



Celebrating learning together in faith, hope and love

Matthew 2:10: "When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy."

20/12/2024

Headteacher's Hello

Dear parents and carers,

What a week it has been - full of festive fun and cheer!

Firstly, congratulations and well done to the School Association committee and all the volunteers for organising a fantastic Christmas Fair which was held in school yesterday. It was great to see so many families and staff there enjoying the event. Lots of money was raised, Christmas gifts were purchased, plenty of festive food and drinks were enjoyed and there was a lovely community atmosphere around the school. Thank you to everyone involved.

Earlier in the week we were treated to a hugely entertaining nativity play from Year 1 and Year 2 – The Fleece Force. The children performed confidently and sang beautifully and it was lovely to see so many family members in the audience at both performances. Reception class did their first performance to an audience of some Christmas carols on Tuesday. It was clear that the many hours of rehearsals had paid off as they knew their lines off-by-heart and sang with great enthusiasm!

We enjoyed a visit to the pantomime earlier in the week, when we went to see Cinderella at The Exchange Theatre in Twickenham. There were lots of laughs and plenty of active audience participation, and it was wonderful to be able to offer every child the opportunity to experience it. Thank you to the SA for subsidising the visit and a BIG thank you to all the staff and volunteers who came along on the day to support with what is no small task in taking the entire school out on a visit to the theatre!

This afternoon is our Christmas service. A time to reflect on and celebrate the year gone by. We look forward to Year 3 and 4 leading the service, along with performances from the school choir and Year 5 and 6, and our thanks to Rev. Andy Watkins who will be joining us for the service too.

And so as 2024 draws to a close, I would like to thank you for your support this year in all that we have achieved and we look forward to another busy year ahead for Bishop Perrin School. On behalf of all the staff, thank you for the kind messages, cards and gifts we have received. They are never expected, but always very much appreciated.

We will be welcoming the children back to the new school term on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

Wishing you and your families a very merry Christmas and a happy new year!

Best wishes,
Miss Macklearn





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Attendance

Friendship: 89.73% Endurance: 89.82%, Peace: 84.31%, Forgiveness: 91.33%, Reverence: 92.25%, Service: 97.00% and Justice: 83.70%

Whole school: 89.84%

Attendance this term

Today we have presented certificates to children who have had excellent attendance this term. In the past, we have done this for 100% attendance during the term. However, there are times when a child is absent through no fault of their own due to illness, so this year excellent attendance (98% or above, with no unauthorised absences) has been recognised in our celebration assembly at the end of term.

In collective worship this week...

We continue to discuss how our school vision is lived out in school every day. Please see our [website](#) to learn more about this.

On Monday, we talked about what makes us special and how our beliefs can shape our behaviour.

On Tuesday, the children learnt about the Jewish festival of Hannukah with Mrs Beith.

On Thursday, Rev. Andy Watkins led us in a Christmas worship, reminding us of the true meaning of Christmas.

School News

Parent Consultations – Spring Term

Advance notice that our parent consultations for the spring term will be held on Wednesday 5th February 2025, 14:30 – 17:30 and Thursday 6th February, 15:30 – 19:30. All appointments will be held in the school hall. Year 5 and 6 children are invited to attend alongside their parents / carers. Booking will open in the new year.

Class Assemblies – Spring Term

These are held in the school hall at 8:55am. Next term, the following class will be doing their class assemblies:

- Year 4 - Thursday 6th February
- Year 2 - Thursday 13th March

Parent Forum – Meeting Minutes

Please click [here](#) to read a copy of the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd November 2024.

Class Texts – Spring Term

This term, the children have enjoyed reading a range of books as a key text in their English lessons. If you purchased a copy of one of the key texts to support your child in class and no longer have a need for it, please consider donating it to our school library so we can build up class sets of these books for future year groups. Thank you.

Please find listed below the key texts for classes for next term - they could make an ideal Christmas gift!

We do have a supply of these books in school for use in class, but it is very helpful if your child is able to have their own copy.

