



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

Dear parents and carers,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus begins to prepare his disciples for his departure from the world. Jesus is returning to his Father and will make a place ready for each of them in heaven.

Jesus tells the disciples to trust in him. No amount of worrying will increase their safety or comfort; it's through trusting in Jesus that they will find security and hope. We too are called to trust in Jesus. Through the Holy Spirit we carry on his work and are empowered to do even greater works.

This does not mean performing a series of great, flashy miracles. It means being Christ in the world around us, generously sharing the love he brings into our own lives with those we meet. This isn't easy - it never was - but trust in Jesus and see what happens!

God bless,

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

1 May 2026

Diary Dates 2025/2026

May 2026

Monday 4th - Bank Holiday

Monday - School closed

Tuesday 5th - School

reopens 08.45am

Monday 11th - KS2 SATS

Week

Monday 18th - KS1 SATS

Week

Tuesday 19th - 9.30

Ascension Feast Day Mass

13.30pm - Year 6 Photos

Friday 22nd - Eco Warrior

Gardening Morning &

Colour Dash afternoon &

End of Term

June 2026

Friday 12th - Sports Day

Reception/KS1 - 9.15-10.15

KS2 13.30-15.00

Monday 15th - All Arts Week

Friday 19th - Parents in to

look at Artwork 14.15 -

15.00

Wednesday 24th June - Year

6 Performance



Important Notices

BANK HOLIDAY

Please note that this coming Monday the school will be closed for the Bank Holiday. School will reopen at 08:45am on Tuesday 5th May.

ASCENSION FEAST DAY MASS

Mass will be on Tuesday 19th May at 9:30 for the feast of the Ascension of our Lord.

UNIFORM

We continue to have a huge amount of uniform on our lost property trolley. Children are reminded every break and lunch to collect coats, jumpers, cardigans and bottles. It is so much easier for us to return uniform to children if their name is in it. Therefore please could you write your child's name in any uniform.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The celebration of First Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 17th May at St. Theresa's Church.

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/>

Divine Infant of Prague, Syston

<https://stpatricksandsyston.uk/>





Eco Warrior Gardening Morning



On Friday 22nd May, the eco warriors will be having a gardening morning, renovating and planting our allotment and Forest School area in the back of the school. We would love some adult helpers for the day (parents, grandparents, etc).

Important: Road Safety



We kindly ask all parents and carers to use the designated crossings at all times and to encourage children to do the same. Your support helps keep everyone safe.



COLOUR DASH - Bubble Blast Friday 22nd May



Children have received their leaflet today with all the information about the upcoming Colour Dash and how to donate. We hope as many families as possible will join us to support this fantastic cause and the charity behind it. Your involvement really does make a difference.



FOLLOW US

**Follow Bishop Ellis on
Instagram & Facebook**

**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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All Arts Week

18th June

To show the children the importance of art and design in society, we would like to invite visitors in to school to speak to the children on Thursday 18th June.

These visitors can be parents, family members or family friends.

We are looking for any jobs that have a link to art and design – dance teacher, visual arts and crafts, fashion designer, interior and spatial designers, fashion and textile, digital and graphic designers, illustrator, teacher, animator, cake maker, song writer etc.

We would like to invite visitors into the hall where we will set up a jobs fair with tables and chairs where the children can move around and ask questions.

If you can come to school for the morning (9.30-11.15) or/and afternoon (1.30-2.45) on Thursday 18th June, we would love to hear from you.

You don't need to prepare anything but if you have any items or photographs to help the children understand your job then that would be great.

Questions you may be asked:

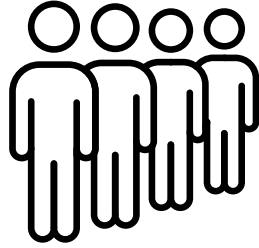
- How does your job link to art and design?
 - Do you like your job?
 - What do you do?
- Did you study art and design at school?
- What is the favourite part of your job?

If you know of anyone who would be available, please let the school office know as soon as possible.





End of the school day



This is a polite reminder following some feedback from a few parents about queuing to collect children.

Please respect those who are already in the queue and avoid walking ahead to join other parents further in the queue.

None of us particularly like queuing up but we feel it is the safest way to ensure that our children are collected safely.

Your co-operation in this matter is gratefully appreciated.



Punctuality



Please also ensure that your child is in the school building for 8:45 when school starts.

Class teachers start lessons immediately and any lateness means that our children are missing out on valuable learning time. I know from my own experience, this can be a challenge.

If you feel you would like any support with punctuality please reach out to your child's teacher or speak to a member of staff on the gate in the morning.

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



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 96.3%.

This achievement reflects the incredible commitment of our students and the invaluable support from parents and families.

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 NOT BE 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?

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL
How do YOU measure up?

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