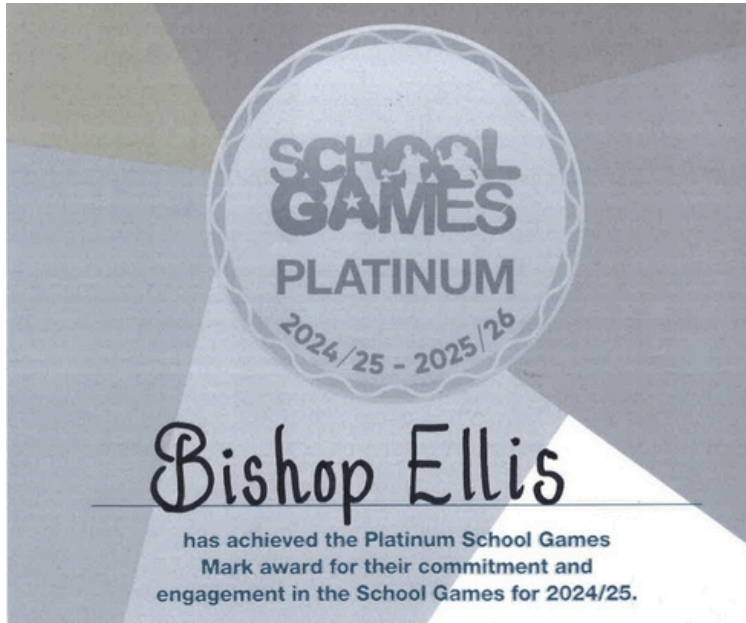




WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

Dear parents and carers.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we read that God loves us so much that he gave his only Son for us. Jesus' great act of love, of self-giving, on the cross, has paved the way for people to share in the true richness of God's joy and love in this life, and also in the life to come. God wants us to try to live like Jesus, to be 'self-giving', which is the opposite of being 'selfish'. To be 'self-giving' is to be very aware of others' needs or interests, and to put others' needs before our own.

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.

Wednesday 15th - Parents Evening

Thursday 16th - Open Morning for families with children starting school in 2026.

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Friday 17th - Half Term 3.30

Monday 27th - 8.45 Return to school

November 2025

Monday 3rd - Flu Vaccinations

Tuesday 4th - 9.30 Year 4 Class Mass - All Saints

Monday 10th - Anti-Bullying Week

Tuesday 11th - 9.30 Remembrance Liturgy

Tuesday 18th - 2.15 -3.00 Open Afternoon for families with children starting school in 2026

Friday 21st - School Closed for children. St Thomas Aquinas CMAT Inset Day

December 2025

Tuesday 2nd - 9.30 Christingle Service

Friday 5th - Menphys concert at De Montfort Hall

Tuesday 9th - KS1 Nativity

Wednesday 10th - 9.30 Reception Nativity

Wednesday 10th - 2.15 KS1 Nativity

Wednesday 17th - Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 18th - 10.30 KS2 Carol Service St. Theresa's Church

Friday 19th - 3.30 End of Advent Term



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 or above and you would like them to make their 1st Holy Communion next year, there is information available from our parishes.

Please see the attached poster from Divine Infant of Prague parish in Syston.

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.

First Holy Communion Preparation
Celebrating the Gift of the Eucharist



We invite you to join us as we celebrate the First Holy Communion of our children, as they receive the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time.

First Holy Communion Lessons
 Preparation classes will begin on:

Saturday 11th October 2025

Time: 3.30pm before mass

Location: Divine Infant of Prague, Broad Street, Syston, Leicestershire

These lessons are important for all children preparing to receive the sacrament and will guide them in understanding the true meaning of the Eucharist.

We encourage all families to participate in these lessons to ensure that each child is well-prepared for this beautiful sacrament.

"Let the little children come to me." – Matthew 19:14

For more information and to register, please contact: Father Paul

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

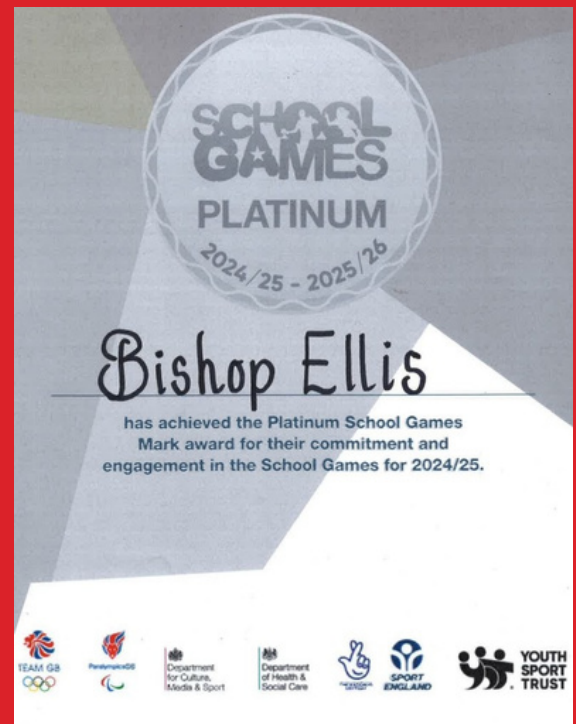
Thursday 18th September 6pm-8pm. No booking required—everyone is welcome to come along! For further information please contact: enquiries@delisle.leics.sch.uk

English Martyrs Open Evening



English Martyrs are holding a year 7 open evening on

**Thursday 2nd October 5pm-6.45pm.
No booking required - everyone is welcome to come along! For further information please contact: office@englishmartyrs.org**



A HUGE well done to all at Bishop Ellis for achieving the Platinum School Games Mark Award for their commitment and engagement in the School Games for 2024/25.

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 97.6%. 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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