



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

Dear parents and carers,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells us that God is not like the unjust judge who is irritated by the woman pestering him. No matter how much we pray to God, he doesn't think we are pestering him - he is our loving Father. There are many kinds of prayer. This Gospel reminds us about the value of 'Asking Prayer' and not giving up in our prayer requests. Prayer, at its simplest, is spending time with God - talking, listening, being together - telling God all about our lives. We can trust that God always hears our prayers and will always do what is best for us and those we pray for.

Prayer for Peace in the Middle East.

At long last it seems there may be some positive news for the communities 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

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

17th October 2025

Diary Dates 2025/2026 October 2025

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 - 1.30 -2.30 Open Afternoon for families with children starting school in 2026

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

December 2025

Monday 1st - Christmas Raffle Opens

Tuesday 2nd - 9.30 Christingle Service

Thursday 4th - FOBE annual light switch on

Friday 5th - Menphys concert as De Montfort Hall

Tuesday 9th - 2.15 KS1 Nativity

Wednesday 10th - 9.30 Reception Nativity

Wednesday 10th - 2.15 KS1 Nativity

Thursday 11th - Santa Panto

Wednesday 17th - Christmas Dinner and Christmas Outfit Day

Wednesday 17th - FOBE Disco

Thursday 18th - 10.00 KS2 Carol Service St. Theresa's Church

Friday 19th - End of Advent Term
School closes for Christmas



Prayers for loved ones



During the month of November, we think about all those we love who have died. If you would like us to pray for anyone in our celebrations of the word this month, please use the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/r/VJhQAbGqM>

Readathon 2025



Bishop Ellis is very proud to have come 1st place in the primary school category for the greatest number of minutes recorded for the county and we have won a prize of some books. Thank you to everyone who took part and to Miss Jackson for leading this in school.

FREE NHS Dental Check-ups for Children!

Firs Dental is offering 100 FREE NHS check-ups for kids aged 0–16 during the week of 27th October as part of their Give Kids A Smile campaign.

🗂️ Every child will also receive a free goody bag with dental care essentials to keep those little smiles healthy and bright! Spaces are limited and expected to go fast – don't miss out!

☎️ Book now by calling 0116 267 4254 or 07703 679002.





Music Mark

We were delighted to receive the exciting news that Bishop Ellis has been recognised by the Leicestershire Music Hub for the value that you place on music. They have presented us with the Music Mark of Recognition for Ambition & Quality.



Each year Leicestershire Music are invited by Music Mark to select schools, based on the focus on quality music provision within the school as well as engagement with the Leicestershire Music Hub. Many thanks to Miss Jackson, Mrs Shaw and Miss Lowe.



Parent Forum

I am interested in setting up a parent forum for behaviour and curriculum. I would envisage we would meet once a term. If you would be interested in joining this please let me know or email the school office.



School Choir

Our school choir will be taking part in the Catholic Schools Carol Concert, in aid of Menphys on Friday 5th December 2025.

Please see the poster below for ticket information.

Catholic Schools
CAROL CONCERT
A FESTIVE CONCERT IN AID OF
Menphys
Friday 5th December 2025
at 7:15 pm
De Montfort Hall, Leicester
Book your tickets now at
www.demontforthall.co.uk
or call 0116 233 3111
SCAN ME
Every ticket helps support children and young people with disabilities across Leicestershire

Let's Go Zero 2030

Through our work with St Thomas Aquinas CMAT, Bishop Ellis is proud to be part of the Let's Go Zero campaign, working with a dedicated Climate Action Advisor to create a tailored Climate Action Plan and embed sustainability into every aspect of school life. We are committed to becoming a zero carbon school by 2030.



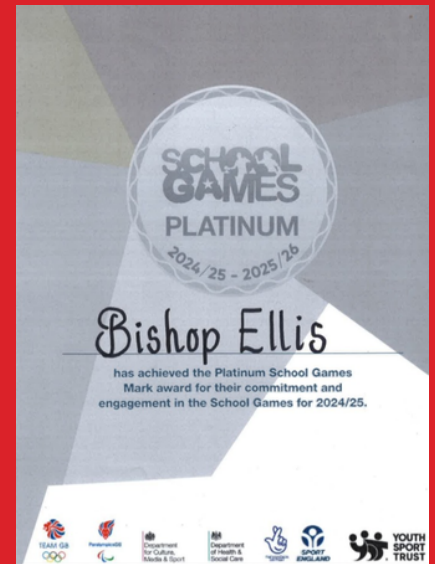


Advent 1 Achievements

Below are a list of the achievements at Bishop Ellis for this term. I am extremely proud of all that has been achieved.



**U11 Girls -
Pokemon Cup -
Runners Up**



**Achieved the
Platinum School
Games Mark
Award for their
commitment and
engagement in the
School Games**



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**Readathon - 1st place in the
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for the county!**





After School Clubs

We're back for the second half of the autumn term with even more fun and creativity!

⚽ MegaStrikers and 🤸 Gymnastics will continue, plus we're excited to introduce two brand-new clubs:

👨‍🍳 Junior MasterChef – budding chefs will learn new cooking and baking skills each week, with recipes getting a little more challenging as their confidence grows.

🎨 Make & Create Club – a hands-on craft club where children can design, build, paint and take home their amazing creations.

All clubs are £5 per child, per week, and must be booked for the whole half term.

👉 Book your child's place now using the link below, spaces are limited!

<https://cnpbg.uk/clubextra/>

F.O.B.E
Friends of Bishop Ellis

IN 24/25 FOBE has provided for



BOOK NOOK



YEAR 6 LEAVERS
DISCO



PHOTOGRAPHY
COMPETITION



ATTENDANCE
VOUCHERS



ROAD SAFETY
COMPETITION



ICE CREAM FOR
BISHOP ELLIS BIRTHDAY



SOUNDS SYSTEM
FOR LUNCHTIME
MUSIC



CHRISTMAS PANTO



SCIENCE WEEK
PLANETARIUM



NEW BOOKS FOR THE
LIBRARY



TABLE OF
AWESOMENESS



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 96.6%. 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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WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

SENCE FROM SCHOOL

Parents are responsible for ensuring their children attend school. The Government states that every child's attendance should be at least 95%.

How do YOU measure up?

Absence	Days	Weeks	Lessons
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20/	20 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
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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](#)

Deadline is Friday 31st October 2025

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.



NO 
PARKING

REMINDER NO PARKING IN THE LAY-BY IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL GATES.



FOUNDATION GOVERNORS

Christ is the foundation of the whole educational enterprise in a Catholic school.

The Catholic School, \$34

Calling Foundation Governors...

Are you looking for a way to live out your faith and serve your local community at the same time? If so, becoming a foundation governor could be just the thing for you.

Bishop Patrick McKinney is seeking practising Catholics to appoint as new foundation governors to our diocesan schools. Foundation governors play a vital role in maintaining and developing the Catholic character of our schools.

You do not need any experience in education or any specific qualifications as full support and training will be provided.

This event is designed to provide information about the role of a foundation governor, the application process and the support offered.

Date & Time
Tuesday 21 October 2025
7.00pm - 8.00pm

Venue
St Mary's Catholic Academy
Gladstone Street
Glossop
SK13 8NE

To register your interest, please email Gill Burns

gill.burns@nottingham-des.org.uk