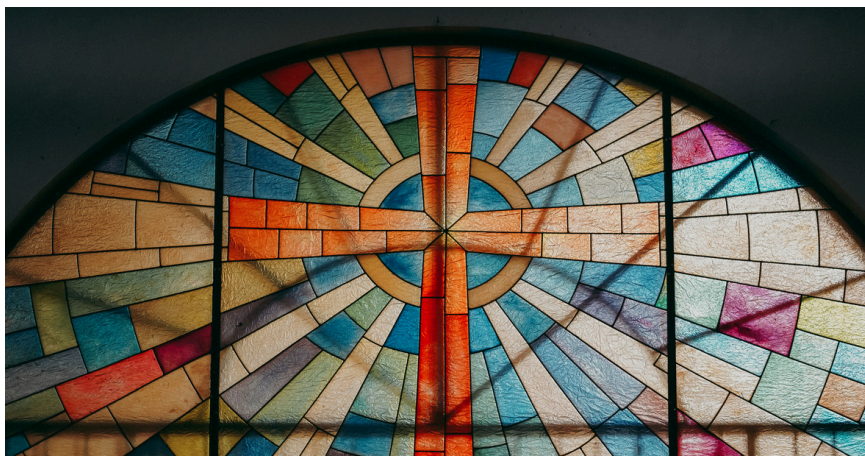




WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



**BISHOP ELLIS CATHOLIC
VOLUNTARY ACADEMY**
22nd May 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

Wednesday 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

HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

Dear parents and carers,

This coming Sunday the Church celebrates Pentecost. This is the feast of the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church – a gift which we now receive at Baptism, Confirmation and at Mass. The word 'Pentecost' means 'fiftieth day'. On this day (fifty days after Easter) the apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit. Pentecost is not just a historical event. The Holy Spirit is alive and active today. May we ask the Holy Spirit for Courage, Joy, Peace, Patience, Gentleness, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness or Self-Control. As the Church prepares to celebrate Pentecost Sunday, let's be open to receiving the many priceless gifts which the Holy Spirit offers to enrich our lives.

"The extraordinary outpouring of Pentecost continues. The Holy Spirit transforms us and wants to transform the world."
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



Click on the images above to follow Bishop Ellis on Social Media



Notices

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.

All girls and boys with hair below shoulder length must have it tied up during school hours neatly to maintain safety and support good hygiene in all activities.

LIVE SAFE

LIVE SAFE IS A WEBSITE THAT GIVES YOUNG PEOPLE AND PARENTS / CARERS INFO AND SUPPORT ON **KNIFE CRIME, CRIMINAL EXPLOITATION AND GANGS, ONLINE SAFETY, HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS AND SUBSTANCE USE.**

SCAN BELOW FOR OUR KNIFE CRIME PAGES

LIVE SAFE CAN HELP SUPPORT AND PROVIDE ADVICE ON HOW TO HELP PEOPLE LIVE SAFELY IN LEICESTER, LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

LIVESAFE.ORG.UK

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/>





Eco Warrior Gardening Morning

A huge thank you to the Eco Warrior team and to everyone who helped with renovating the outdoor Forest School areas. Your hard work, enthusiasm and willingness to get stuck in have made such a positive difference. The space is already looking brighter, more inviting and ready for the children to enjoy. We truly appreciate the time, care and energy you've given to help improve our school environment!





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

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



LCH Charity
Lifting Children's Hopes

Colour Dash

What an amazing day we had, made even better by the lovely weather. Thank you to all who were able to take part in the Colour Dash. I hope the clean-up afterwards wasn't too much of a challenge!

We're very grateful for the sponsor money received so far!



Please can any Colour Dash forms be returned ASAP to the school office!



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

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!”



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.





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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