



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

Dear parents and carers.

This coming Sunday is known as Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. It is the start of Holy Week. This is the week when the Church especially remembers Jesus' final days in Jerusalem. Palms will be handed out in Church in remembrance of the welcome and great praise that the people gave to Jesus when he entered the City. Holy Week is a very special time: it includes Palm Sunday, the celebration of the Last Supper, the washing of feet, the agony in the garden, Jesus' arrest, crucifixion and his resurrection. Everybody is invited to come and join with the Church this Sunday and indeed over the next week. Pope Francis tells us "The Church is born from Jesus' supreme act of love on the Cross." We continue to pray for Pope Francis as he recovers from his recent illness.

Mr Monaghan

I wish you and your families a happy and peaceful Easter. God bless.

USEFUL LINKS



Click on the image above for uniform, Coolmilk, school lunch menu, free school meals, after school clubs and more!



Click on the image for term dates, newsletters and the school calendar



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BISHOP ELLIS CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

11th April 2025

MAY

**Monday 5th
Bank Holiday.
School Closed**

**Monday 12th Y6
SATS week**

**Friday 23rd
Colour Dash
2:30pm**

JUNE

Friday 13th Sports Day

**Reception & KS1 9:15 -
10:30**

KS2 - 1:30 - 3:00

2026/27 Term dates

A new version of the 26/27 term dates has been uploaded to our website. Please note the change is around the start of the academic year and the date of the August Bank Holiday.



ON TUESDAY, FOUR CHILDREN (TOBY, SOFIA, LUIS AND NATAN) REPRESENTED BISHOP ELLIS AT ST PETERS AND ST PAULS ACADEMY, PLAYING IN A HOCKEY TOURNAMENT. THEY HAVE BEEN PRACTICING DURING THEIR LUNCH BREAKS AT SCHOOL AND PLAYED 6 DIFFERENT MATCHES AGAINST DIFFERENT SCHOOLS FROM SOUTH CHARNWOOD. THEIR HARD WORK AND DETERMINATION PAID OFF AND THEY FINISHED IN 3RD PLACE. THEY ALSO WON 'SPIRIT OF THE GAMES' AWARD FOR THE TOURNAMENT BY BEING RECOGNISED FOR DEMONSTRATING ALL OF THE SCHOOL GAME VIRTUES (RESPECT, PASSION, TEAMWORK, SELF-BELIEF, HONESTY AND DETERMINATION). I WAS INCREDIBLY PROUD OF THEM ALL FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS AND THE WAY THEY REPRESENTED US. MANY OF SCHOOLS COMMENTED ON HOW AMAZING THEY WERE, WHICH WAS WONDERFUL TO HEAR. ANOTHER FANTASTIC SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT FOR BISHOP ELLIS TO CELEBRATE.
MRS TAYLOR – PE SUBJECT LEADER

**The Easter Raffle
has raised £492.00**

Thank You



SOME OF THIS WEEKS HIGHLIGHTS!



Photography Competition

Theme – Growing and Changing

With spring now here, we are excited to hold our third photography competition! It's simple to take part, all you need to do is take a photo of something that shows the signs of spring and email them into us.

There will be a winner from each of the following categories.

Reception and KS1 – Landscape / Reception and KS1 – Portrait

KS2 – Landscape / KS2 – Portrait

We cannot wait to see all your pictures!

How to enter:

Email your photo along with your full name, class and category to computing@bishopellis.leics.sch.uk

Closing date is Tuesday 29th April and winners will be announced in our achievement assembly on Friday 2nd May.

Rules to take part:

1. The person entering was the photographer
2. It is suitable for others to see
3. Any people included have given their permission to have their picture included in the competition

Please note:

All of the photographs will be used to create a scrapbook to showcase the children's work.



**STARTS
FRIDAY
11TH APRIL**



F.O.B.E.
Friends of Bishop Ellis

**BISHOP ELLIS
SMARTIES
CHALLENGE!**

Each child will receive a pack of Smarties.
Once eaten, fill your empty tubes with 20p
pieces (or any coins that will fit!)
in return for doing jobs and
being helpful and kind.
Please bring your filled smarties
tubes back to school by
Friday 2nd May.

**ENJOY YOUR
SMARTIES
AND HAVE A
HAPPY
EASTER!**



**MONIES
RAISED
TO GO TO
F.O.B.E.**



Sunday 27 April



3pm Kick-off



King Power Stadium

FREE FOOTBALL TICKETS.

