



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



## HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

Dear parents and carers.

In this Sunday's Gospel we read about poor Lazarus, suffering at the rich man's gate – and the rich man does nothing to help him. It's easy for us to become so caught up in the busyness of life that we don't even notice the needs of others or, worse still, ignore them. But Jesus repeatedly teaches us about fairness, sharing and kindness to others, particularly to the poor. The question of a successful life is not: "How much did I accumulate?" but rather, "How did I use what God had given me to help others?"

### 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



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## BISHOP ELLIS CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

26th September 2025

### Diary Dates 2025/2026

#### September 2025

Monday 29th - Readathon Week.

#### October 2025

Friday 3rd - Harvest Liturgy

Monday 6th - Individual Photographs

Tuesday 7th - 9.30 Year 3 Class Mass

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

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 - 2.15 KS1 Nativity

Wednesday 10th - 9.30 Reception Nativity

Wednesday 10th - 2.15 KS1 Nativity

Wednesday 17th - Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

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

Friday 19th - End of Advent Term

School closes for Christmas



## Chaplaincy Team

We had over 50 applications to be part of our Chaplaincy team this year. I was so delighted to see this as in some previous years we have had very few.

Our Chaplaincy Team for this year is Avni, Dhylan, Dominic, Edith, Emily, Grace, Joshua, Josie and Rosalie. May God bless them in their ministry this year.

## Eco Warriors Team



I am delighted to announce our Eco Warriors team for this year are Jesse, Thomas, Ignatius, Elwood, Morley, George, Vihaan, Savinah, Joel, Leon, Kush, John, Devan, Ava-Mae.

## Lets 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.



**I WANT MY SCHOOL TO BE  
ZERO CARBON BY 2030**



**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.



# Friend's of Bishop Ellis

## 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



A yellow poster with a white central box containing text. The text is framed by two blue megaphones. The background has a subtle pattern of stars and a heart at the bottom.

**F.O.B.E**  
*Friends of Bishop Ellis*

**CALLING ALL PARENTS  
AND CARERS!!**

**You're  
invited to  
join our AGM  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Friendsofbishopellis@outlook.com)**



This week Year 2 visited Martin High School to participate in a multi-skills sports festival. The children had so much fun!





## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> October 5pm-6.45pm.**

**No booking required - everyone is welcome  
to come along! For further information  
please contact: [office@englishmartyrs.org](mailto:office@englishmartyrs.org)**

## **National Fitness Day 2025**

It was wonderful to see so many children enthused to take part in a “fitness bingo session” on Wednesday lunchtime as part of National Fitness Day. Thank you to Mrs Taylor, Mr Jackson, Miss Jackson and our Sports leaders for organising and running the event.



### **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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**How do YOU measure up?**

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