



THE BISHOPSWOOD SCHOOLS FEDERATION

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Tuesday 21st July 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

And just like that, the 2025-2026 academic year is done! We are all so excited for the summer holidays, but this time of year is always tinged with a sense of sadness as well as looking forwards.

Goodbye & good luck



We are so sad to see our Year 6 pupils leave us, but we know they are ready for their next stage in their educational journey. We wish them the very best of luck and hope they will keep their memories of Bishopswood close in their hearts. We will certainly remember them with fondness.

Thank you for all your support throughout the year, and we look forward to working closely with you again next year.

To all our students. Families and staff, we wish you a very happy and safe summer break. We hope the weather is kind and you have lots of family fun,

which we look forward to hearing about when you return to school on **Thursday 3rd September 2026.**

Thank you.



Uniform and Jewellery Expectations

We understand many of you may be buying new uniform or shoes in the next few weeks so thought it would be helpful to give a quick reminder of school expectations on the areas where we see most issues:

- School shoes must be **completely black, with no white or colour** on them at all, including any laces.
- Leggings are not permitted as school trousers
- Shorts must be regular school shorts, **not hot-pant or Nike Pro types of Lycra shorts** – these kinds of very short, tight shorts are not suitable for school, even for PE.
- Only **1 pair of small, plain studs are permitted** as earrings – no hoops, large-design studs or dangly earrings. All earrings must be removed for PE or please supply micropore tape to cover them over for your child to take part.
- **No wristbands, festival/event bands, bracelets, rings or necklaces** are permitted to be worn in school.
- **A simple watch without internet access** is permitted.
- **Long hair tied back please.**



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Thank you for your support with this.

Curriculum

We will continue to regularly share what the children have been doing in school. Here are some examples of what has been happening at Bishopswood in the last few weeks....

Miss Russell, Mrs Hunter and Mrs Bellemere say...

Year R have been enjoying the sunshine by discovering outside and in our classroom. We have been loving water play, inventing games with hoses, pipes and water runs. We are practically scientists! We are also improving our sentence writing by making posters for our new teachers. These will tell them all about the things we like, don't like and our friends and families. What a great year the children have had! We wish them the best of luck as they transition into Year 1!



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

Year 1 have had a lovely end to the year. In Maths, we have been practising telling the time to o'clock and half past. To finish our science topic, we learned about herbivores, carnivores and omnivores and matched them to their correct habitats. To finish off our topic, we visited Marwell Zoo, where we managed to spot Sunny the



meerkat and Pog the penguin, along with many other animals. We also got to see the giraffes up close during their feeding time! The children were all so well behaved, and we all had an amazing day. What a fabulous way to end a brilliant Year 1 – we

will miss the children next year, but are so proud of how much they have grown and developed.

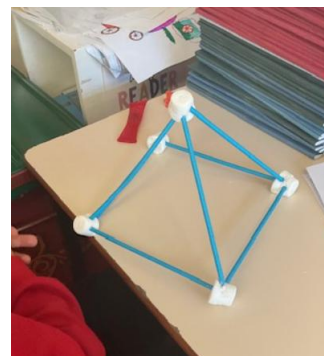
Miss Wright & Miss Okey say...

Year 2 have had a great but busy end to the year. We have finished off our learning challenge by understanding



how we can help keep not only ourselves healthy, but our world healthy too. We solidified our learning by creating informative posters that are now proudly displayed around our schools. We had a brilliant time on our Year 2 trip to Four Kingdoms. We were able to see all the farm animals while on the tractor ride and were even able to hold the rabbits. We had such an exciting time! We finished the Year with our Leaver's Assembly and picnic with the parents. We enjoyed planing and making the healthy food to enjoy with our families. What a great year we have had!

Mr Dale & Mrs Lamb say



Year 3 have had a lovely end to this academic year carrying on with our healthy eating topic. We have designed our healthy pizzas using everything we have learned about the five food groups and balanced diets. We then

made our pizza, tasted it and evaluated it to think about how we could make it better. In maths, we have been learning about 3D shapes and their properties and had great fun making 3D shapes out of straws and marshmallows. In science, we have looked at the difference between animal and human skeletons and named some of the key bones in the human body. Finally in writing, we have produced



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an explanation text about how a fan works. The children have used lots of time conjunctions, verbs and adverbs in their writing. What a brilliant Year 3 the children have had – we are so proud of all they have achieved.

Miss Price and Mr Mahony say ...

Year 4 have had a fantastic year and have continued to work hard right up to the final weeks, despite the hot weather! In English, they completed their own versions of *Beowulf* and thoroughly impressed us with the quality of their writing. They particularly enjoyed bringing the battle between Beowulf and Grendel to life, using rich, descriptive vocabulary and vivid imagery to create exciting and engaging scenes.

In Art, the children designed and created their own clay pots, carefully transforming their ideas into



beautifully finished pieces. We have been incredibly proud of the creativity, effort and enthusiasm they have shown throughout the year across all areas of the curriculum. Year 4 should be very proud of all they have achieved and we wish them every success as they move on to the next stage of their learning journey.

Mr Morris, Miss Feather & Mr Sargeant say ...



It has been a busy last few weeks in Year 5. We have been enjoying finishing our Ancient Greece topic. We have looked at Greek vases and what they tell us, before designing our own vase depicting a myth or everyday life. We have also learned

more about the Olympian gods and what they represent, researching and comparing two contrasting gods. In music lessons, we have

composed our own musical accompaniments to the story of Icarus and Daedalus, using the keyboards, and in writing we have been retelling the story of Theseus and the Minotaur and then the children have taken the reins and written their own Greek myth-inspired stories! Thank you for a fantastic Year 5 everyone.

Mrs Ouazzani-Yusein & Mrs Dreelan say....



And just like that, the curtain has closed on the Year 6 pupils' time at Bishopswood! They have truly gone out in style! Firstly, they

put on two incredible performances of their leaver's show - *The Wrong Way Round*. The singing, acting, costumes and props were all amazing. They have also completed some fantastic STEM work, making marble run rollercoasters. They finished their last full week of school with a water party and BBQ – not a single dry adult or child in sight. A trip to Paulton's has topped their year off and of course many tears shed in the Leavers' Assembly. We couldn't be prouder of how far these children have come, academically and emotionally, and we wish them all the best for the next step in their journeys! Goodbye and Good luck Year 6!

Parking Reminder

As a reminder, parents are not permitted to park on the zigzags, or double yellow lines outside school, including at the end of the car park near the Infant School gates.



Please do not park in a designated blue badge/disabled parking space unless you have a badge on display, or you may be asked to move your car.

Additionally, parents are not permitted to use the inner school car park at all, including for before and after school clubs.



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Thank you for helping to keep our school site safe.

VACANCY: Lunchtime Assistant

We currently have a vacancy for a lunchtime assistant. If you are interested in applying for this term-time position, or would like to find out more, please contact the school office.



Many thanks for your continued support for the schools over the year. I look forward to seeing you again in September.

Kind regards

Mrs Jo Armes
Head of School

Dates for Your Diary

1st – 2nd September - Two INSET days

**3rd September – FIRST DAY OF ACADEMIC YEAR
2026/2027**

8th September – EYFS part-time start

8th September – EYFS Teddy Bears' Picnic – 4pm



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MEET UP WITH FRIENDS AND MAKE NEW ONES

CALLING ALL NEW YEAR 6'S

31ST JULY 2026

£6PP BOOKING ONLINE

PARTY @ THE POINT CELEBRATE THE END OF YEAR 5 AND MOVING UP!
CHOOSE HOT DOG OR PIZZA

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