



# THE BISHOPSWOOD SCHOOLS FEDERATION

Bishopswood Infant & Junior School  
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**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

Dear Parents & Carers,

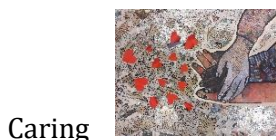
Half-term has arrived already, and although it seems to have come around quickly, it is most welcome. It's fair to say that an eight-week first school term has been quite hard going for both staff and pupils, and everyone is ready for a break!

We wish you a very happy half-term, and hope you have lots of fun things planned. We look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025.



## Curriculum

Here are some examples of what has been happening at Bishopswood over the last few weeks....



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**Miss Russell, Mrs Hunter and Mrs Evans say...**



Over the last few weeks we have been enjoying the changes in the season, and spending lots of time outside, including our outdoor day. We enjoyed trying to find Leaf Man, and even created our own versions of him. We love being outside in Year R!

**Mrs Boyce, Mrs Rolph & Miss Daly say...**



Year 1 have had a busy few weeks! As part of our DT learning, we designed and made our own moving cars. We had great fun putting them to the test by racing them against each other! In

Science, we have been learning all about materials. To explore what we've learned this half term, we carried out an experiment to discover which materials would make the best raincoat



for our class teddies. During our experiments we talked about the different materials we used and their properties.



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## Miss Wright & Miss Okey say...



Year 2 have really enjoyed our learning this term. We have learnt all about materials in science and

finished by testing the best material to make a hamster cage. In maths we have been practising our number bonds to 10, 20 and 100, and in English we wrote poems about what it would have been like to be in the fire. We ended the term in a very exciting way with our 'Great Fire of Tadley!' It was super fun watching our houses burn and we had a great day afterwards doing lots of activities to do with the fire. We made a human chain and passed buckets of water down the line like they would have done to put the fire out, we did a Great Fire of London quiz and tried different types of bread that would have been made in the bakery. A great end to a great



term!

## Mr Dale & Mrs Lamb say...

Year 3 have worked very hard this half-term. In maths, they have worked hard using concrete resources to exchange 10s and 1s when adding, as well as applying this knowledge to



problem solving tasks. In topic, they made some fantastic posters about what they have learnt so far and will present them to Year 4. They have worked so brilliantly over their first half-term and we couldn't be prouder of them.

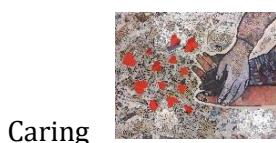


## Miss Cushing, Miss Price & Mr Mahony say ...

This term we have been delving into 'seva', the act of service and being selfless within Sikhism. We have learnt



all about how practising Sikhs visit the Gurdwara and how they can come together to serve a 'Langar'. We loved the idea that this meal was for anyone, no matter their age, religion, job or who they were. Also, we have looked at the origin story of seva, where Guru Nanak Dev Ji travelled around his village as a person in need, seeing which people would offer him seva. We have then been thinking about how we can think about this value of serving for ourselves. This week we have created triaramas focussed on how we, as individuals serve. Have a look at our pictures and see if you can spot how we think we have been selfless and served friends, families and our community.



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## Miss Feather & Mr Sargeant say...



Year 5 have had an amazing end to this half term with both classes completing their

residential trips to the Sustainability Centre in the South Downs. The children completed a range of outdoor learning activities, including pond dipping, mini-beast hunting, shelter building and orienteering. The rain made it the perfect weather for pond dipping, and they found an amazing array of creatures including water boatmen, caddisfly larvae in their cases and even some leeches! The children were incredibly resilient in the face of some torrential downpours and we couldn't be more proud of their positive attitudes throughout the trips, despite the rain and the mud. Well done Year 5!



short sentences for effect as well as a range of sentence openers. We have had many children earn pencil and pen awards in the first half-term of Year 6 - what a fantastic start to the year! The hard work has continued in maths with the children learning multiplication and division mental and written methods. This week, they have learnt long division for this first time. During this last week, for some, the excitement is also bubbling for our trip to PGL after half-term.

