



## Bishop Wood C of E Junior School

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Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

### **Harvest Celebration – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

We are looking forward to gathering together at St Peter and St Paul Church for our annual Harvest Celebration. This is always a special occasion in the school calendar, giving us the chance to give thanks and to share with others. This year we will once again be supporting both the Bishop of St Alban's Harvest Appeal and our local homeless charity, DENS. In doing so, we are living out our vision of life in all its fullness and showing our school values of Wisdom, Hope, Community and Dignity in action.

### **Parent Reps – Year 3**

We are looking for volunteers to be the Class Representative for 3PS and 3S. The Class Rep plays an important role in helping to share information and support school activities. The Year 3 representatives will be chosen at random from the list of volunteers and will join our fantastic parent rep team for their first meeting after half term.

If you would like to volunteer, please email [admin@...](mailto:admin@bishopwood.herts.sch.uk) stating your name and your child's class.

### **Spirituality – Our New Approach!**

At Bishop Wood C of E Junior School, we believe that spirituality is about exploring meaning, purpose, and connection in everyday life. One of the ways we nurture this is through the use of *Wows*, *Ows*, *Nows* and *Hows*, which help children reflect on their experiences and responses to the world around them.

- *Wows* are those moments of awe and wonder that fill us with amazement.
- *Ows* remind us that life sometimes brings challenges and difficulties that we can learn and grow from.
- *Nows* encourage us to pause, notice, and appreciate the present moment.
- *Hows* invite us to think about how we can make a positive difference by showing kindness and care.

Together, these reflections support our approach to spirituality, helping children develop empathy, resilience, and a deeper understanding of themselves, others, and the wider world.

### **Gate Times and Drop Off**

We would like to remind all families that school gates open to pupils at 8.35am each morning. For the safety and supervision of all children, please ensure that pupils are not dropped off before this time, as staff are not available to provide supervision prior to 8.35am. We kindly ask for your support in adhering to this, as it is important for safeguarding and ensuring that every child starts their school day in a safe and calm environment. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Celebration**

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

3PS – Leo S and Florence H  
3S – Charlie L and Eliza S  
4A – Freddie S and Archie M  
4C – Elsie R and Lucy W  
5DR – Ada W and Charlie L  
5M – Edward V and Ektaa M  
6H – Charlie A and Ines A  
6I – Fin T and Isabelle HW

*Behaviour Champions*



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



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

3PS – Gracie N  
3S – Grayson J  
4A – Mabel T  
4C – George P  
5DR – Ada W  
5M – Beau B  
6I – Gabriella RB  
6H – Reggie R

#### *Outside Honours*

Pom Poms: 6H  
Mabel A – Piano  
Tess NS, Ariana M and Winnie M – Football

#### **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 have been using fronted adverbial phrases to write stone age diaries and investigating the key changes from the Stone Age to the Bronze Age in history. Year 4 have been learning about the weather in French. Year 5 have enjoyed drawing diagrams to demonstrate their understanding in science. Year 6 have been solving problems using long multiplication.

#### *Next Week*

Year 4 are excited about starting myths and legends in English. Year 5 are looking forward to planning their 'Phoenix' inspired science fiction stories. Year 6 are looking forward to writing animal themed poems.

#### **Reminders/Notices**

##### Rotary Young Photographer Competition

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

##### 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)

#### **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
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