WE RECEIVED THIS MESSAGE FROM LEICESTER CITY THIS WEEK.

WE'D LOVE TO WELCOME YOUR ORGANISATION TO CHEER ON LCFC WOMEN WHEN THEY TAKE ON MANCHESTER CITY WOMEN IN THE BARCLAYS WSL ON SUNDAY 27 APRIL.

WE'RE DELIGHTED TO OFFER YOUR SCHOOL UP TO 100 FREE TICKETS TO ATTEND THE GAME. YOUR SCHOOL HAS BEEN ALLOCATED A UNIQUE CODE WHICH ALLOWS 50 DIFFERENT PEOPLE TO ACCESS TWO FREE TICKETS PER TRANSACTION.

ANYONE WITHIN YOUR SCHOOL WISHING TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL TICKETS CAN DO SO BY ADDING THESE TO THEIR TRANSACTION AT A COST OF £10 FOR ADULTS AND £4 FOR UNDER 18S. PLEASE NOTE, THE CODE CAN BE USED UP TO 50 TIMES TO RECEIVE TWO FREE TICKETS PER TRANSACTION. ONCE ALL REDEMPTIONS ARE USED, IT WILL NO LONGER WORK.

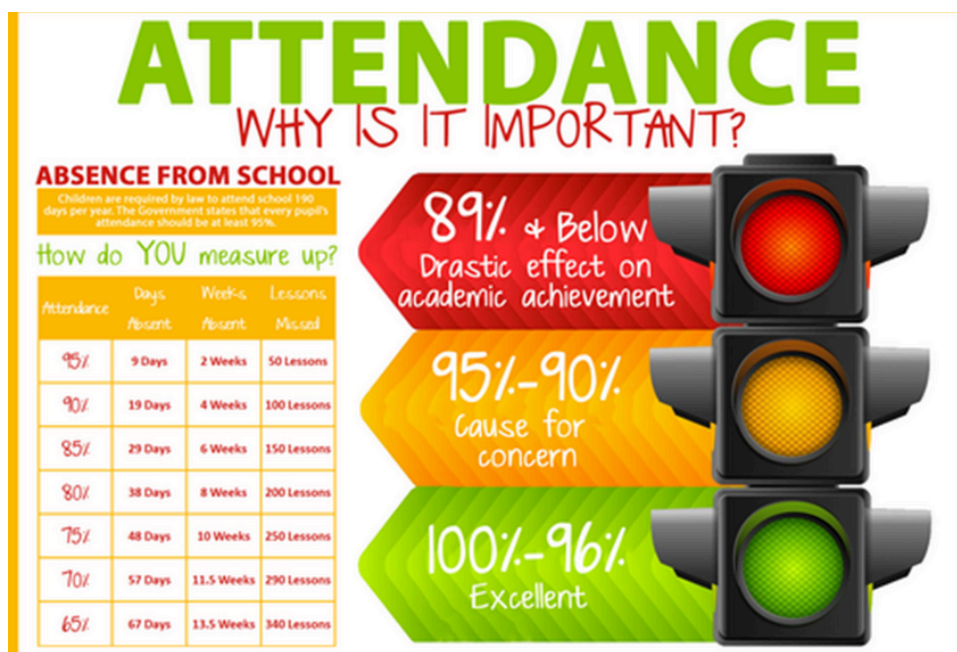
THIS IS A CHANCE TO WATCH AMANDINE MIQUEL'S SIDE BATTLE IT OUT AGAINST A STAR-STUDED MANCHESTER CITY LINEUP. EXPECT TO SEE LEICESTER'S YUKA MOMIKI, SOPHIE HOWARD AND NEW SIGNINGS HLÍN EIRÍKSDÓTTIR & KARLA TORRES DO BATTLE IN A FIXTURE FULL OF INTERNATIONAL STARS.



HOW TO CLAIM YOUR FREE TICKETS

TO SECURE TWO FREE TICKETS, CLICK ON [THIS LINK](#) AND ADD THIS CODE "SCHOOL-MCFCW52" INTO THE 'PROMOTION CODE' BOX AT THE TOP RIGHT CORNER OF THE PAGE. ONCE THE CODE IS ENTERED, SUPPORTERS SHOULD SELECT ALL THE SEATS THEY WOULD LIKE FOR THE GAME. TWO OF THE TICKETS WILL APPEAR AS COMPLIMENTARY. FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPLETE YOUR PURCHASE. OUR CITY SALES CENTRE ARE HAPPY TO HELP WITH ANY QUERIES AND CAN BE CONTACTED ON [0344 815 5000 \(OPTION 1\)](tel:0344-815-5000).

WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU ROARING ON THE TEAM AT KING POWER STADIUM. LET'S MAKE IT A MATCH TO REMEMBER!
MANY THANKS.



PLEASE SEE THE WEBSITE FOR THE CMAT ATTENDANCE POLICY.
 POLICIES - BISHOP ELLIS CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW NATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR PENALTY NOTICES, THE FOLLOWING COMES INTO FORCE FOR PENALTY NOTICE FINES ISSUED FOR UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE OCCURRING AFTER 19 AUGUST 2024
 5 CONSECUTIVE DAYS OF TERM TIME LEAVE (HOLIDAY) – PENALTY NOTICE FINES WILL BE ISSUED FOR TERM TIME LEAVE OF 5 OR MORE CONSECUTIVE DAYS AND FOR FEWER DAYS WHERE THIS HAS HAPPENED BEFORE. (PLEASE NOTE, WE WILL BE NO LONGER ABLE TO AGREE TO AND AUTHORISE FAMILY HOLIDAYS)

10 SESSIONS OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10-WEEK PERIOD – OTHER THAN IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES, PENALTY NOTICE FINES WILL BE ISSUED WHEN THERE HAVE BEEN 10 SESSIONS OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10 WEEK PERIOD.

PER PARENT, PER CHILD - PENALTY NOTICE FINES WILL BE ISSUED TO EACH PARENT FOR EACH CHILD WHO WAS ABSENT. FOR EXAMPLE: 3 SIBLINGS ABSENT FOR TERM TIME LEAVE WILL RESULT IN EACH PARENT RECEIVING 3 SEPARATE FINES.

FIRST OFFENCE – THE FIRST TIME A PENALTY NOTICE IS ISSUED FOR TERM TIME LEAVE OR IRREGULAR, UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE THE AMOUNT WILL BE £160 PER PARENT, PER CHILD WHEN PAID WITHIN 28 DAYS. THIS IS REDUCED TO £80 PER PARENT PER CHILD IF PAID WITHIN 21 DAYS

SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS) – THE SECOND TIME A PENALTY NOTICE IS ISSUED FOR TERM TIME LEAVE OR IRREGULAR, UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE THE AMOUNT WILL BE £160 PER PARENT, PER CHILD WHEN PAID WITHIN 28 DAYS. (THERE IS NO OPTION TO REDUCE TO £80 WITH AN EARLY PAYMENT)

THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS) – THE THIRD TIME AN OFFENCE IS COMMITTED FOR TERM TIME LEAVE OR IRREGULAR, UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE A PENALTY NOTICE WILL NOT BE ISSUED. THE CASE WILL PROCEED TO THE MAGISTRATES' COURT. MAGISTRATE'S FINES CAN BE UP TO £2,500 PER PARENT, PER CHILD. CASES FOUND GUILTY IN MAGISTRATES' COURT CAN SHOW ON THE PARENT'S FUTURE DBS CERTIFICATE AND MAY IMPACT ON JOB APPLICATIONS AND TRAVEL ABROAD.

COURT PROSECUTIONS – PENALTY NOTICES WILL NOT AUTOMATICALLY BE ISSUED. PARENTS ARE ADVISED THAT WHERE THE LA CONSIDERS THAT A PENALTY NOTICE IS NOT APPROPRIATE DUE TO THE LEVEL OF CONCERN ABOUT A CHILD'S ABSENCE, PROSECUTION ACTION MAY BE TAKEN.

FURTHER GUIDANCE IS AVAILABLE ON THE GOV.UK WEBSITE.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE CHANGES AND THE NEW NATIONAL FRAMEWORK REGARDING PENALTY NOTICES, PLEASE CONTACT MYSELF. FINES FOR PARENTS FOR TAKING CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW – THE EDUCATION HUB (BLOG.GOV.UK)

LINKED TO THE IMPORTANCE OF EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE IS PUNCTUALITY. SCHOOL STARTS AT 8:45AM. IT IS THEREFORE ESSENTIAL THAT CHILDREN ARE HERE BEFORE THEN. WE KNOW THAT THIS IS SOMETIMES EASIER SAID THAN DONE AND IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THIS WITH A MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM, PLEASE SPEAK TO ONE OF US ON THE GATE.