## Uniform Reminder

As start a new year, we would like to remind you of our expectations and request your support. Our expectations on school uniform are explained in the extract below, taken directly from our prospectus:

*"We believe wearing school uniform is practical and smart and contributes to a sense of belonging and school pride. Much of our uniform can be bought in the high street shops, but school specific items are available from our school offices and Skoolkit (in Basingstoke). Our uniform for boys comprises grey or black school trousers or shorts, white polo shirt and red sweatshirt. Girls may wear grey or black trousers or school shorts, pinafore dress or skirt, white polo shirt, red sweatshirt or cardigan or a red and white striped or checked dress for the summer."*

## Mr Morris, Mrs Ouazzani & Mrs Dreelan say....

In the last weeks of this half-term, Year 6 have loved bringing their dragon eye designs to life! The children have worked incredibly hard to shape the clay and carefully use tools to create scale effects. This week, they have painted them brightly and they look fantastic! In reading, the children have enjoyed exploring the horror and thriller genre with the books *The Graveyard* and *The Women in White*. In writing, the children have been learning to describe moments more deeply and use colons,



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On non-PE days, shoes must be plain black school shoes with no colour or white on them.

On PE days, children should come to school wearing their school PE kit and trainers or pumps, which can be any colour.

Please note:

- Chains, bracelets, wristbands and smart watches must not be worn in school.
- The only permitted earrings are **one pair of plain, small studs** which must be removed or taped for PE.
- Skirts and shorts must be of an **appropriate length** and not too short – ‘hot-pant’ types of cycling shorts are **not acceptable**.
- **Leggings are not acceptable as school trousers**, except on PE days.

Please make sure everything is named clearly!

## **No Make-up, Nail Varnish or Lip Balms**

A reminder that no child should either be wearing, or bring in, any make-up or nail varnish. If your child has a medical need to apply lip balm during the day, please hand it to their class teacher for safekeeping – children are not permitted to keep them in their bag or on their person. Thank you for your support in this.

## **Water bottles**

Please ensure your child brings a bottle of water, **not squash or juice**, for drinking throughout the day.

## **Nut-free Site**

We have some children and staff with severe nut allergies in school. For their safety, we are a nut-free school. Please ensure your child **does not bring any nuts or nut-products into school**. This includes chocolate spread, peanut butter, and some cereal bars - we ask for your support in checking labels of these to ensure they do not contain nuts. Thank you.



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## **Reminder about Dogs**

For health and safety reasons, **dogs are not permitted** on the school site, even if carried. However we do also request that you **do not leave dogs unattended or tied up** outside the school gates. Whilst we understand many families love their pets, some children and adults feel anxious or scared around dogs, particularly when they are tied up and unsupervised. To help ensure that everyone feels safe and comfortable when arriving and leaving school, please make alternative arrangements for your dog at drop-off and pick-up times.

Thank you for your help and understanding in these matters.

## **Parking Reminder**

On the school site, we have several disabled parking bays. These are **solely for use by individuals who have and are displaying a disabled parking badge**. Please ensure these spaces are kept available for those who require them. In addition to this, whilst parking at the schools can be difficult, please park within marked bays at all times. Please also be respectful of local residents' property when parking in the local area. Thank you.



## **Applying for a Place for Year R, 3 and 7 for September 2025**

If you are applying for a school place for your child or have a child transferring to junior or secondary school, please see application form availability and deadline dates for applications listed below for September 2025 start dates:-

- Starting school Year R (Reception) or transferring to Year 3 (Junior School):



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Applications are open from 1st November 2025 to 15th January 2026.

- **Transfer to Year 7 (secondary school): Applications are open until midnight 31st October 2025.**

If you have any queries on your child's transfer to Year 7, please call into the Junior school office.

Year 3 transfer: although we are a Federated School, **you do still need to apply for a place at Bishopswood Junior School.** If you have any queries on your child's transfer to Year 3, please call into the Junior school office.

How to apply:-

- Online at [www.hants.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions) or
- A paper application form will be available from the infant or junior school office.

Call the Hampshire Admission Helpdesk on: - 0300 555 1377 (opening hours daily 9:00am to 2:00pm)

## **2026 Starters - Year R Open Days**

This year we are once again able to give prospective parents the opportunity to come and experience life at Bishopswood. We will be holding one more session where parents can see the school in action, meet the staff and ask any questions they may have. These dates are:

- **Tuesday 11th November 2025 9:15-10:15am**

Please see the information sheet at the end of this newsletter, or contact the school office for further information.

## **Harvest Festival**



Thank you all so very much for your generous Harvest donations. We were overwhelmed by the amount and variety of donations. The bags and boxes filled our minibus, only just leaving room for some of our school council members, Mr Dale and Mr Cripps to deliver it to the food bank.

Basingstoke Foodbank have weighed and sorted our donations and let us know we have provided almost 800 meals for families in our area. What an incredible achievement for such an important cause! Thank you everyone!



