



## Bishop Wood C of E Junior School

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Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

### **Half Term**

We have now reached February half term and are half way through the school year! This half term has been great at Bishop Wood and the children have all been fantastic and made some pleasing progress. We hope you all have a wonderful break with some quality family time together. If you are heading off to the slopes, be careful and make sure you come back in one piece!

### **Berkhamsted Deanery Synod**

On Wednesday evening, I was invited to speak at the Berkhamsted Deanery Synod meeting at Sunnyside Church in Berkhamsted. The meeting was about the Church of England target to be carbon neutral by 2030.

I shared all the work that our wonderful Active Travel Ambassadors and Eco warriors do to help our planet. I also talked about the children's involvement in our 'Out To Learn' project, with Mike, to improve the school grounds.

Mrs Reeve

### **Homework – Half Termly Project**

Guidance documents for homework can be found on our school website. We have weekly tasks and a half-termly project. The half-termly project is linked to an area of learning being covered in lessons that half term. Teachers will provide parents with an overarching title and then make some suggestions of how this project could be completed. These suggested tasks are optional. You are free to go in your own direction or to fall back on these suggested tasks if it is easier. If you are struggling with any element of the homework, please contact your child's class teacher for further clarity.

### **6C Class Collective Worship**

6C completed their class collective worship this week. They took us through the history of St Valentine and then shared an array of reasons to be thankful.

### **Worship Group and Choir**

Well done to those members of the worship group and school choir who helped to lead the worship at St Peter and St Paul's on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February. It was a fantastic service and we were inundated with positive comments afterwards. Thank you for giving up your time to support this.

### **World Book Day – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

As usual we will be celebrating World Book Day with many reading activities taking place in school. Children are encouraged to come to school dressed as a character from a book they really enjoy. We will be collecting a voluntary contribution of £1 on the day which will be sent to literacy-based charities. 3S have their class assembly on this day and should still come dressed as characters from a book!

### **Pencil Cases**

Please could parents spend the half term break replenishing pencil cases, particularly glue sticks, handwriting pens and pencils. A reminder that Mrs McGhee runs a cost price stationery shop if you need to use it. Thank you.

### **Celebration**

This week we celebrated the following pupils in school:

3I – Valentina S and Amelie W

3S – Seth B and Anastasia S

4A – Eli B and Gabriel F

4PS – Edward V, Eisa A and Tilly S

5DR – Georgie J and Omari A-o

5H – Ines A, Elle B and Finley C

6C – Corey C and Amelia W

6M – Liam R and Pearl B



Staff – Mrs Ing, Mrs Smart, Mrs Anechite and Mrs Reeve for giving up their time at the weekend to support school events!

Well done – keep up the excellent work!

### **Other Honours**

Pom Poms – 4A

Lunchtime Leader Awards – Eisa A and Rafi S-G

Isabelle HW, Cami C, Lucia L and Sophie M – Netball

Arlo H – Hyrox

Valentina S – 5k run

Luke W – Karate

Worship Group/Choir – Acacia T, Alice C, Hattie R, Indy R, Sophie M, Ruby G, Phoebe C, Aubree T, Zayne D, Ellis M, Robbie C, Seb NV, Tilly S, Ava T and Ektaa M

### **Around School**

Year 3 have enjoyed learning about fossils, especially using bread and sweets to create their own! Year 4 have finished their persuasive letters which are being sent to Parliament. They are rightfully proud of them. Year 5 have completed writing their explanations of how inventions work. Year 6 really enjoyed making tin foil sculptures in Art.

### **Diary Dates**

Please find below a list of key dates for the Spring Term. We will add to these as we progress through the school year. New dates will be highlighted.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Half Term
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Open Morning 9.30 – 10.30am
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	3S Class Assembly 9am
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>World Book Day</b>
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Roman Day
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	4A Class Assembly 9am
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Hazard Alley
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	5H Class Assembly 9am
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	World Downs Syndrome Day
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Lenten Bazaar Time TBC
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Cross Country at Bridgewater
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening 4 – 7pm
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening 4 – 7pm
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	6M Class Assembly 9am
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	End of Term Service at St Peter and St Paul – 11.15am
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	End of Term – School Closes at 1.30pm

Thank you and best wishes

Mr Stanley