



Bishop Perrin C.E Primary School

Newsletter

Celebrating learning together in faith, hope and love

1 Corinthians 13 v 13 - And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Friday 19th December

Headteacher's Hello

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a festively-fun-filled week at Bishop Perrin School this week. It all kicked off on Monday with a performance of 'Snow White', a pantomime by M&M Production company which the children thoroughly enjoyed. This was followed by our Christmas festivities on Wednesday when we had our Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day. Thank you to everyone who donated to this, with £134.21 raised for Homelink.

In addition to raising money for Homelink, thank you for your generous support with the Christmas boxes donated for women and children at Hounslow Refugee & Asylum Seeker Service. The team were very grateful for all the gifts that were donated and they will bring some Christmas cheer over the holiday season.

Congratulations to Year 1 and 2 who put on a superb production of 'Knock, Knock! The Nativity Story' for audiences on Wednesday and Thursday. They did a wonderful job of entertaining us and re-telling the Nativity story with their energetic singing, acting and impressive story-telling. A big thank you to Mrs Place, Miss Lancaster, Mrs Beith and all the staff who helped the children with the production.

Well done to Reception class, who have been performing Christmas carols for their family members this week. We were so proud of their singing and for entertaining their audience beautifully.

Earlier in the term, we shared the news with you that we have become a 'Parkrun Primary', encouraging children to take part in the weekly Parkrun events happening in local parks promoting fitness and community spirit. Parkrun events for adults and children will continue to take place over the Christmas break, including some on Christmas Day and New Years Day. If you're looking for an alternative activity to all the Christmas merriment, please see their [website](#) for details of local events.

This afternoon is our Christmas service: a time to reflect on and celebrate the year gone by while celebrating this special time. We look forward to Year 3 and 4 leading the service, along with performances from the school choir and Year 5 and 6. Our thanks to Reverend Helen who will be leading the service for us and to St. Augustine's Church for hosting.

As 2025 draws to a close, I would like to thank you for your support this year in all that we have achieved and as we look forward to another busy year ahead for Bishop Perrin School. The success of our school relies on good communication and understanding between school and parents, and we are grateful for our parent community for the on-going support we receive from you. 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 6th January 2026.

Wishing you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Miss Macklearn



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Newsletter

Attendance and Punctuality

Whole school: 94.68%

Attendance this term

Today we have presented certificates to children who have had achieved excellent attendance this term. We consider excellent attendance to be 98% or above, with no unauthorised absences.

In collective worship this week...

This week in collective worship this week we have talked about the Christmas story.

School News

Bishop Perrin School - Public Consultation on the admission arrangements for academic year 2027 / 28

Governors have met recently to review our Admissions Policy for September 2027 – 28. We are required to share the policy publicly for a six-week consultation. You will have received a letter about this yesterday, and all the information can be found on our website by clicking [here](#).

Public consultation on the admission arrangements for the academic year 2027/28

Waldegrave School, Knollmead Primary School and Turing House (sixth form) in Richmond are consulting on the admission arrangements for the academic year 2027/28.

This is to meet the statutory requirement to consult on the admission arrangements at least once every seven years. Information about the public consultation and how to provide feedback is available on the [Waldegrave School website](#); [Knollmead Primary website](#) and [Turing House School website](#).

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.

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 Scarab’s Secret Ancient Egypt: Tales of Gods and Pharaohs – 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.

Class Assemblies – Spring Term

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

- Thursday 29th January – Year 3
- Thursday 12th March – Year 2

Year 5 – Action Breaks Silence

Parents and carers of children in Year 5 will have received a letter about a project Year 5 will be taking part in next term led by the charity ‘Action Breaks Silence’. It is important that we have the signed permission slip for your child to participate in this project. Please return this to school by **Tuesday 6th January**, so we can let the charity know how many numbers to expect to help them with their planning – many thanks.

Governor News

A message from the School Governors

The Governors met last week and were pleased to see the report from our new School Improvement Partner, which confirms our continuing positive assessment of Bishop Perrin School provision. The Governors would like to thank all of the children for their contribution to making this a wonderful place to come and learn; and to the teachers for all their hard work preparing and delivering lessons.

Our thanks to Miss Murray and Miss Gunter who, assisted by one of our Governors, Mrs James, have been supporting our football teams. The teams are new but they have shown how teams can work together and enjoy themselves, even if the result is not in their favour. Well done to everyone - and good luck for your future matches.

