



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



## HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

Dear parents and carers.

In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus reminds us of the power and the responsibility that comes with having faith in God. Faith and love go hand in hand. Helping our children to grow in faith, to know and love God, is one of the greatest gifts we can give them. Putting our faith in Jesus helps us to know God as our loving Father, and this changes how we see the world – it can free us from anxiety, give us confidence and inner strength and help us keep growing in our love for one another.

### Prayer for Harvest

Generous God, we thank you for the gifts you have given for all people to share. We plant seeds of hope and nurture them as we seek a harvest plenty for all.

Forgive us for the times these seeds fail to take root in our hearts. We grieve when homes and crops are washed away by floods, when lives are uprooted by disaster, or trampled by fear and greed. Living God, you lead us to a new way of being. Move us to help one another in our times of need, to care for the earth and to love one another, sharing your harvest with all.

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

3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

### Diary Dates 2025/2026

#### October 2025

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup>** - Individual Photographs  
**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>** - 9.30 Year 3 Class Mass  
**Friday 10<sup>th</sup>** - 2:15-3:00 Open Afternoon  
**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>** - 9.30 Reception Liturgy  
**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>** - Parents Evening  
**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>** - Parents Evening  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup>** - Half Term  
**Monday 27<sup>th</sup>** - 8.45 Return to school

#### November 2025

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Flu Vaccinations  
**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>** - 9.30 Year 4 Class Mass - All Saints  
**Monday 10<sup>th</sup>** - Anti-Bullying Week  
**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>** - 9.30 Remembrance Liturgy  
**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>** - 2.15 -3.00 Open Afternoon for families with children starting school in 2026  
**Friday 21<sup>st</sup>** - School Closed for children. St Thomas Aquinas CMAT Inset Day

#### December 2025

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>** - 9.30 Christingle Service  
**Friday 5<sup>th</sup>** - Menphs concert as De Montfort Hall  
**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>** - 2.15 KS1 Nativity  
**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>** - 9.30 Reception Nativity  
**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>** - 2.15 KS1 Nativity  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>** - Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day  
**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>** - 10.00 KS2 Carol Service St. Theresa's Church  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup>** - End of Advent Term  
School closes for Christmas



## Mini Vinnies

The Mini Vinnies are the youngest members of the Society of St Vincent de Paul, a Christian organisation which puts faith into action. They give support to people in their community, meeting them face to face and trying to help them in any way that they can. They use the motto 'see, think, do' when thinking about what they can do to help others in the communities.



Our Minnie Vinnie members are:

Kiyana, Aoife, Alice, Kavisha, Arran, Alice, Fran, Cameron, Nancie, Emily, Jesse, Aurnyn, Matilda, Evie, Sasha, Esha, Wanita

## Harvest Food Donations

MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER - WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

HARVEST IS A TIME FOR FEASTING, CELEBRATING AND GIVING THANKS. IT IS ALSO A TIME FOR HONOURING THOSE WHO GROW AND REAP CROPS. AT BISHOP ELLIS AT THIS TIME OF YEAR, WE ASK FOR YOUR HELP IN HELPING OTHERS. IF YOU CAN AFFORD TO DONATE, THIS YEAR WE ARE ASKING FOR DONATIONS FOR THE LEICESTER SOUTH FOODBANK, WHO DISTRIBUTE FOOD TO RANGE OF LOCAL HUBS IN OUR AREA.

PLEASE DONATE:

TINNED SOUP    TINNED TOMATOES  
TINNED POTATOES    TINNED SWEETCORN  
TINNED CARROTS    UHT MILK    UHT JUICE  
TINNED FRUIT    CURRY SAUCE  
CUSTARD    RICE PUDDING  
SHAMPOO    SPONGE PUDDINGS  
TINNED PULSES    SHOWER GEL



## 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.

## 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, Ignatius. May God bless them in their ministry this year.



## Sports Leaders



I am delighted to announce that our sports leaders for this year are: Zack, Fran, Sofia, Edith, Yash, Isaac, Tirzah, Sevyn, Aoife, Sanul.





# 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

## Digital Leaders



I am delighted to announce our digital leaders for this year are:

Sam, Alice, Logan,  
Maya, Wanita, Esha, Niyan, Cairo, Bailey,  
Lola-Rose.

**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)**



A huge well done to these students who took part in the U11 Mixed Pokemon Cup qualifying tournament at Wreake Valley.



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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**How do YOU measure up?**

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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 31<sup>st</sup> 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

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