



# THE BISHOPSWOOD SCHOOLS FEDERATION

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## Early Years Newsletter

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear Parents,

Firstly, we hope you all had a relaxing Christmas, and a Happy New Year with your families. The children have settled back into school well and have enjoyed sharing their Christmas break adventures.

### Story telling week

It is National Storytelling Week from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. To celebrate this we are going to be having a special storytelling day. Your child is welcome to come into school wearing their pyjamas or comfortable clothes (no onesies please). They are welcome to bring in a cushion or a cuddly toy to snuggle down and enjoy some shared stories throughout the day. This will take place on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February**. Please make sure your child's clothes are suitable for them to wear outside too. If any parents have a contact who is an author please can you contact one of the staff.

### Outdoor learning day

On **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January** Year R will be having an outdoor learning day. Your child is welcome to wear their own clothes on that day suitable for spending time outside, including waterproof jackets and/ or trousers depending on the weather conditions. They might also want to bring a spare pair of clothes into school.

### Core skills groups

Our Early Years curriculum is based around children developing core skills. Once children are successful in these skills they will learn, play, communicate and socialise more successfully. This term we will be starting some additional small group activities to help support groups of children in these key skills. This will include communication, gross motor (large body movements), fine motor (small body movements) and learning skills. All staff in the team will be supporting with these activities.

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## **PE kit**

As we shared at the end of the autumn term, your child will now be changing for PE in school to help support their independence skills. Therefore please can you make sure your child has:

- A named PE bag that contains a plain white t-shirt and black or grey shorts/ trousers.  
Additionally if you have plimsoles or plain trainers you are welcome to add them in. They are not essential at the moment as during the spring term we will be based inside.
- If your child has pierced ears please cover them before school or provide micro/ medical tape so that they can cover them over. They will need to learn how to do this themselves.

The PE bag is **in addition** to the spare clothes bag they might already have on their pegs. We use the spare clothes if they have an accident or get wet/dirty at school.

## **A few reminders**

- When your child reads **their reading book to you** please record this in the monkey book. At Bishopswood it is expected that every child reads at least 3 times at home each week. It has such a positive impact on their learning and we really notice this in their progress.
- By now lots of name labels have been rubbed out or fallen off of clothes, coats and water bottles.  
Please can we ask all parents to check all your child's belongings are still clearly labelled.
- Children still need a spare clothes bag

Thank you for your ongoing support and co-operation.

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