The Reception Class carols on Tuesday were very enjoyable as was the Nativity on Wednesday and Thursday. It simply remains to wish everyone a Happy Christmas, hoping that you enjoyed all of the performances arranged this week and thanking everyone for their hard work.

Merry Christmas everyone.

Governor Maintenance Fund

Following an issue with paying Governor Maintenance Fund contributions via Arbor, we can confirm this has now been resolved - we have some work to do to ensure all records have been updated correctly and we shall be re-issuing the request for payment in the new year.

In January we will write to all families to confirm that we have either received donations or remind them that a payment is due. If you would like to make a payment before the receiving the letter (suggested donation of £40 per child) we would invite you to do so via the Governors Maintenance bank a/c:

Bishop Perrin Church of England School Governors

A/c: 80166103

Sort code: 40-46-30

Bank: HSBC

We would like to apologise to everyone for the length of time it has taken to resolve this problem and hope that you will continue to support the fund which works for the benefit of your children.



Be respectful and honest
Be kind
Be safe
Be a role model
Be independent

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. In the summer term, if the children are likely to be outside during their visit, please ensure that you apply sunscreen before they come to school and they wear a hat. If details vary to this, they will be provided below within the specific trip section.

Swimming Lessons

Starting on Monday 12th January, some children will start a 10-week run of additional targeted swimming lessons at Isleworth Leisure Centre. If your child has been selected you will have been emailed a letter and the swimming trip will be 'open' for you to book within your child's Arbor account, please visit the trips section.

Payment and permission are to be completed via Arbor by 5th January please.

Y3 Orleans House – Tuesday 24th February 2026

Trip to Orleans House Gallery for Mark Making and Shadescapes: Heaney, JMW Turner and Quantum workshop. Please pay and complete the mandatory permission via your child's Arbor account by **1st February**. Please provide a packed lunch from home or order a school trip lunch [here](#) by 1st February.

Year 5 & 6 Westminster Abbey Trip Thursday 26th February 2026

Please note, children will be back to school at the slightly later time of 16:00 - 16:15. They will be travelling via public transport to and from the venue.

Please complete the payment via your child's ARBOR account by **31st December 2025**. Please provide a packed lunch for this trip, alternatively you can order a school provided packed lunch [here](#) by the 31st December 2025.

Year 2 London Landmarks - Tuesday 17th March

Y2 will take part in an educational visit to London as part of their London landmarks curriculum. Children will enjoy a guided river cruise of some of London's famous landmarks, supplied by the London Eye team.

Please complete the mandatory permission and payment via your Child's Arbor account by **21st February 2026**.

Please provide a packed lunch from home or book a school provided one [here](#) by 21st February 2026.

Faith Ambassadors from Year 3-6

On Thursday 12th February, 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 late morning.

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 Arbor.

Celebrations and Achievements

Today we shared certificates for the children who have achieved bronze, silver and gold awards for the number of rewards they have earned this term for hard work, good effort and good behaviour.

Community News

Free Winterville event for families

Heatham House Youth Centre are hosting a free Winterville family day on Monday 22 December 12-4pm.

Join us for a free day of magical celebrations filled with exciting games, creative crafts, inflatables and unforgettable holiday fun for the whole family.

[Book your free ticket for Winterville here.](#)

[Winterville flyer here.](#)

Safeguarding, Wellbeing and Inclusion

SEND resources to support families at Christmas time

Please visit the school website [Wellbeing](#) page for updated resources to support families of children with SEND at Christmas time. This can be a time of changes to routine, unexpected surprises and different events which can be unsettling for children who experience neurodiversity. Please use these resources to support your child to be aware of changes to their routine and to be supported through the festive period.

Safety over the festive season

The holiday season, marked by Christmas and New Year, bring joy and togetherness but also presents unique safety challenges for children and families. From busy holiday shopping, travelling and family catherings to managing digital activity during school breaks, staying safe during this period requires heightened awareness. Please use the guides [later in the newsletter](#) to support your family to stay safe over the holiday period and some ideas for a tech-free time including [baking and cooking together](#).





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Young Carers

Young carers are children and young people under the age of 18 who are taking on practical and/or emotional caring responsibilities normally expected of an adult, and can include anything from cooking, shopping and housework to administering medication, assisting with personal care such as washing or dressing, interpreting, physical support such as lifting and even emotional support or looking after younger siblings.

If your child is a young carer a referral can be made via [Richmond Carers Centre](#) who can provide one-to-one mentoring; information, advice and support; and access to a range of extra-curricular and enriching activities.

Please see Miss McAvoy for further information. If your child is a young carer and school are not yet aware, please also be in touch.

