



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



**BISHOP ELLIS CATHOLIC
VOLUNTARY ACADEMY**

5th June 2026

Diary Dates 2025/2026

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

Tuesday 23rd June - Year 6
Performance
1.45 & 17.30

July 2026

Monday 6th - Founders Day
Mass 9.30

Wednesday 8th - Year 6
Leavers Disco 17.00-18.30

Friday 10th - Year 6 Leaver's
Day Assembly 9.30
End of Summer Term

HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

Dear parents and carers,

Jesus said, "I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Those who eat this bread will live forever. Now the bread which I will give is my flesh, and I will give my flesh for the life of the world." To nourish means to feed and help grow. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is offering to nourish us. Jesus continues to nourish us through the Church today. He offers us eternal life through the gift of himself which we receive in Holy Communion. With Jesus' love we will always be nourished. We can also think about the things other than food that nourish us- a special friendship, being praised, praying, your faith, the love and care we receive, a hobby or sport, the Church and the sacraments.

"Jesus is the Bread of Life for our families. Let us be united to Jesus, nourished by daily prayer, by listening to the Word of God"
Pope Francis (Pope from 2013-2025)

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 Patrick's Visit

We were delighted to welcome Bishop Patrick to school this afternoon for Mass in our chapel.

He blessed the chapel, altar and lectern, creating a truly special moment for our school community.

Bishop Patrick also spent time talking with the children, who were eager to share their thoughts and ask questions.

It was a memorable and meaningful visit for everyone.

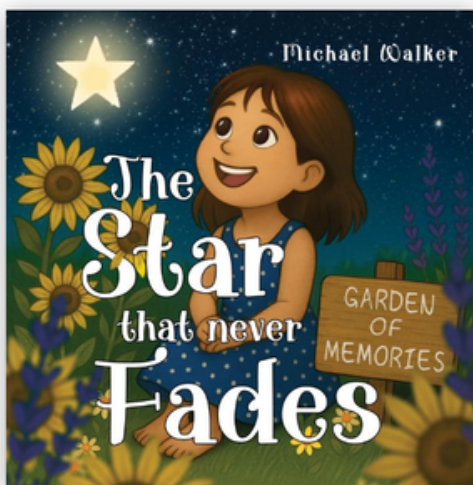


"The Star that never Fades"

Many congratulations to Mr Walker (parent of Theo) whose book has been published.

It gently guides children through the journey of grief after losing a sibling. The story is told through the eyes of Mia and we can discover the enduring power of love memory and connection- even after a goodbye. I

have a copy in school if you would like to borrow it and read it.



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.



LIKE



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.





Reminder:

Sports Day (Weather Permitting)

Friday 12th June

Reception/KS1 - 9.15-10.15

KS2 13.30-15.00

BISHOP ELLIS SPORTS DAY

REFRESHMENTS ON SALE

CRISPS 50P
ALL DRINKS £1

CASH ONLY PLEASE

PLUS!
TOMBOLA
3 TICKETS FOR £1

MONIES RAISED IN AID OF
F.O.B.E
Friends of Bishop Ellis

Mass Times

Divine Infant of Prague,

System:

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,
System

<https://stpatricksandsyston.uk/>





Year 1 Field Trip

Year 1 had a wonderful time on Thursday on their field trip.

They loved the walk and had great fun exploring the park equipment – the slides, swings, and climbing apparatus kept everyone busy and smiling.

As they walked, each child noticed and talked about different things around them, showing curiosity and enthusiasm throughout the trip.





Message from Leicestershire Local Authority: Have Your Say on School Term Dates

We want to hear your thoughts on our proposed school term dates.

Your feedback will help shape the pattern that schools follow over the next five years for schools controlled by the local authority. Although academies choose their own dates, most still align with the council's patterns. We are running a consultation on two options for term dates for the academic years from Autumn 2027 to Summer 2032.

Both options retain Leicestershire's early start to the summer holidays, around two weeks earlier than neighbouring local authorities.

Option one - A continuation of the current term date pattern.

Option two - Preserves the early summer break and includes an earlier start to the autumn term to accommodate a two-week October half-term.

Have your say

Before you complete the survey, please read further information on the 2 options- please see the attached document.

More information, and a link to the survey to have your say, can be found here:

www.leicestershire.gov.uk/term-dates-consultation



**Have your
say
consultation
runs until
15th June!
[www.leicestershire.gov.u
k/term-
dates-
consultation](http://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/term-dates-consultation)**

**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.**

After School Activities – **Now Booking for Summer Term!**

We're excited to share that we are continuing for the Summer term with even more fun and creativity.

 Sessions will run from w/c 1st June to w/c 10th July

 6 sessions per club – just £5 per session – 3.15pm – 4.15pm
That's only £30 per half-term – excellent value for high-quality, engaging activities delivered by trusted providers.

Here's what's on offer:

Monday – STEM Club

NEW for This Half Term – STEM Club Starts -Get ready for an exciting STEM class full of hands-on challenges, creative building, and problem-solving! The children will explore science, engineering, and teamwork through fun activities like towers, rockets, bridges and more 🚀🧠

Tuesday – Megastrikers

Multi-sports and football skills, helping children stay active while building fitness and friendships.

Wednesday - Dodge Ball (By Football & Fitness)

Fun and energetic way for children to develop teamwork, coordination, and physical fitness in a playful environment.

(To book please call/text Ben Jackson 07792154076

TEXT BISHOP ELLIS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Course(s) attending WED DODGEBALL YR 1 - 6 Name of child
School Year/ Email/ Telephone Contacts/ Medical Conditions
Child to be collected at the end of Club by parent please/ Total payable £ /Signed)

Thursday – Cheeky Monkeys Gymnastics


Engaging sessions that develop balance, strength, flexibility and focus.

Fridays – Slime Club

Is a fun, hands-on club where children create colourful slime, explore sensory play, and enjoy messy, creative activities each week.

 **Spaces are limited and filling fast!**

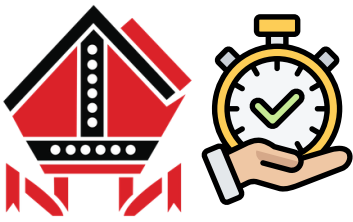
To register your interest, follow the link below:

 **[ClubXtra After-School Clubs at Bishop Ellis Primary | 5 Star Club](#)**

Message from ClubXtra...

“It has been an absolute pleasure to provide enrichment activities for the school community this year and we would like to thank all of the children and families who have supported ClubXtra. Before the end of term, we will also be reaching out to parents for feedback about this year’s programme, including what has worked well and what clubs or experiences families would love to see in 2026/27.

We can’t wait to finish the year with lots of fun, laughter, learning and memorable experiences!”



Punctuality & Attendance



Attendance at Bishop Ellis this year is excellent- 96.4%. Our current attendance figures put us in the top 11% of schools across the country. My sincere thanks go to you all for your support in this important aspect of school life.

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.

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.

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.



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



Our Attendance so far this year is 96.4%.

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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