## **Contacting Us**

We do offer an open door policy at Bishopswood. However, should you have concerns regarding your child and would like to contact the school, unless you have been given a staff email address, please only use our **admin email addresses:** [adminoffice@bishopswood-inf.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@bishopswood-inf.hants.sch.uk) [adminoffice@bishopswood-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@bishopswood-jun.hants.sch.uk)

Alternatively feel free to telephone the school office or pop in in person.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Jo Armes  
Head of School

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## Dates for your diary:

**27<sup>th</sup> October – 31<sup>st</sup> October – HALF TERM**

**2<sup>nd</sup> November** – PTA Fireworks – Doors open at  
5pm

**3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> November** – Y6 PGL Residential

**4<sup>th</sup> November** – Newbury News YR photos

**4<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> November**- Y5 Parents' evening

**6<sup>th</sup> November** – Y1 Outdoor day

**11<sup>th</sup> November** – 9:15–10:15am - YR 26/27 Open  
Morning

**18<sup>th</sup> November** – Reindeer school visit

**19<sup>th</sup> November** – Y1 Autumn Day

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# BISHOPSWOOD SCHOOL FIREWORK DISPLAY

SUNDAY  
2<sup>ND</sup> Nov

GATES OPEN  
5 PM  
FIREWORKS AT  
6.30 PM

ADULTS - £7

CHILD (4+) - £5

FAMILY OF 4 (2 ADULTS 2 CHILDREN) - £20

CHILD 3 AND UNDER - FREE

ON THE GATE PRICES

ADULT - £8 / CHILD (4+) £6 / FAMILY OF 4 (2 ADULTS 2 CHILDREN) £25

TO BOOK PLEASE VISIT

[WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/BISHOPSWOODPTA](http://WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/BISHOPSWOODPTA)

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## BISHOPSWOOD INFANT SCHOOL

# Year R Open Days

Is your child turning 4 before 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026? If so, you have reached that time of looking at schools, which can be both exciting and daunting!

To help you make the all-important decision as to where to send your child, many schools host open mornings. This allows parents to make an informed choice.

At Bishopswood Infant School, our open mornings are:

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025 from 1:30 -2:30pm**  
**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025 from 9:15-10:15am**  
**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2025 from 1:30 -2:30pm**  
**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025 from 9:15-10:15am**



These sessions are an opportunity for you to see the school in action, meet the staff, pick up a prospectus and ask as many questions as you like to our Executive Headteacher and Early Years Leader.

We appreciate that this is a huge decision for you so, if you would prefer, you can make an individual appointment to view the school and have a tour with the Headteacher.



Please phone the school on 0118 981 2836 to book your place on one of our open days or book an individual viewing.

**The application deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026.**

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Anvil Arts

**THE MUSICATION STATION**

TADLEY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

**FREE**

at The Link (Formerly Tadley Community Centre)  
Sat 25 Oct / 11am-4pm

This free event from Anvil Arts welcomes you to have a go at a variety of musical instruments, from violin to scratching decks, with so much more in between!  
Suitable for all ages and any skill level.






For any enquiries please contact [ed.adams@anvilarts.org.uk](mailto:ed.adams@anvilarts.org.uk)

Kingsclere Players PRESENTS

**Snow White**

By Alex Jackson

**'One bite - One curse'...Tempted??**

Nov. 28th-30th / Dec. 5th-7th  
2.30pm & 7.30pm  
at  
**The Fieldgate Centre Kingsclere**  
Tickets from £7.50

Working in partnership with Kingsclere Community Association The Fieldgate Centre

NODA Award winners

[www.kingsclereplayersgroup.com](http://www.kingsclereplayersgroup.com)

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**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**



Last year we were able to donate over 3500 Christmas presents across Hampshire and Berkshire to children who are referred to us from schools and social workers and we hope to be able to do the same again this year.

To help us on our way, we are launching our Christmas raffle to raise money for this Christmas Toy Appeal. Tickets are £3 each.  
JUST SCAN THE QR CODE TO PURCHASE TICKETS





**OVER 30 PRIZES INCLUDING**

A four night caravan break to Somerset, A family trip to 4 Kingdoms christmas Experience, Tickets to a number of our activities including Ninja Warrior, Donutting and more.