Supporting Young people: Online Safety, smartphones and social media – Ellen Collins (Turing house School)

Friday 16th January 2026 9-10am

Following Ellen's very well-attended talk last summer, she will be returning to Bishop Perrin School to continue the conversation and support the school community to take positive steps to support children's online engagement. This talk will explore issues around online safety, smartphone and device use and social media. [Please sign up to be part of the conversation.](#)



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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.

If you have concerns about the safeguarding of a child out of hours or during the school holidays, contact SPA directly on 020 8547 5008 or call the police if the child is in immediate danger.

And finally...

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

SPRING TERM 2026	
Monday 5 th January 2026	INSET Day – school closed for pupils
Tuesday 6 th January	School term starts for children
Wednesday 14 th January	YR & Y6 NCMP Checks – NHS School Nurse
Friday 16 th January. 08:45	Social media and mental health for children and young people – workshop for parents, Ellen Collins (Turing House)
w/c 19 th January	Extra-Curricular Clubs Start - Spring Term
Thursday 29 th January	Y4 Hampton Court
Thursday 5 th February	Y1 Windsor Castle Trip
Thursday 12 th February	Y3-Y6 Faith Ambassadors to St Pauls Cathedral
Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th Feb	February Half Term – school closed
Tuesday 24 th February	Y3 Orleans House
Thursday 26 th February	Y5 & Y6 Westminster Abbey Holy Week Trip
Tuesday 3 rd March	Y4 Re-scheduled Roman Museum Trip All children to be in by 08:30am as early departure time.
Tuesday 17 th March	Y2 Trip to London – River Cruise
w/c 23 rd March	Last week of Extra Curricular Clubs Spring Term



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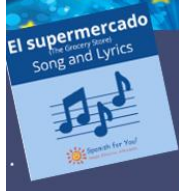
Ellen Collins – from Turing House School

Parent and Carer talk and Q&A

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Competition Time



Languages Competition December 2025

Let's Go Shopping!



(Richmond and Merton Primary Languages Network Competition!)



Create a poster, booklet, mini book or short video, **write** a story or poem. You could even **perform** a song or role play related to the shopping theme (naming clothes, foods, gadgets, prices etc).

One rule – Your entry must be in a foreign language!



There will be prizes in school for the best entries, and external prizes too!



Closing Date: Wednesday 21st January

Please give your entries to me (Señora Poleviou) or your class teacher!

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

SAFETY OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON

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1 MONITOR DIGITAL ACTIVITY

Children spend more time online during school holidays, increasing exposure to potential dangers such as cyberbullying, inappropriate content and online predators. Balancing screen time, avoiding harmful websites and ensuring children engage positively online can be difficult without proper monitoring tools. Set clear boundaries, encourage open discussions about online safety and use parental controls to manage content exposure and screen time effectively. Regular check-ins and positive reinforcement around digital habits encourage safe online behaviour.

2 PRACTICE FIRE SAFETY PROTOCOLS

The incidence of house fires increases during Christmas due to greater use of candles, cookers and electrical decorations. Open flames, electrical overloads and the need for quick response plans can make fire safety challenging. Ensure smoke detectors are operational, keep fire extinguishers on hand and teach children how to respond in case of a fire emergency. Avoid leaving cooking unattended and use fire-safe candles to prevent mishaps.

3 CREATE TRAVEL SAFETY PLANS

More families tend to travel during the holidays, resulting in busier roads, increased traffic accidents and weather-related hazards. Weather conditions, road rage, fatigue and busy airports can all compromise travel safety. Pack emergency kits and adhere to seatbelt laws. Plan routes in advance and allow extra travel time to avoid rushing and mitigate risks on busy roads.

4 BEWARE OF ALLERGIES

Holiday meals often involve many foods that may contain allergens. Cross contamination, unclear labelling and lack of allergy-friendly options can lead to severe reactions. Communicate any allergy needs to hosts, provide safe food alternatives and carry necessary medications like antihistamines or EpiPens. Teaching children how to advocate for themselves and recognise dangerous foods also contributes to safer celebrations.

5 PREVENT THE SPREAD OF ILLNESS

Cold weather and seasonal socialising can increase the spread of viruses like flu and COVID-19. Crowded gatherings, schools out of session and frequent travel can lead to higher infection risks. Emphasise hygiene, encourage vaccination, disinfect surfaces and isolate symptomatic individuals. Communication with children about proper hygiene practices is essential to reduce the spread of illness.

