



THE BISHOPSWOOD SCHOOLS FEDERATION

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Friday 2nd October 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

As we reach the middle of the autumn term, it has been wonderful to see the children fully settled into school life and making the most of every opportunity on offer.

Across the Federation, classrooms have been busy with exciting learning, creative projects and memorable experiences that are helping our children to grow in confidence, resilience and independence.

We have been particularly proud of the positive attitudes, kindness and determination that our pupils demonstrate each day, reflecting the values that make Bishopswood such a special community. These qualities were especially evident today as we took part in and supported the Iron SAMS charity fundraising event. It was wonderful to see our pupils cheering one another and Sam on, running together with huge smiles on their faces and embracing the spirit of the occasion.

Thank you to all our families for your continued support and partnership. Together, we are creating an environment where every child feels valued, challenged and inspired to achieve their very best.

Mrs Jo Armes

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.



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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Please book onto one of our open dates below by calling the School Office on 0118 9812836 or emailing Bishopswood Schools Federation

Open Morning Dates:

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

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...

Year R have had a wonderful few weeks. Last week, the children were faced with a mystery when the classroom bins disappeared! They searched for clues, designed traps for the thief, and used junk modelling to create new bins. We were delighted to welcome a local police officer, who helped us solve the case and safely return the bins.

The culprit turned out to be Chestnut the squirrel, who had taken the bins to make drums! We talked about the importance of asking before taking something that belongs to someone else, and the children kindly helped Chestnut create his own musical instruments outdoors. We were very proud



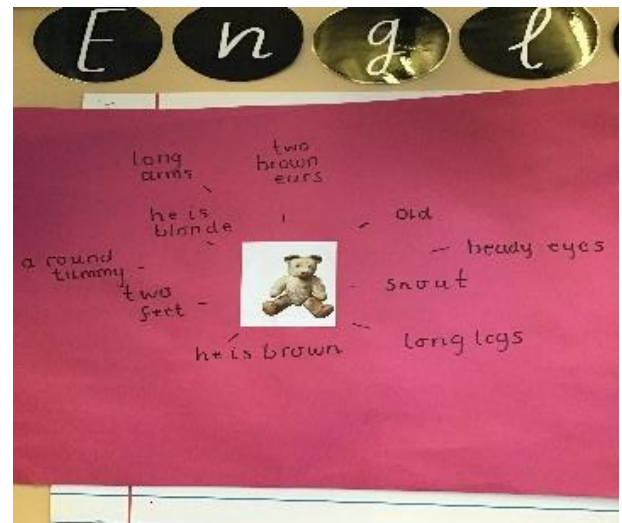
of their creativity, teamwork, and kindness throughout the adventure.

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

Year 1 are really enjoying their Toys topic so far. In writing, we have been looking at using adjectives by describing the look of old & new bears. We even read about two famous bears – Winnie the Pooh & Paddington.

Our maths focus has been 'one more than' where the children have been using 10s frames and counters to show one more than any given number. Ahead of Harvest Festival, the children have been learning about Harvest around the world and what is similar and different.

Our children are also becoming computer experts, learning the different parts of laptops and basic mouse skills!



Ms Feather & Miss Okey say...

Year 2 has been continuing with their amazing learning on the topic of The Great Fire of London by writing diary entries as a rat named Boxton who was resting in the bakery in Pudding Lane when the blaze broke out. The children have also learnt the timeline of events of the fire, as well as what caused the fire to start and how and why it spread so quickly, and what changed in London and the UK as a consequence of the fire. In Art lessons the children used collage to make images of the Great Fire, showing the contrasting colours of the flames and



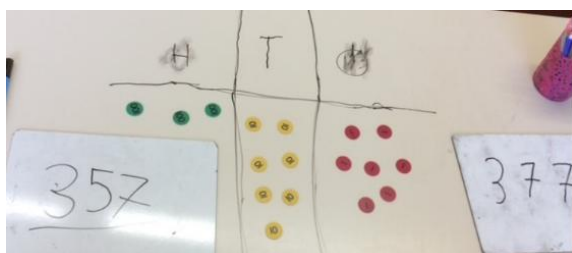
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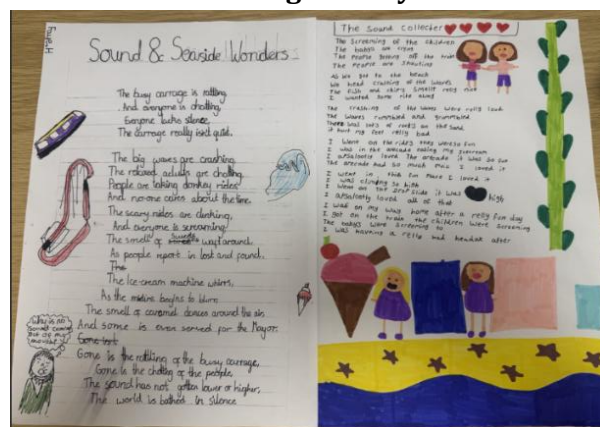
the buildings. We have also been incredibly impressed with the homework that the children have been completing including quizzes, artwork and even baking!

Miss Stevens, Miss Price & Mrs Lamb say

We have had a very busy few weeks in Year 3. We have learned more about the properties of rocks during our science lessons and used chalk to draw a diagram of a volcano. In maths we have moved onto learning about 3-digit numbers, exploring place value in lots of different ways – we even got to write on the tables! In writing we have finished our work on the story 'The Flood' with an independent write, using all the writing techniques we have learned.