Registered Charity 1129258

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**Discounted Family Fun upto half price off**

Ninja Warrior Flip Out Donutting  
Atmosphere Trampoline Park Cinema trips





High Score Arcade Bowling  
Clip N Climb Basingstoke Aquadrome

Days Out including Chessington, Legoland 4 Kingdoms and more  
AND MORE...

Gold membership is £7.50 per person per year which gives activities at upto 50% off and then our charity funds the difference.  
For more details please visit our website  
[www.spotlightuk.org](http://www.spotlightuk.org) or email [activities@spotlightuk.org](mailto:activities@spotlightuk.org)

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**TADLEY HALLOWEEN TRAIL 2025**  
 SAT 25TH OCT — SAT 1ST NOV  
 £2 PER MAP / PER FAMILY

MAPS AVAILABLE FROM  
 STARBUCKS INSIDE SAINSBURYS  
 AND MORRISONS GILES COURT

#Love Basingstoke PRESENTS  
**FREE**  
**Frightfully Fun October half term**  
 Halloween fun in Basingstoke town centre  
 Wednesday 29 to Friday 31 October

Please scan the QR code for more details

[www.LoveBasingstoke.co.uk](http://www.LoveBasingstoke.co.uk)

#Love Basingstoke TOP TOWN Basingstoke and Deane

**TADLEY HALLOWEEN TRAIL 2025**

WE WOULD LIKE TO SAY A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL THE FAMILIES THAT HAVE DECORATED THEIR HOMES THIS YEAR AND ALSO THE FABULOUS TEAM AT STARBUCKS AND MORRISONS FOR SEEING OUR MAPS THIS YEAR. WE WOULD NOT HAVE A TRAIL WITHOUT YOU, SO A HUGE THANK YOU TO YOU ALL!

THIS YEAR WE ARE FUNDRAISING FOR OUR INSPIRATIONAL SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEED (SEN) COMMUNITY AND OUR YOUNG PEOPLE STRUGGLING WITH MENTAL HEALTH DIFFICULTIES. THRIVEOLOGY ARE DEDICATED TO MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THESE CHILDRENS LIVES AND MAKING SURE THE RIGHT SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE FOR THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE, PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW.

WE HOPE YOU ENJOY THE TRAIL, THANK YOU.

TUDOR HOUSE & GARDEN PRESENTS  
**HALLOWEEN FAMILY DAY**

Ghost tours, crafts, face painting and games

**THURSDAY 30 OCTOBER**  
**10AM — 5PM**

**FREE ENTRY ALL DAY**  
charges for some activities

TUDOR HOUSE & GARDEN [tudorhouseandgarden.com](http://tudorhouseandgarden.com) SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL



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**WHAT'S ON** September - December 2025

**Southampton** City of Opportunity

**SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL**

## OCTOBER HALF TERM

**Wizard School**  
Mon 27 and Tues 28 October | 10.30am, 12pm or 1.30pm | Tudor House | £8

**Art for All: Pumpkin Printing (4+)**  
Mon 27 October | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

**Art for All: Clay Cats and Witches' Hats (4+)**  
Tues 28 and Thurs 30 October | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

**Art for All: Frankenstein's Clay Creations (6+)**  
Wed 29 October | 10.30am or 1pm | Tudor House | £8

**Art for All: Spooky Luminaries (6+)**  
Wed 29 Oct | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

**Art for All: Pigments and Potions (5+)**  
Fri 31 October | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

**Art for All: Clay Ghostly Galleons (6+)**  
Fri 31 October | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | SeaCity | £8

**Halloween at Tudor House**  
Thurs 30 October | 10am – 5pm (last admission 4.15pm) | Tudor House | FREE

Creep down to Tudor House... if you dare – it's the home of Halloween! Meet the friendly spirits in the Banqueting Hall and take part in loads of spooky, fun activities throughout the day!

Small charges will apply on the day for activities.

**Culture Club for Kids: Half-term Activity Days (6½ - 12 yrs)**  
**Week Theme - Spooky Autumn!**

Drop off your young people

Mon 27, Tues 28, Wed 29 Oct | 9am – 4pm (drop-off from 8.45am) | SeaCity | £35 per day | £90 for all three

Get creative, explore our collections and learn new stuff while making really cool things at our themed activity days!

*Dress for mess at all our workshops*

*Boo!!!*

*Happy Halloween*

See venue websites for further details on events and to book  
[seacitymuseum.co.uk](http://seacitymuseum.co.uk) | [tudorhouseandgarden.com](http://tudorhouseandgarden.com) | [southamptoncityartgallery.com](http://southamptoncityartgallery.com)



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