WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

Dear parents and carers.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we learn that God loves us and sent Jesus to help us to grow in wisdom. There are many ways in which we can try to grow in God's wisdom in these coming weeks. Perhaps it is through not rushing when making decisions; thinking before we speak; being open to correction; trying to consider what effect our words and actions might have on ourselves and others and praying to God for the gift of wisdom

"Wisdom is kind and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good." St James

USEFUL LINKS

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Click on the image for term dates, newsletters and the school calendar

BISHOP ELLIS CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

Friday 6th November 2026

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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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 write their names in the box below. If you would like to put your family name as well, please do so.

Prayers for deceased loved ones – Fill in form



1st Holy Communion

The Divine Infant of Prague will be starting their First Holy Communion programme after half term if you wish your register your child onto the programme please contact the parish office on 01165078225 or speak with Fr Paul.

If you would also like to speak to me about this, please do.

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/



Athletics- year 3

Well done to our year 3 children who took part in the South Charnwood sports hall athletics event yesterday alongside children from other schools in the area. They had a great time and took part with confidence and determination.



















FOBE is considering running a '100 Club' for parents and carers. This would be a monthly draw offering the opportunity to win cash prizes, while raising valuable funds to enrich the educational experiences of the children at Bishop Ellis.

How it works:

Each number costs £5 per month.

You can purchase more than one number, with each additional number costing a further £5 per month.

50% of the funds raised will go towards enriching the children's experience at Bishop Ellis. The remaining 50% will be divided into cash prizes!

If your number is drawn, you'll receive a cash prize. The prize amounts will depend on the number of participants – the more participants, the better the prizes!

Payments would be via a standing order and payments taken in advance.

A draw will take place every last Friday of the month.

We're currently gauging interest before launching the scheme and finalising the prize amounts. A sign-up sheet will be available at school reception to register your interest in buying a number, and to provide your name and contact details. Please respond as soon as possible so that we can start the scheme rolling in the New Year.

Many Thanks, Friends of Bishop ElliS







Health and Safety

Please use the pedestrian gates if you are entering the school site on foot even if the vehicle gates are open. We had a near miss recently. This is especially important in the mornings as the gates are on a timer. If people use the vehicle entrance whilst the gates are trying to close it can cause problems for the sensors. Many thanks with your co-operation.

REMINDER

The school is a non-smoking site. Smoking, vaping and the use of e-cigarettes are not permitted anywhere on school premises at any time.

Diary Dates 2026/2027

November

Saturday 7th November 9.30 - 11.00
Wednesday 11th 10:45 Remembrance Liturgy (school)
Wednesday 11th 11:00 Remembrance Service- Thurmaston Village.
Monday 16th All week Road Safety Week
Wednesday 18th 9:30 Open morning for prospective parents and families
Friday 20th All day St Thomas Aquinas CMAT inset day. School closed to pupils
Tuesday 24th 3:15 Miss Beall- y5/6 class Mass- families welcome

December

Tuesday 1st 9:30 Christingle Liturgy
Friday 4th 7:00 Menphys Carol Concert- De Monfort Hall- families welcome
Wednesday 9th 2:15 Year 1 and 2 Nativity- families welcome
Thursday 10th 9:30 Reception Nativity- families welcome
Thursday 10th 2:15 Year 1 and 2 Nativity- families welcome
Friday 11th AM Santa Panto
Thursday 17th All day Christmas jumper day
Thursday 17th 11:45 Christmas dinner
Friday 18th 10:00 KS2 Carol Service- Divine Infant of Prague, Syston- families welcome
Friday 18th 3:15 School closes, end of Advent term.







🎓 Admissions to Bishop Ellis 2027/2028

Open Mornings

Please do pass on details of our open mornings to anyone you feel may be interested. We are holding an additional open morning on Saturday 7th November.

Application to Bishop Ellis
https://www.bishopellis.leics.sch.uk/admissions-2/

.Application to Year 7- please note admission criteria has changed which gives a higher preference to children applying to De Lisle and English Martyrs who attend Bishop Ellis
For full details, please visit our admissions page:
https://www.bishopellis.leics.sch.uk/admissions-2/

St Thomas Aquinas Term Dates 2027/2028-2031/2032

Please see attached sheet with the term dates for next academic year. The dates for subsequent years are now on the school website.
https://www.bishopellis.leics.sch.uk/parents/term-dates/





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🚀 Exciting things are coming!
We'll be sharing lots of fresh, new content, so make sure you're following us to keep up with what's happening at Bishop Ellis.
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👇 TAP THE LINK & FOLLOW US TODAY!

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