



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

**BISHOP ELLIS CATHOLIC  
VOLUNTARY ACADEMY**

*31st January 2025*

## **SCHOOL REMINDERS**

Childrens Mental Health  
Week 3rd - 7th Feb

**7 FEBRUARY  
2:00PM**

### **PARENT OPEN AFTERNOON**

To support parents and carers with our Lent term parents' evenings, we will be holding our open afternoon on Friday 7th February at 2:00. It is always such a positive opportunity to see the fantastic curriculum in action in your children's books.

**11 & 12 FEBRUARY**

### **PARENTS' EVENINGS**

**SAFER INTERNET DAY  
11TH FEBRUARY / WEAR COMFY  
CLOTHES TO SCHOOL**

**14 FEBRUARY**

**LAST DAY OF TERM**



## **HEADTEACHER'S NOTE**

In this Sunday's Gospel, we read about Simeon who joyfully recognised Jesus as the 'Light of the World' – the one who fills our lives with hope. Hope is a virtue which can strengthen and sustain us through life's greatest difficulties. Putting our hope in God is trying to live and do our best in the present moment, and then trust the future to God. Simeon is a great example of someone who placed his hope in God and was blessed by encountering Jesus, the 'Light of the World'. We too can be blessed and enlightened when we do the same.

Pope Francis tells us "Always know in your heart that God is by your side. Let us never lose hope!"

This week we joined all the other schools in the CMAT to celebrate the start of the Jubilee year. Representatives from school went to English Martyrs in Leicester to celebrate the feast day for our CMAT and to mark the start of the Jubilee year in the St Thomas Aquinas CMAT.

Have a lovely weekend.  
God Bless

Mr Monaghan.

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# JUBILEE YEAR 2025

31st January 2025



Well done to all the children who took part in the Ratcliffe College cross country event. The children lived out our school mission of aspiring to be their best and showing care to others.

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Reception children celebrating Chinese New Year

Basketball team: We were all joyful, we played against different teams. We won 2 games, drew 2 and lost 1, we came third overall. There was so much good teamwork and even when we lost the game we would give encouragement to each other.

(Ebubechukwu Year 6)





# SCIENCE WEEK



Beginning on Monday 10th March 2025, we are going to be taking part in British Science Week. We are going to spend time carrying out fun activities linked to earth science, biology, physics and chemistry.

FOBE have funded a planetarium to visit the school for all children to enjoy and we have been offered a range of experiences by Radcliffe College and DeLisle College. To show the children the importance of science in society, we would like to invite visitors in to school to speak to the children on Friday 14th March 2025. These visitors can be parents, family members or family friends.

We are looking for any jobs that have a link to science- vet, doctor, surgeon, nurse, personal trainer, paramedic, electrician, science teacher, lecturer, baker, plumber, builder etc.

We would like to invite visitors into the hall where we will set up a jobs fair with tables and chairs where the children can move around and ask questions. If you can come to school for the morning (9.30-11.15) or afternoon (1.30-2.45) on Friday 14th March, we would love to hear from you.

You don't need to prepare anything but if you have any items or photographs to help the children. If you can give up some of your time, then please contact the school office to let them know who you are, what your job role is, contact details and which session you are able to attend.

We hope that this will be a fantastic opportunity for the children to see how science can be such a huge part of our lives and hopefully inspire them to learn about jobs that they may have never considered.

Mrs Franklin (Science Co-ordinator)

31st January 2025

# HEALTH NEWS

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) urges parents and carers to help children stay healthy, particularly with high levels of flu and norovirus in circulation.

## Key Points:

- **Flu and Virus Prevention:** Flu hospitalisations have increased over the holidays, with community levels now high. Good hygiene is critical to reduce the spread of illness as children return to school.
- **Teaching Hygiene Habits:** Encourage regular handwashing with soap and warm water for 20 seconds, using tissues to catch coughs and sneezes, and avoiding reliance on alcohol gels, which are not effective against all viruses.

## Knowing When to Stay Home:

- Children can attend school with mild symptoms like a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough if they don't have a fever.
- Keep children at home if they have a fever, diarrhoea, or vomiting. Wait at least 48 hours after these symptoms clear before returning to school.

## Managing Stomach Bugs:

- Use soap and warm water for handwashing and bleach-based cleaners for surfaces.
- Avoid preparing food for others and stay away from hospitals or care homes if symptomatic.
- Do not return to school or work until 48 hours after symptoms stop.

**By reinforcing these steps, families can protect themselves and others, ensuring a healthy start to the term.**

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