



THE BISHOPSWOOD SCHOOLS FEDERATION

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Friday 18th September 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome Back to Bishopswood Federation!

As we begin another exciting school year, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our children, families and staff. A special welcome goes to our new Reception children and their families, who are joining our school community for the very first time. We hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful summer break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the term ahead.

It has been a pleasure to see the children returning with such enthusiasm, confidence and smiles, and we look forward to a year filled with learning, friendship, achievement and memorable experiences across the Federation. Together, we will continue to nurture, support and inspire every child to flourish and reach their full potential.

Open Mornings

We are delighted to invite families of children due to start school in **September 2027** to attend one of our upcoming Open Mornings at Bishopswood Federation. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet our friendly team, tour our school and wonderful grounds, and discover what makes our schools such nurturing and inspiring places for children to learn and grow.

You will have the chance to see learning in action, find out more about our curriculum, wraparound care and wider opportunities, and ask any questions you may have about joining our school community.

If you know of any friends, neighbours or family members who may be considering a school place for September 2027, please do share this invitation with them. We look forward to welcoming you.

Please book onto one of our open dates below by calling the School Office on 0118 9812836 or emailing [Bishopswood Schools Federation](mailto:info@bishopswoodschools.co.uk)

Open Morning Dates:

Tuesday 22nd September at 9:15am
Friday 25th September at 9:15am
Friday 9th October at 1:15pm
Tuesday 13th October at 9:15am
Tuesday 20th October at 3:45pm
Friday 6th November at 9:15am
Tuesday 10th November at 1:15pm
Friday 20th November at 1:15pm



OPEN EVENTS

Bishopswood Schools Federation

Book your visit to see our school in action, meet our Executive Headteacher & Early Years team. See overleaf for more details!

OUR SCHOOL:

- Individual care
- Wider opportunities
- Broad enrichment & activities
- Every child known and loved
- Every child challenged to thrive
- Academic **and** personal growth

Book your tour now!

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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....

Mrs Bellemere & Miss Daly say...

In Year R we have had a wonderful first week! We have enjoyed reading '*Together We Can*' and have been learning how to work as a team, make new friends and support one another. We have also been exploring our feelings through the Zones of Regulation, thinking about how our emotions can affect ourselves and those around us. In Maths, we have been developing our subitising skills, learning to recognise quantities up to 3 without counting. It has been a fantastic start to the year, and we are so proud of how well everyone has settled in!



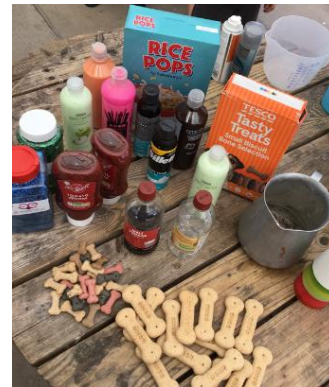
Mrs Boyce, Mrs Evans & Mr Dale say...

The children have settled in well to the new routines of Year 1 and have already been working incredibly hard! In English, we have been reading Kippers' Toy Box and ordering the story. In Science, we have been learning about materials. We have been on a materials hunt around our classroom, identifying different objects and naming the materials they are made from. We also made a great start to our topic learning by sharing pictures of our favourite toys and learning a 'robot' dance in PE!



Ms Feather & Miss Okey say...

Year 2 had had a fantastic start to the year, settling into their new roles as the role models of the Infant School! They have jumped headfirst into their learning, looking at what evidence can teach us about The Great Fire of London and comparing 17th century firefighting methods to today. In



English lessons, we have been reading and enjoying some of the works of Roald Dahl. The children have written fantastic character descriptions of Grandma from George's Marvellous Medicine and even had a go at making their own magic concoction. They had great fun being messy and imaginative. In Art, the children have started recreating some of the illustrations of the BFG in the style of Quentin Blake and showed great resilience in completing their initial sketches.



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Mrs Stevens, Miss Price & Mrs Lamb say

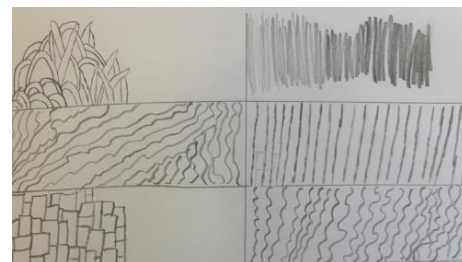
We are so pleased with how well the Year 3 children have settled into life at Bishopswood Juniors. We are very impressed with their attitudes to learning and their resilience. We have started our topic 'What makes the Earth angry?' by looking at the layers of the Earth and even had our own natural disaster in the classrooms! This is inspiring some fantastic sentence work, building up to writing a story about a flood. The children have also had their first Spanish lesson and are already loving learning a new language!



instruments create sound and discussed the effects that different sounds can have on our emotions. During Computing, we focused on online safety. The children created some fantastic posters to help promote ways of staying safe when using the internet.

Mrs Ouazzani-Yusein, Mr Hayden & Mrs Dreelan say....

