



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



## HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

Dear parents and carers,

In this Sunday's Gospel, we read how the people had actually lost sight of God by getting caught up in their buying and selling. Jesus' enthusiastic action was a protest that things had gone seriously wrong with how they were relating to God; something needed to change. Right here – right now – we can begin or renew our relationship with God and be filled with fresh enthusiasm for life.

### 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

7<sup>th</sup> November 2025

**Diary Dates 2025/2026**

### November 2025

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup>** - Anti-Bullying Week - Odd Socks Day

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>** - 1.30 -2.30 Open Afternoon for families with children starting school in 2026

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>** - Non-uniform Day

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup>** - School Closed for children. St Thomas Aquinas CMAT Inset Day

### December 2025

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup>** - Christmas Raffle Opens

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>** - 9.30 Christingle Service

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>** - FOBE annual light switch on

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup>** - Menphys concert at 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

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>** - Santa Panto

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>** - Christmas Dinner and Christmas Outfit Day

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>** - FOBE Disco

**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



## 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>



## This Girl Can Festival!



A huge well done to our year 5 and 6 girls who took part in the South Charnwood sports festival on Tuesday. The feedback from the organisers was excellent and the girls thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Many thanks to Mrs Taylor and Miss Jackson for taking the children.



### 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.

Many thanks to those of you who have contacted me already.



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If you are on Instagram or Facebook please follow and share the school's posts so we can connect with the wider community and prospective parents.



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## Message from F.O.B.E

# Can you donate a raffle prize??

FOBE are requesting donations  
towards the Christmas Raffle.

Gift donations will be collected together and  
made into gift hampers to be won alongside  
other great prizes!

Donations can be as big or as small as you wish -  
any donations will be gratefully received.

(Examples could be small toys, stationary or crafting supplies,  
books, bathing treats, festive food (non perishable), socks..... )

Please bring in your  
& donations by  
Thursday 20th November

## Neurodiversity and Faith Project

A message from the Nottingham Diocese  
about a project from The God who  
speaks. If you're an adult neurodivergent  
Catholic or a Caregiver of a  
neurodivergent Catholic, we want to  
hear from you. To find out more and to  
fill in our short surveys follow the link  
[The God Who Speaks](#)

## Mass Times

### Divine Infant of Prague, Syston:

Weekend -

Sat 16.30 pm

Sun 11.15 am

### St. Theresa's, Birstall;

Weekend -

Sat - 18.00 pm

Sun - 09.15am

Weekdays -

Fri - 18.00 pm

Our Parishes are very keen  
for children to read and  
participate in mass. Please  
get in contact with the  
parish for further  
information.

St. Theresa's, Birstall

[https://st-theresa-  
sacredheart.co.uk/](https://st-theresa-sacredheart.co.uk/)

Divine Infant of Prague,  
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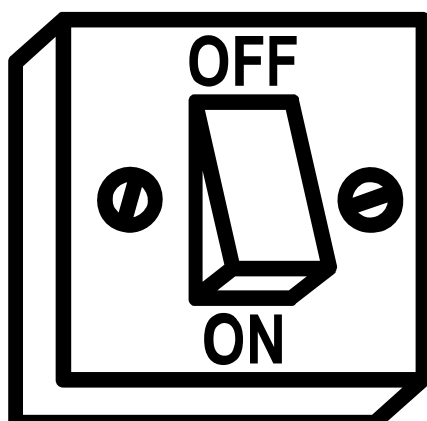
# Big Switch Off.

## A message from our Eco Warriors



November 10<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> 2025

We will be helping our school to work towards the Laudato Si award. We are proud to have achieved our Laudato Si award “with merit” for the last two years, which means we went above and beyond to help the planet! We hope to do the same this year too. Please join us this year at home and don’t forget to turn off your lights, chargers and televisions when you go out of the room and close the windows.



### 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.





## School Choir

Our school choir will be taking part in the Catholic Schools Carol Concert, in aid of Menphys on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.demontforthall.co.uk)  
or call 0116 233 3111  
SCAN ME  
Every ticket helps support children and young people with disabilities across Leicestershire

## Leicester Library Mural

Please have a look at this initiative linked to a family in our school community. Friends of theirs lost their child unexpectedly, they are doing a mural at Leicester library in memory of her and they are asking children to submit their favourite books to be added as part of the mural. It might be a nice activity for children to get involved with. Please follow the link below for more details.

Children can nominate favourite books for new mural



## Message from the School Aged Immunisation Service:

  
Leicestershire Partnership  
NHS Trust

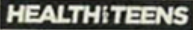
### After Flu session information for Parents/Carers

If a consent form has been completed and your child missed the vaccine in school, we will text you about a 2<sup>nd</sup> opportunity, this will be via a Community Clinic.

If you missed completing a Flu consent form but would like your child to receive the vaccine, we can still arrange it. Please contact the School Aged Immunisation Service on tel. 0300 3000 007. We will then email you information about a catch-up session at our Community Clinics.

**\*\*Please be aware that local pharmacies are *not* offering free flu vaccines to school aged children this year\*\***

Kind regards School Aged Immunisation Service.

## 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.**



Our attendance so far this year is 96.4%. 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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| 5/      | 5 Days      | 2 Weeks      | 50 Lessons     |
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