6 STAY VIGILANT ON THE ROAD

Increased holiday traffic heightens the risk of accidents for both drivers and pedestrians. Distracted driving, pedestrian safety and inclement weather can complicate road safety. Encourage pedestrian safety practices, avoid distracted driving and never drive under the influence.

7 MAINTAIN SAFE DECORATIONS

Festive decorations such as Christmas lights and candles can pose electrical, fire and choking hazards if mishandled. Frayed wires, toppling Christmas trees, small ornaments and open flames can be difficult to control, especially in busy households with children. Inspect and maintain decorations, secure Christmas trees, place fragile or small items out of reach and ensure candles are never left unattended. Testing smoke alarms and using flame-retardant decorations can significantly reduce risks.

8 SET BOUNDARIES FOR GIFTS

Some toys and gadgets can present choking, sharp-edge or safety risks, particularly for young children. Ensuring that gifts meet safety standards and are age appropriate can be complex with so many options available. Inspect all toys carefully and ensure any tech devices have parental controls. Setting expectations around safe gift use and discarding packaging that poses a risk also helps to prevent accidents.

9 ADDRESS STRESS & FATIGUE

Holiday pressures can lead to burnout, which affects both physical and mental health. Overpacked schedules and a lack of downtime can cause stress and fatigue, leading to accidents or poor decision making. Incorporate rest, maintain regular routines and seek support to reduce stress. Encourage activities that promote relaxation to create a healthier, happier holiday experience for everyone.

10 DRINK RESPONSIBLY

Alcohol is commonly present at holiday events, raising concerns about safety and supervision. Excessive alcohol consumption can lead to accidents, impaired judgment and lack of supervision for children. Designate responsible adults, limit consumption and provide transportation alternatives for guests. Teaching moderation and modelling responsible behaviour in front of children ensures that celebrations remain positive and secure.

Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is a chartered health and safety consultant with 10 years of experience in promoting family and community safety. Specialising in risk assessment and preventative strategies, he has worked with educational institutions, public health agencies and community groups to deliver safety education and training.



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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/safety-over-the-festive-season>

12 Top Tips for Children & Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like pinging phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season ... Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

NATURE QUEST

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

CAROL KARAOKE

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE

How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmases gone by? Unleash your creativity while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.

TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALLING

Jot down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.

WRAP IT UP

Take time to get inventive with some luxurious gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make parcelling up those presents into a creative adventure.

WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your step count and savour the crisp winter air together.

BE A SEASONAL CHEF

Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas is a perfect time for sparkling stories. Get cosy and lose yourself in a brilliant book, from Dickens to Dr Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Tom Fletcher.

SNOWY SCULPTURES

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!

GAMES NIGHT GALA

Dive into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Classic board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

GOODWILL TO ALL

You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



#WakeUpWednesday

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ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

All Age Eucharist

The All Age Eucharist is a family oriented service for all ages where we worship together in a simple and playful way.

Always at 10 am.

Sunday the 11th January 2026

Sunday the 15th February 2026

Come and join us!





 **MAKES 12**

 **INGREDIENTS**

- 150g cold butter, diced
- 235g plain flour
- 65g golden caster sugar
- 185g mincemeat
- 1 small egg, beaten OR milk*
- Icing sugar to dust*

* Not provided

 **EQUIPMENT**

Large Mixing Bowl, 12-hole tin, wire cooling rack

 **ALLERGENS**

Gluten (flour)
Egg (if used), Dairy (butter)



STEP ONE

- First make the pastry; rub the cold butter into the flour, until it looks and feels like breadcrumbs.
- Then mix in the golden caster sugar and a pinch of salt.



STEP TWO

- Combine the pastry into a ball, do not add any liquid.
- The dough should be firm.



STEP THREE

- Heat the oven to 200C/180C fan.
- Line a 12-hole tin, by pressing small walnut-sized balls of pastry into each hole.



STEP FOUR

- Spoon the mincemeat into the pies.
- Take slightly smaller balls of pastry than before and pat them out between your hands to make 12 lids.



STEP FIVE

- Top the pies with their lids, pressing the edges gently together to seal them.



STEP SIX

- Beat the egg in a small bowl, then brush the tops of the pies with it or brush with milk.
- Place in the oven and bake for 20 mins until golden.



STEP SEVEN

- Leave to cool in the tin for 5 mins, then remove to a wire rack.
- To serve, lightly dust with the icing sugar.



This recipe is a bit messy, but tasty, and easy for even small children to prepare. Have fun!

This recipe is taken from [bbcgoodfood.com](https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/unbelievably-easy-mince-pies)
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