Miss Cullen & Mr Sargeant say ...



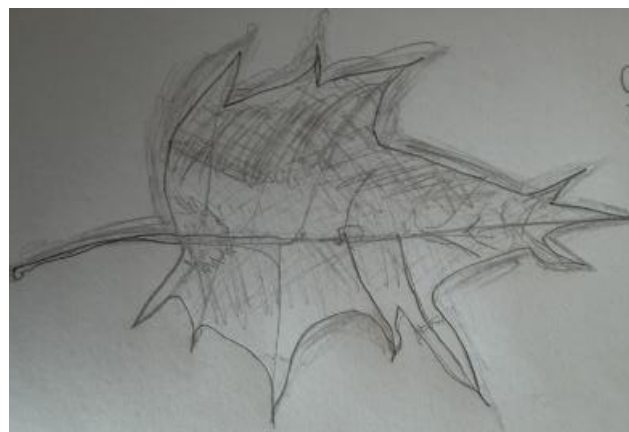
Year 4 have enjoyed writing and publishing their own poems inspired by a trip to the beach. The children took great care with their presentation and should be incredibly proud of the high-quality work they have produced.

In Maths, we have been learning how to compare numbers and have successfully mastered using the correct greater than (>) and less than (<) symbols to show our understanding.

In Spanish, we have begun learning how to hold a simple conversation, including introducing ourselves and talking about how we are feeling. Well done Year 4 for all your hard work, enthusiasm, and determination this week.

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

Year 5 have been continuing their work on Darwin's Dragons in writing. They have all written fantastic diary entries as though they have been washed up





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on a beach in the Galapagos Islands. We have been really impressed with the children's resilience. In topic, we have been looking at how human evolution has happened over millions of years. The children have been continuing their sketching work and have created some fantastic still life drawings of leaves. They are also loving their music lessons still and have started learning two different notes on either the trumpet or the French horn!

Mr Morris & Mr Mahony say....



What an amazing start to Year 6 we have had! We started our Viking topic by watching the Saga of Biorn. Now in writing we are designing our own dragon and writing a non-chronological report about it. In art, we have designed our own dragon eyes which we will be making out of clay today. Exciting times!

Iron SAM Fundraising

On Friday 2nd October, the whole school came together to support Sam

Dunn in his inspiring *Baton of Hope* five-school relay run in aid of the SAMS charity.

As part of this incredible challenge, Sam ran a marathon across the playgrounds of five local schools, including both schools within the Bishopswood Federation. Many of our children joined him for parts of the run here at school,



showing great enthusiasm and encouragement. Sam was then accompanied on the next leg of his journey to Tadley School by 10 of our pupils, alongside Miss Stevens and Miss Renfrew.

We are incredibly proud of our runners and of all our pupils, whose enthusiasm, encouragement and beautifully designed posters helped create such a positive atmosphere.

We would also like to thank all our families for their generous donations and support. Every contribution will help this wonderful charity continue its important work supporting children and families in our school community and beyond. If you have not yet had the opportunity to donate, there is still time to do so. Thank you for helping us make a difference.

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.





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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
- 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.**

Thank you for your support with this.

WHAT'S ON TUCK SHOP

A selection of below available daily	
Sausage Roll	£0.60
Mini Hash Browns	£0.50
Fruit	£0.30
Pancake	£0.50
Breadsticks	£0.30
Juice shots	£0.40
Available on certain days	
Cookie	£0.40
Pizza	£0.40
Drink and one other item allowed at tuck time.	

Tuck Shop in the Juniors

The price list for the Tuck Shop in the Juniors is shown above. Please note that, as pupils may only purchase **ONE food item and ONE drink**, they do not need more than £1 each day.

VACANCY: Lunchtime Assistant

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

7th October – Harvest Assembly

7th October – Y5 Sustainability Trip – Parent Information Evening

9th October –September 2027 YR open afternoon

12th October – Coelho class parents' evening

13th October –September 2027 YR open morning

13th October – Parents' evening – ALL classes

15th October – Parents' evening – ALL classes
EXCEPT Coelho – 5.30-6.00

15th October – Individual photos – Fraser Photos

19th – 20th October – Year 5 Sustainability Trip – Coelho class

20th October – Year 2 Great Fire of Tadley

21st – 22nd October – Year 5 Sustainability Trip – Rundell Class

26th - 30th October – **HALF-TERM**

1st October – PTA fireworks

2nd – 6th November – Year 6 PGL trip

3rd November – Newbury Observer EYFS class photos

6th November –September 2027 YR open morning

10th November –September 2027 YR open afternoon

11th November – Flu Immunisations

12th November – Children in Need Day

20th November –September 2027 YR open afternoon

15th December – RockSteady Concert **2.30pm**

21st December – 1st January 2027 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

4th January – INSET day



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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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SHOW & SKATE
Presents
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: basinstoke@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

OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

8:30 till 5:30pm

Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October

£ £25 a day

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ATMOSPHERE FUNDED/FREE SPACES

Wednesday 30th September
6:00pm - 8:00pm
Free tickets for children aged 4-14 yrs

Atmosphere, Unit B, Rutherford Road,
Daneshill Industrial Estate, Basingstoke,
Hampshire, RG24 8PD

To book please email louisa@spotlightuk.org