

14th October
2024

Diary Dates coming up

18th October – school Autumn Disco – tickets on sale
22nd and 24th October – Parent consultations
25th October – The big Dig 8.30am
4th December – Community Café 1.30-3.00
Wk beg 9th Dec EYFS and year 1 nativity & Nursery nativity
11th December KS1 Christmas Lunch
12th December Christmas Lunch
17th December Year 2/3/4 Christingle with parents
18th December – Elves Grotto – children can buy a gift for a family member.



School was not fun in the Victorian era. Here are our year five girls having a terrible time back in 1894

In the news this week..

Uniform

Attendance

Visits

ATTENDANCE

We are so proud of our families who work hard to make sure their child is at school every day. Not only does this ensure they have an excellent education but they also get to make strong friendships, learn social skills and understand what to do when things go wrong. They enjoy having responsibilities and taking part in school committees.

We have celebrated weekly attendance with certificates and a trophy for a while now and the children love displaying them proudly. However we would now like to introduce the newest member of our school community...



The class with the highest attendance will get to keep Lambie in their class all week and fill in its diary. They get to choose their outfit and take them on any trips they have. There will be a competition to name them soon.

Our breakfast Club had huge fun making a scarecrow for a display at the Thetford Garden Centre. They called him David and you will see him if you visit the garden center. They felt he would be a great addition to the school, although they didn't think he would scare anyone!



UNIFORM

Our children look amazing in their uniforms. However as well as what they wear, we also have a few things in place for their safety.

Children, as you will know, are often dashing around. If they have long hair, this can often get in the way of their eyes, which impacts on their safety. This can also impact on their learning as they can't easily see their work or the board. It can also be dangerous during activities like break time and PE.

We therefore have the rule that hair which restricts a child's view must be tied back.

This is the same for all children – boys or girls and for all hair types.

We also have a no jewelry rule. Bracelets and necklaces can cause injury when they get caught. They can easily catch in hair and knitted fabrics like coats, scarves and jumpers.

We also do not allow earrings – other than a plain stud, like the one below. Unfortunately taping up earrings is not enough. Children will not be able to go outside for break or lunch or take part in PE if they have earrings other than a plain stud.

This is for their safety. Ears are rather delicate and can be damaged for life from earrings being ripped out in an accidental injury.

If your child wears inappropriate earrings we will contact you to ask you to remove them. I appreciate this is annoying but we all want your child to be safe and when they are at school we are liable for their safety and therefore need clear rules



Orienteering

Some of our year one and two children were invited to attend an orienteering event at another school recently.

They had a lovely time out in the fresh air and were so well behaved.

Here they are working out clues.



A polite request

We are delighted with behaviour at The Bishops. Our children are polite, work hard and care for each other. We have seen a reduction of the number of incidents per term from nearly 900 per term in 2023 to around 200 per term in 2024. This equates to one incident for every two children every 12 weeks – clearly very low. We have reduced swearing and racism to almost zero.

However children and parents are reporting that some parents are swearing when on the school site. This is upsetting the children who know these are 'bad' words. While we would not tell you what to do at home, could I politely ask parents to not swear while at school to help us stamp it out on site? Thank you for your help.

KEEP US UP TO DATE WITH YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

Please ensure the school office has your most up to date contact details to ensure we can contact you in an emergency and so you do not miss updates.

For questions and queries, please contact:

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Sporting Success

We recently took part in the cross country.

Mrs. Porter wanted to share the news with you we competed at the SSP Breckland cross country event.

Over 200 children entered this event.

Our children demonstrated perseverance, grit and determination.

The top 10 children qualifying then go on to the finals. Those through to the finals at Langley prep school are.

Frankie year 3 4th, Lyric year 4 10th, Nathan B year 4 3rd, Lola B year 5 4th, Stas year 5 8th, Maya year 6 5th, Natalia year 6 6th, Teddy year 6 2nd place

We are extremely proud of all the children that entered and it just shows that our running club held at lunch times is very beneficial.

We have a jammed pack year of events to look forward to.

GO TEAM BISHOPS!!

