



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

Dear parents and carers.

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that, to be Jesus' friends, we must put our loyalty to him before anything else in our life. To be loyal is to be faithful, reliable, supportive and trustworthy – to keep promises and stand up for the truth. Being loyal to Jesus is not always easy. He asks us to take up our cross. This means that we must sometimes do difficult things like saying sorry or helping when we don't want to. Pope Francis reminded us "We understand that loyalty to God is a matter of loyalty to a person to whom we are bound to walk together on the same road. And this person is Jesus."

Prayer for Peace in the Middle East.

Lord, we pray to you for the Holy Land, for the people of Israel and Palestine who are under the grip of unprecedented violence, for the victims, especially the children, for the wounded, for those held hostage, for the missing and their families.

Amen

Have a lovely weekend

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



Click on the images above to follow Bishop Ellis on Social Media

BISHOP ELLIS CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

Diary Dates 2025/2026

September 2025

Tuesday 16th

9:30 Whole School Mass -
New School Year.

Thursday 18th

Open Morning for families
with children starting
school in 2026.

Monday 29th

Readathon Week.

October 2025

Friday 3rd

Harvest Liturgy.

Friday 10th

2:15-3:00 Open
Afternoon- a chance to
look at your child's books
with them before Parents'
Evening.

Thursday 16th

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Parents Evening.

Friday 17th

Half Term 3.30

Monday 27th

8.45 Return to school



Chapel Update

As part of the legacy for this Jubilee year, we are creating a chapel in school. We would like our community to be involved in the naming of the chapel.

Please follow the link if you would like to vote to name our chapel.

<https://forms.office.com/e/7acPny08vz>

1st Holy Communion 2026

If your child is currently in year 3 and you would like them to make their 1st Holy Communion next year, there is information available from St Theresa's Church in Birstall. If you would like to talk about this then please speak to me on the school gate or contact Mrs Kennedy in the school office so we can arrange it. As soon as we receive information from The Divine Infant of Prague in Syston we will let you know.

5 Star Afterschool Clubs

● Monday – Didi Rugby

Fun, non-contact rugby designed to boost confidence, coordination and teamwork. SPACES AVAILABLE

🎯 Friday – Whaley's Darts

A safe and exciting way to build concentration, numeracy and hand-eye coordination through dart-based games. SPACES AVAILABLE

To register your interest, follow the link below:



<https://api.leadconnectorhq.com/widget/form/fovot2iE3NzfHZGKVZBU>

SITE SAFETY

PLEASE CAN YOU ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD DOES NOT RIDE THEIR BIKES OR SCOOTERS WHILST ON THE SCHOOL SITE. THIS IS TO ENSURE WE KEEP ALL VISITORS SAFE WHILST ON THE SCHOOL SITE.





Year 7 Applications

Parents of children in year 6 can start the application process for year 7 places for next year.

If you live in Leicestershire local authority area,
please use this link

[Apply for a secondary school | Leicestershire County Council](#)

If you live in Leicester City local authority area,
please use this link

[Apply for a secondary school place](#)

De Lisle College Open Evening

**De Lisle are holding a year 7 open evening on
Thursday 18th September 6pm-8pm. No booking required—everyone is welcome to come along! For further information please contact:
enquiries@delisle.leics.sch.uk**



Year 6 children completed bikeability Level 1 and 2. They worked hard over two days to learn how to be safe when cycling on the road!



Leicester Children's Holidays Flourish Family Festival

Flourish is taking place on Saturday 13th September 2025, from 12pm – 6pm at Gorsehill City Farm. Once inside the festival all activities are completely free, we have fairground rides, facepainting, inflatables, arts and crafts, circus workshops and much more – with the children getting to have fun all day at no cost. A main stage with live music all day including a Taylor Swift, Sabrina and Oasis Tribute act makes it a real family day out that brings much joy. All guests get to enjoy the farm for free too.

If you would like to purchase a ticket,
please follow this link.

[Flourish Festival Ticket – Leicester Children's Holidays](#)



Friend's of Bishop Ellis

Message from FOBE

FOBE would like to welcome everybody to a new academic year and we look forward to more fundraising and helping to enrich the children's time at school. Last year saw a lot of activity and we thank everybody for their continued support and input. Please see attached an overview of the last academic year and we look forward to what the year ahead brings.

Vacant positions:

Chair
Vice-Chair
Secretary

As mentioned before the summer holidays, some of the FOBE trustees are stepping down from their roles and the current positions will be available; Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary. In order for FOBE to continue to operate, these positions need to be filled and if anybody is interested in these or would like to find out more information about what the roles entail then please speak to the school office. Additionally if anybody is interested in joining as a committee member or is able to help out at events then please get in touch.

FOBE will hold its annual AGM at the beginning of October and everybody is invited to attend this and we will confirm the date in due course.



F.O.B.E. Friends of Bishop Ellis IN 24/25 FOBE has provided for



BOOK NOOK



CHRISTMAS PANTO



YEAR 6 LEAVERS DISCO



SCIENCE WEEK PLANETARIUM



PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION



NEW BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY



ATTENDANCE VOUCHERS



TABLE OF AWESOMENESS



ROAD SAFETY COMPETITION



ICE CREAM FOR BISHOP ELLIS BIRTHDAY



SOUNDS SYSTEM FOR LUNCHTIME MUSIC



FOBE has raised funds through

- Christmas game stall and raffle
- Christmas Choir and hot chocolate
- Easter Raffle
- Smarties challenge
- Pre loved uniform donations
- Employers donations
- Sports day refreshments and tombola

Our attendance so far this year is 97.5%. This is an excellent start to the year.

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

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How do YOU measure up?

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