



## Bishop Wood C of E Junior School

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Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025

### **Collective Worship at Bishop Wood**

In Collective Worship this week, we continued to explore the value of hope. Father Huw came in on Wednesday and used the Stockdale Paradox (confront reality, maintain faith and persist) as a way of deepening the pupils' thinking around and understanding of hope.

### **Year 3 – Chiltern Open Air Museum**

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September, Year 3 went to Chiltern Open Air Museum on a double decker coach. We went straight to our first activity which was Stone Age Life. We lit fires, used coal for paint and made shelters with leather. After that we had lunch and then made spears and looked at some valuable items. My (Eliza's) favourite part was making sharp, powerful spears. My (Marcus') favourite part was lighting hot fires.

By Eliza S and Marcus H

### **Apple Parade**

We are excited to join this year's Apple Fayre Parade with our scarecrow "King Edward," celebrating British farming. Children who sign up will help create him in the coming weeks. On parade day, please meet at the Christchurch Road roundabout at 10:15am (time to be confirmed). The parade ends at the Farmers' Market near Tring Local Museum. Sign up via the School Gateway by Wednesday 8th October. Children may be accompanied or dropped off but must bring any required medication and be signed out by an adult at the end.

### **Around School**

It has been another great week in school. Here is a taste of what the children have been doing this week and are looking forward to next week.

#### *This Week*

Year 3 enjoyed a PAHE lesson where they looked at the five people they can trust and go to if they need help or support. Year 4 have been writing diary entries from the point of view of a character from their book 'Who Let the Gods Out?'. Year 5 have enjoyed thinking about how Christians show commitment to God. Year 6 have been writing adventure narratives inspired by Charles Darwin.

#### *Next Week*

Year 3 will be looking at balancing and creating sequences in PE. Year 4 are looking forward to their weekly swimming lesson. Year 5 are looking forward to working on their Harvest poem. Year 6 will be printing in the style of William Morris.

### **Term Dates for 2026-27**

We have worked alongside Goldfield and can confirm the following term dates for 2026-27.

#### *Autumn Term 2026*

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September – INSET Day (school closed to pupils)

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – School opens to pupils

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Half Term

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Occasional Day (school closed)

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Term finishes at 1.30pm

#### *Spring Term 2027*

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January – INSET Day (school closed to pupils)

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – School opens to pupils



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



Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Term finishes at 1.30pm

#### *Summer Term 2027*

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April – School opens to pupils  
Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Half Term  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June – INSET Day (school closed to pupils)  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Term finishes at 1.30pm  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – INSET Days (school closed to pupils)

#### **Lunchtime Leader Vacancy**

We are looking for an energetic and enthusiastic person to join our amazing team and help make lunchtimes fun and enjoyable for the children. The role doesn't have to be every day of the week – we can be flexible. If you're interested, please get in touch with Debs at [admin@bishopwood.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bishopwood.herts.sch.uk)

#### **Reminders/Notices**

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Year 3 Meet the Teacher at 09.15

#### Beer & Hymns – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 6pm All Saints, Long Marston.

Come and sing all of your favourite harvest hymns whilst enjoying a Tring Beer and ploughmans tea. Beer and food is free but please donate generously to the Bishop's Harvest appeal. To book a place email [huw@tringteamparish.org.uk](mailto:huw@tringteamparish.org.uk)

#### Big Tring Youth Sing

Tring Music Partnership invites students in Years 5–9 to a free singing workshop on October 12th—[book by October 3rd!](#)

#### Rotary Young Photographer Competition

Pupils are invited to enter the free [Rotary Young Photographer Competition](#) by 31 January 2026.

#### **Celebration**

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

3PS – Max C and Henry C  
3S – Grayson J and Sam H  
4A – Oscar H and Ariana M  
4C – Amelie W and Rorie O  
5DR – Venpa H and Seb N-V  
5M – Beau B and Tilly S  
6H – George S and Christopher C  
6I – Arthur M and Euan O-B

#### *Behaviour Champions*

Well done to the following pupils who were selected by class teachers for showing positive behaviour for learning and embodying our school values:

3PS – Dominic R  
3S – Eve R  
4A – Oscar R  
4C – Connor J  
5DR – Freya S  
5M – Tess NS  
6I – Isabelle HW  
6H – Ines A

#### *Outside Honours*

Lucy B – gymnast of the week  
Theo Z - swimming

### *Other Honours*

Pom Poms: 5DR

### **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.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	African Drumming Workshop
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Year 3 Meet the Teacher
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Buddies Quiz and Curry Night
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival at St P and P 11.15am
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Worship for All at St P and P
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Come Dine with 3PS
20 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Fun, Fit and Fruity Week
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Come Dine with 3S
27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Half Term
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Y5 Saxon Day
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 Greek Day
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Sunday
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Consultations 4-7pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Consultations 4-7pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Buddies Disco
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Buddies Wreath Making Evening
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Nasal Flu Vaccination Mop Up
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Occasional Day – School Closed!
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Reverse Advent Calendar Begins (Details to follow!)
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Year 6 Victorian Day
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Buddies Christmas Fayre
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Afternoon and Evening Christmas Services at St P and P
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Golden Time
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Pupil Christmas Lunch
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term Service at St P and P 11.30am
15 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Week
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes at 1.30pm

Thank you and best wishes

Mr Stanley