



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

Dear parents and carers.

This Sunday is traditionally known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday'. The Gospel reminds us that Jesus is the Good Shepherd and that, if we listen to him, we can rely on him to guide our lives in the right direction. Sheep are so unpredictable and undependable. They are easily startled and often run in the wrong direction, appearing constantly to change their mind. Sometimes we too can head in the wrong direction and we need help to keep our lives on the right path. Jesus is the patient shepherd who never gives up on us. He came so that we could experience the fullness of life here, and to lead us into the joys of eternal life. Pope Francis told us "Life is a gift from God. The voice of Jesus is unmistakable! He guides us along the path of life."

We pray for Pope Leo XIV

Faithful God,
You guide us on the path of life
and your goodness is our constant companion.
Be with our new Shepherd, Pope Leo XIV,
in his service of the Church.
Fill him with the power of your Spirit,
the peace of your presence
and the compassion of Christ.
May he walk with you,
in wisdom and humility,
and lead us, together with all God's people,
to embody your love for the world.
Amen.

Mr Monaghan

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

9th May 2025

MAY
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.



V.E. DAY CELEBRATIONS.

WE WERE DELIGHTED TO JOIN OTHER MEMBERS OF OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY FOR THURMASTON'S VE DAY COMMEMORATIONS AT THURMASTON MEMORIAL HALL. A SPECIAL VE DAY 80 FLAG WAS BE RAISED AND A PROCLAMATION READ (THIS HAPPENED AT THE SAME TIME AROUND THE COUNTRY).

WE ENJOYED A SPECIAL V.E. DAY ASSEMBLY LED BY MISS BEALL OUR HISTORY LEAD.

THE CHILDREN HAD A SPECIAL LUNCHTIME LISTENING TO 1940'S MUSIC IN THE LUNCH HALL AND OUTSIDE. THANK YOU TO MRS ABELA AND MRS MORLEY FOR YOUR TIME AND CREATIVITY WITH THE BUNTING, BANNER AND INFORMATION AROUND THE PLAYGROUND AND HALL. THE CHILDREN SANG AND HAD A LOVELY DAY LEARNING ABOUT VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY 80 YEARS AGO.



SOME OF THIS WEEKS HIGHLIGHTS!



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 ARE 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.

ATTENDANCE

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

SENCE FROM SCHOOL

do YOU measure up?

Absence	Days	Weeks	Lessons
5%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
10%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
15%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
20%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
25%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
30%	57 Days	13.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
35%	67 Days	15.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

89% & Below

Drastic effect on academic achievement

95%-90%

Cause for concern

100%-96%

Excellent