



THE BISHOPSWOOD SCHOOLS FEDERATION

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Early Years Newsletter

Friday 17th April 2026

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after our Easter break. We hope you enjoyed some sunshine. This half term we will be continuing to learn about our 3 different aspirations. Below is a reminder of what this entails.

Aspirations

These are our main areas of learning that we are aspiring to achieve throughout this year.

- Aspiration 1 – Who am I and where do I belong in the community and the wider world?
- Aspiration 2 – How can I grow my own food and create a tasty recipe?
- Aspiration 3 – Little people, big ideas.

Reading at home

Research tells us the benefits of reading with your child at home. These include helping them build language skills, learn about the world, and develop empathy and social awareness. Last term we noticed a dip in reading participation at home. At school we work on teaching reading skills through daily phonics, storytelling, literacy sessions and reading 1:1 with the children. In order for your child to continue to make progress, and meet their early learning goals, it is imperative that as part of our home school agreement, children continue to practise reading at home. The school expectation is that **reading takes place at least 3 times a week**. This should be your child reading their book from our phonics scheme. We noticed that over the Easter holidays hardly any children read with their parents.

Please see below some helpful links for reading. Each website includes free games. You can select Phase 2, 3 or 4.

- <https://letters-and-sounds.com>
- <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk>
- <https://www.phonicsbloom.com/>
- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/letters-and-sounds>

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Outdoor day

This term our outdoor day will be on **Monday 18th May**. Please make sure your child is wearing suitable clothing for the weather on that day. Any questions, please do not hesitate to ask your child's class teacher.

Willow Class forest school

It is Willow class's time for Forest School this term. Please make sure that your child comes into school with the appropriate clothing, as well as a bag with their school clothes in, so that we can change them when they have finished. A reminder of the dates for forest school are:

Wednesday 22nd April

Wednesday 6th May

Wednesday 20th May

Wednesday 3rd June

Wednesday 17th June

Wednesday 1st July

A few reminders

As the weather gets warmer, please apply sun cream to your child prior to them coming to school and ensure that they bring a hat with them. We spend a lot of time outside and it is important to keep them safe in the sun. Please also ensure your child has a water bottle, filled with **water only**, in school.

Thank you for your ongoing support and co-operation.

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