



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

Dear parents and carers.

While on earth, we are given 'free will' and God our Father trusts us to use it wisely. There may be times when we make a wrong choice, but we can trust that God is always there to help us start again. This Sunday's Gospel reminds us about the value of being trustworthy people. We can show this by making good choices – especially when it comes to the use of money. When we give God first place in our lives – using our talents, our time and our money to serve God – we are blessed here and now, and can be certain that we will be rewarded in the life to come too.

Prayer for Peace in the Middle East.

I know this feels like a hopeless situation at the moment. However, 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

19th September 2025

Diary Dates 2025/2026

September 2025

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

Tour Guides



We held our first open morning for prospective parents yesterday. I would like to pay tribute to the amazing year 6 tour guides who took parents around the school. Thank you to Alicja, Callum, Cameron, Dhylan, Esha, Fabian, Sanul and Shennai. Our visitors told me that the children were "brilliant ambassadors for our school."



Requests for medical information:

We are currently being inundated with requests from medical professionals for information about children in school. As you will understand, these requests take a long time to complete. Please be patient with us as we are completing them as quickly as we possibly can.



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](#)

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



This week 4 students represented Bishop Ellis at a Table Tennis festival at Wreake Valley. Developing their table tennis skills and developing their use of respect, self-belief, determination and passion. All 4 children worked incredibly hard - well done!





Friend's of Bishop Ellis

Message from FOBE:

Friends Of Bishop Ellis Annual General Meeting

FOBE are holding their AGM on **Friday 10th October at 9:15am**. Everyone is welcome to attend. It would be especially lovely to welcome parents who are new to our school community.

Vacant Positions:

Chair
Vice-Chair
Secretary

Thank you to those who attended our Mini Vinnies 'Tea with SVP' morning! A chance for everyone to gather, share tea, spark conversation and build friendships; taking time for others whilst spreading kindness!



F.O.B.E
Friends of Bishop Ellis

**CALLING ALL PARENTS
AND CARERS!!**

**You're
invited to
join our AGM
Friday 10th October**

**In the studio - tea and coffee
served from 9:00am
9:15am start**

**If you're interested in joining as a
committee member or helper,
email us at
Friendsofbishopellis@outlook.com**

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.



Our attendance so far this year is 97.1%. 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

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How do YOU measure up?

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