Rooted in the values of Wisdom, Hope, Community, and Dignity, each act of worship is inclusive, invitational, and inspiring, providing time for prayer, reflection, and exploration of spiritual and moral themes. Worship is planned in line with the Christian calendar and led by a variety of staff, pupils, and Reverend Huw Bellis, creating meaningful connections with the wider church community. The impact of worship is regularly monitored by both our Year 6 Worship Group and school governors, who evaluate sessions to ensure they are reflective, engaging, and support the school’s ethos. This shared commitment ensures worship remains at the heart of our school community.

End of Day Dismissal – Years 4, 5 and 6

To help reduce last-minute disruptions and ensure a smooth end to the school day, we kindly ask parents of children in Years 4–6 to complete the updated [pick-up arrangements form](#) for this academic year. Please ensure all potential collectors are listed. We also ask that play dates and similar arrangements be organised outside of school hours, as the office is receiving a high volume of late messages which are difficult to manage. Of course, we understand that occasional emergencies may arise, and we will always do our best to support in those situations.

The Importance of Good Attendance

Every school day matters. Good attendance is vital for children’s academic progress, emotional wellbeing, and long-term success. We work closely with families to support regular attendance, offering personalised plans and access to external support where needed. However, persistent absence (defined as missing 10% or more of school) can trigger formal interventions, including involvement from the Local Authority and potential legal sanctions (fixed penalty notices for example). We ask all parents to prioritise attendance and partner with us in helping every child thrive through consistent and timely school attendance.

Jeans for Genes – Friday 19th September

We are pleased to announce that Bishop Wood School will be taking part in Jeans for Genes Day on Friday 19th September. This national event raises awareness and funds for children affected by genetic conditions. This year, we are supporting a local child, Lowie, who lives with CTNNB1 syndrome—a rare genetic disorder. By participating, we hope to contribute to vital research and help improve the lives of children like Lowie.

On the day, pupils and staff are invited to wear jeans to school and to make a small donation to support the cause via [this link](#).

Thank you for your support in making a difference.

Birthday Treats and Sweets

The safety and wellbeing of all our pupils is our highest priority. Considering updated guidance from Hertfordshire County Council and national allergy organisations, we will no longer be allowing birthday sweets or treats to be shared on the school site. This decision has been made to protect children with serious food allergies, some of whom are at risk of life-threatening anaphylactic reactions. With a growing number of pupils affected and the increasing complexity of managing allergens, this change helps us ensure a safe, inclusive environment for all. We appreciate your support in helping us keep every child safe while still celebrating birthdays in fun, meaningful, and non-food-based ways.

Parent Governor Vacancy



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



The official notice regarding this vacancy will be shared with parents today. Please read the letter carefully and contact the school if you have any questions. We are incredibly fortunate to have a wonderful group of governors here and this is a great opportunity to join the team!

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 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.

Celebration

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

3PS – Ruby K and Leo B

3S – Juliette C and Megan R

4A – James H and Evie R

4C – Zoe T and Connor J

5DR – Mollie H and Zach T

5M – Dylan P and Seb B

6I – Indy R and Alex D

6H – Felix M and Jack S

Other Honours

Pom Poms: 5M

Ariana M - Swimming

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
Wednesday 17 th September	Individual and Sibling Photos – full school uniform please!
Friday 19 th September	Year 5 Meet the Teacher
Friday 19th September	Jeans for Genes Day
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
Friday 3rd October	Buddies – Quiz Night
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	Year 5 - Anglo 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
Wednesday 26 th November	Buddies – Wreath Making Evening
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