Year 5 have had a super start to the year and have settled into upper school brilliantly. We have started Autumn term with our topic on Evolution, and through this we have been looking at the book Darwin's Dragons by Lindsay Galvin in our writing work. We are also reading this as our class novel. The children have begun to research Charles Darwin and have started to create some well-presented fact sheets in their topic work. We are also incredibly lucky to have Mr Chong from



Miss Cullen & Mr Sargeant say ...



Year 4 have had a fantastic first week back and have settled well into their routines. In English, we have been exploring *The Sound Collector* by Roger McGough. The children have enjoyed listening to and identifying sounds around the school, and we are looking forward to reading their own sound poems next week. In our topic lessons, we began exploring the question, "How do sounds make us feel?". We investigated how different musical

Hampshire Music Service teaching all the children how to play brass instruments, which they are very excited about. In art, we have begun working on sketching and using different shades of pencils for different effects!

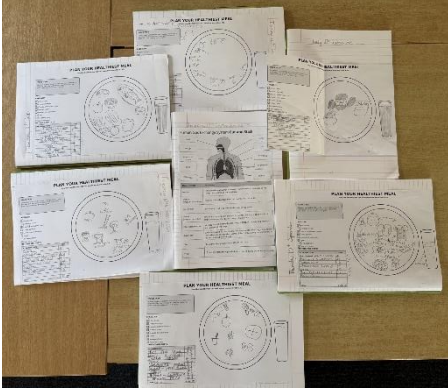
Mr Morris & Mr Mahony say....

What a terrific start it has been in Year 6! We have started the term with focus and drive, with a little help from our guided reading book '*You Are Awesome*'. These past two weeks we have delved into biology. From stomach to lungs, diaphragm to the trachea we have researched it. We were able to draft the healthiest meal money (/the budget the teachers gave) could buy. Whilst also challenging ourselves to build the unhealthiest whilst keeping in mind the core principles of a healthy diet using the *Eatwell guide* food chart. Then, we have looked more into our breathing. How our lungs work and how the muscles within our body can aid this.



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It has been a brilliant start to the children's final year at Bishopswood, and we have been impressed with the application and attitude of the children regarding their new love of homework. We look forward to seeing more and more of it.



- 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 must be tied back please.**

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.

Thank you for helping to keep our school site safe.

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

Thank you for your support with this.

VACANCY: Lunchtime Assistant and LSA

We currently have some vacancies in school. If you are interested in applying for these term-time positions, or would like to find out more, please contact the school office.



Many thanks for your continued support for the schools over the year.

Kind regards

Mrs Jo Armes
Head of School



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Dates for Your Diary

- 1st October** – Year 1 Toy Takeover Event
- 2nd October** – IronSAMS event
- 7th October** – Harvest Assembly
- 15th October** – Individual photos – Fraser Photos
- 19th – 20th October** – Year 5 Sustainability Trip – Coehlo class
- 20th October** – Year 2 Great Fire of Tadley
- 21st – 22nd October** – Year 5 Sustainability Trip – Rundell Class
- 28th - 30th October** – HALF-TERM
- 2nd – 6th November** – Year 6 PGL trip
- 11th November** – Flu Immunisations
- 12th November** – Children in Need day
- 18th December** – Last Day of Autumn Term
- 21st December – 1st January 2027** CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
- 4th January** – INSET day
- 5th January** – First Day of Spring Term



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Discount Activities September

12th Sep	High Score Farnborough	1pm - £5
16th Sep	Flipout Basingstoke	5pm - £6.50
18th Sep	Bowling Basingstoke	6pm - £3.50
20th Sep	Family Swim Basingstoke	2pm - £3.50
26th Sep	Ice Skating Basingstoke	3pm - £6.50
27th Sep	High Score Andover	1pm - £5

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JACK & THE BEANSTALK ON ICE

24TH NOVEMBER
MATINEE - 1PM & EVENING - 7PM

The festive season is coming around quickly, and it is the perfect time to start planning your group outings. Planet Ice is delighted to announce a brand new spectacular Christmas Show, Jack and the Beanstalk, with a family friendly performance ideal for groups.

Our Christmas Shows are a fantastic way to celebrate the festive season, so get into the Christmas spirit and plan a magical trip for your group.

We are sure your guests will love the show and may even feel inspired to take to the ice themselves. To make the experience even more exciting, we have introduced a great value ticket option. For just £10.50 per person, guests can enjoy the show.

As nobody deserves festive cheer more, group organisers go free. We will also accommodate any special requests wherever possible, so please just ask. Plus, do not forget we offer great value meal deals to complete your visit.

To enquire further about tickets email: basingstoke@planet-ice.co.uk or call our reception on 01256 355 266 for more details.

FOR MORE DETAILS VISIT
PLANET-ICE.CO.UK/CHRISTMAS-SHOW



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**Starting school
in September
2027**

If your child is 4 or
will turn 4 before
1 September 2027,
they can start school
in September 2027

Applications open for
Hampshire residents on
1 November 2026

THE NATIONAL CLOSING
DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS
FRIDAY 15 JANUARY 2027
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