Year	Spring 1	Spring 2
2	The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig – Eugious Trivizas	Claude in the City – Alex T. Smith
3	Midnights Feasts – An anthology of poetry	The Sacrab's Secret Ancient Egypt: Tales of Gods and Phraoahs – Marcia Williams
4	The Devil and His Boy – Anthony Horowitz	The Last Bear – Hannah Gold
5	Street Child – Berlie Doherty	Pig-heart Boy – Malorie Blackman
6	The Jamie Drake Equation – Christopher Edge	The Giant's Necklace – Michael Morpurgo

Year R and Year 1 read a range of picture books over the course of the term linked to their themed learning. There is no need for them to have their own copy of the books, but they are welcome to bring one in if they have it. Please make sure all books are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Message from the Govenors

After four years as a school governor, Harsha McArdle is stepping back from her role as a parent governor. Thank you to Harsha for her time as a school governor and the valuable contribution she has made to the school community. Governors are delighted to welcome Catherine Reddin to the governing board as the new parent governor.

Our governors met last week and were pleased to see the work that has been carried out on developing the school vision and the preparations the school are making for their SIAMS inspection this year. The governors noted that good progress is being made on the SEDP (School Evaluation and Development Plan). They were pleased to participate in the communications review last week and were pleased to hear of the work that is happening on communications.

Our governors wish everyone at Bishop Perrin School a very happy Christmas and Happy New Year!



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Celebrations and Achievements

Well done to the children who have earned a certificate this week.

School Trips Payments / Permissions

Unless otherwise stated, children should wear school uniform for school visits (this includes school shoes). Children should bring a bag (school bag or other) to carry their packed lunch and water bottle in. Packed lunches should not contain any form of nuts (this applies to children and adult volunteers); no fizzy drinks or glass bottles. If details vary to this they will be provided below within the specific trip section.

Year 1 Trip to Windsor Castle

Year 1 will be visiting Windsor Castle on Friday, 31st January, where they will explore the historic site, learn about its significance, and take part in activities that complement their classroom learning. Further details will be shared as soon as they are available.

Faith Ambassadors from Year 3-6

On the 30th January, the Faith Ambassadors from Year 3-6 will attend the LDBS Annual Service at St Paul's Cathedral. The service is from 2-2.45pm and we will be travelling by train and tube. We will be leaving school at around midday.

Children will need to bring a packed lunch that can be eaten on the train (with rubbish that can then be disposed of to prevent having to carry bags into the cathedral). Children will also need to bring a water bottle (also preferably disposable). Due to the finish time of the service, we will not return to school until 4:15-4:30pm. Please provide consent via SCOPAY.

Safeguarding, Wellbeing & Inclusion

Managing Christmas sensory overload

Whilst the festive period is a time for celebration, it can also be a challenging time for children and adults alike. For many children, young people and adults, this time can be filled with emotional and sensory overwhelm: an increase in noise; multiple voices; crowds; social expectations; changes in routine; flashing lights; different textures brought into the house; loud and busy music and surprise gifts. There are a number of resources available on the [Wellbeing page](#) of the school website from the national Autistic Society and Beacon House to support families.



Beacon House
Therapeutic Services and Trauma Team

Safety over the festive season

Please see the information later in the newsletter about how to encourage safety over the festive season which include:

- Monitoring digital activity
- Setting boundaries for gifts
- Addressing stress and fatigue
- Being aware of allergies
- Maintaining safe decorations
- Creating travel safety plans
- Prevent the spread of illness



Please see the [NSPCC website](#) for detailed information about how to set appropriate parental controls on new devices. Controls should be set before gifts are given to children.



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Spring term wellbeing coffee mornings

Please keep put these dates in your diary. All are welcome to attend. Booking to reserve a space will open after the holidays:

- Thursday 23rd January 2025 8:45-9:30 – Co-production and preparation for parent consultations – how to support your child and their class teacher
- Wednesday 12th March – Understanding attachment and trauma for children

Safeguarding concerns during the holidays

If you are concerned about the safety of a child outside of **during the school holidays**, please contact the police if the child is in immediate danger, or Richmond and Kingston Single Point of Access (SPA) on 020 8547 5008.

And finally...

Wishing all of our Bishop Perrin School community a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

If you have any concerns regarding the safeguarding of children who attend Bishop Perrin Primary School, these should be reported to the Designated Safeguarding Lead who is Miss McAvoy. In her absence, concerns should be reported to the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead who is Miss Macklearn. The school's safeguarding governor is Mrs James.