



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

Dear parents and carers,

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that Jesus came to establish a kingdom – God's kingdom. Jesus was concerned about his people. He wanted to bring to them the Kingdom of his Father, so he set out to heal them and to bring them the peace of God, and he sent out his disciples to do the same. Today, the Church continues Jesus' work and invites everyone to enter into God's kingdom – to make present God's blessing of peace and healing.

Yesterday (11th June) was the feast of St Barnabas. Our Jubilee Chapel is dedicated to St Barnabas.

Heavenly Father, you filled St. Barnabas with faith, courage, and a joyful spirit of encouragement. Through his example, he built up the early Church and supported others in their calling. Help everyone in the Bishop Ellis community to grow in faith, to encourage one another, and to share the Gospel with confidence and compassion. St. Barnabas, son of encouragement, pray for us and guide us in our mission. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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**

12th June 2026

Diary Dates 2025/2026

June 2026

Monday 15th - All Arts Week

**Friday 19th - Parents in to
look at Artwork 14.15 -
15.00**

**Monday 22nd June - Sports
Day**
Reception/KS1 - 9.15-10.15
KS2 13.30-15.00

**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



Year 5 Trip The Outdoor Pursuit Centre

Year 5 had a wonderful—and very wet—day out yesterday at the outdoor pursuit centre. The children threw themselves into every activity and had an amazing adventure from start to finish!



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Follow Bishop Ellis on
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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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DOMESTIC ABUSE AND THE WORLD CUP

He's Coming Home.

Women's Aid is asking everyone to come together and unite against domestic abuse.



Football doesn't cause domestic abuse, but incidents can increase or become more severe around key matches.

If you need help, for local and national support services go to: www.womensaid.org.uk

If you are worried about your behaviour in a relationship, go to: www.respect.uk.net



#EndAbuseTogether

women's aid
until women & children are safe

Useful contacts:

National Domestic Abuse Helpline (Refuge):
0808 2000 247
Men's Advice Line (Respect): 0808 8010 327

Further reading

RISE UK: Your paragraph text
Women's Aid Football United:
womensaid.org.uk/what-we-do/football-united
NPCC Euro 2024 statement: npcc.police.uk

With the World Cup starting yesterday, it is useful to bear in mind that such sporting events often lead to an increase in incidents of domestic abuse.

A study carried out in 2013 by Lancaster University, found a 38% increase in domestic abuse reports when England loses, and 26% when they win or draw. For schools, tournament periods are a prompt to stay alert: unexplained absences, changes in mood or behaviour, or disclosures referencing tension at home.

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Reminder: Change Of Date

Sports Day (Weather Permitting)

Monday 22nd 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,
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<https://stpatricksandsyston.uk/>





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

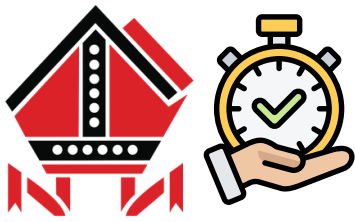
Before you complete the survey, please read further information on the 2 options- please see the attached document.

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!
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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.

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.

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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ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL
How do YOU measure up?

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