



Bishop Wilson C of E Primary School

“The joy of the lord is your strength” Nehemiah 8:10



“Always remember you matter, you're important and you are loved, and you bring to this world things no one else can.”

Charlie Mackesy, The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse

Dear Whole School Family,

As we approach the end of the longest half-term of the year, it's a wonderful moment to pause and reflect on the growth and progress we've seen in all our children. Returning to school in September after a long summer break is never easy—especially for our youngest learners—but the children have risen to the challenge beautifully. They come into school each morning with enthusiasm, curiosity, and a readiness to learn, and we couldn't ask for more.

When you walk through our school, you can feel the learning happening all around — children asking thoughtful questions, making connections to prior knowledge, and engaging deeply in their lessons. This half-term, they've explored new topics, taken part in our Values Day, and enjoyed Forest School, all of which have enriched their classroom experiences.

A quick reminder: school is unable to authorise term-time holidays. Five or more missed days (ten sessions) will result in a fixed penalty notice (FPN) from the Local Authority. If a parent has already received an FPN within the last academic year, a second penalty will incur a higher charge. Further details can be found on the CWAC website or on the government's page, *Working Together to Improve School Attendance* (www.gov.uk).

It was lovely to see so many of you during parents' evening and to receive such positive comments through our parent survey. Your feedback is incredibly valuable—it helps us to continually refine and improve our school offer.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of our **Parent Code of Conduct**, introduced two years ago. Our staff consistently go above and beyond in their roles to support children and families. At times, they may need to share difficult or sensitive information, always following guidance from external agencies. Please ensure that all communication and interactions with members of our school community remain respectful and considerate.

Finally, I wish you all a restful and enjoyable half-term break. Stay safe and well, and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Monday 3rd November 2025**.

Best wishes,
Freda
Executive Head BWCCF



Dear God,

As we reach the end of this half-term,
we pause to give thanks for all that we have learned and shared
together.
Thank you for the energy, curiosity, and kindness that fill our school
each day.

We are grateful for our friends, teachers, and families
who guide and support us on our journey of growth.
As the leaves fall and the days grow shorter,
help us to find rest, peace, and joy in the simple moments around us.

Keep everyone in our school community safe during the break —
wherever we go and whatever we do.
Renew our minds, refresh our hearts,
and bring us back ready to learn, laugh, and shine once more.

Amen.

Dates for your diary

24th October – School closes at 3.15pm for half term.

3rd November – School reopens.

10th November 9.30am to 11am– In session open morning no need to book just come along. This is for anyone looking for a reception place for 2026 or an In-Year transfer.

24th November 9.30am to 11am - In session open morning no need to book just come along. This is for anyone looking for a reception place for 2026 or an In-Year transfer.

26th November 9.00am to 10.30 am – SEND coffee morning.

9th December 2.30pm – KS1 & EYFS Nativity play in church. The whole school will walk up to church to attend.

12th December after school – Christmas Fair.

16th December 2.30pm – KS2 Carol Service in church. The whole school will walk up to church to attend.

18th December – School closes at 3.15pm for Christmas.

19th December – Inset Day.

5th January 2026 – Inset Day.

6th January 2026 – School Re-Opens.

Holidays in term time

**Holidays in term time will incur a fixed penalty notice. For more information please see our website, the CWAC website also has information regarding attendance & you can download future cwac holiday dates that we follow (apart from 5 INSET dates that need to be set)
Please complete a leave of absence request form from the school office and return for any requests with 14 days notice**

**Have you moved house, changed mobile number or other contact details,
please do not forget to let us know in writing. Either email
admin@bishopwilson.cheshire.sch.uk or pop a written note into the office.
Thankyou**

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Robins Class

This half term Robin's class have been very busy; they have settled into their new school and our lovely new classroom. We have been learning about autumn and harvest. We made some lovely autumnal crafts with leaves we found on our autumn scavenger hunt.

In Maths we have been learning about sorting and grouping. The children loved being a human scale to learn about heavy and light. Our English topic is based on the story of The Gingerbread man. Children made Gingerbread which we all enjoyed decorating and of course eating them! We learnt about retelling stories using masks and we even made our own cafe and bakery. We have loved our forest school sessions and spending time in our new outside area.



Kingfishers Class

Wow! We made it — what a term it has been! It's been filled with learning, fun, and memories to last a lifetime.

In Maths, we've been exploring place value; in Science, we've been learning all about plants; and in English, we've been reading *The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark* — a story the children have absolutely loved. They especially enjoyed discovering lots of new and interesting facts about owls!

I am beyond proud of all my Year 2s for becoming such speedy, confident readers and for completing their phonics. What an amazing achievement!



Owls Class



Owls have had a brilliant start to Year 3/4, diving into lots of exciting learning across the curriculum. In English, we have explored poetry and enjoyed reading the story of Zeraffa Giraffa.

In Maths, we have focused on place value as well as addition and subtraction to build strong number skills. Our Science topic has been all about states of matter, and we have carried out investigations to explore liquids and gases. In History, we've travelled back in time to learn about the Ancient Egyptians and even had a go at mummifying a tomato! In RE, we have discussed what it means to be called by God and reflected on different examples. During Computing, we have learned how to

stay safe online and use the internet responsibly.

Throughout the term, the children have also taken part in Forest School, developing teamwork and enjoying learning outdoors.

Eagles Class



Since returning to school in September, the children have settled brilliantly into the new term and embraced their learning with enthusiasm. In English, we have been inspired by *Queen of the Falls* by Chris Van Allsburg, using Annie Edson Taylor's remarkable story to develop narrative and persuasive writing skills.

In Maths, we have explored Roman numerals, place value and the four operations, building fluency and confidence in problem solving. Our Science lessons have been full of curiosity and hands-on discovery as we investigate forces such as gravity, friction and air resistance through practical experiments.

In Geography, we have begun our journey across North and South America, learning about their incredible landscapes, climates and cultures. Our Art lessons have focused on the vibrant work of Frida Kahlo, with children creating expressive self-portraits inspired by her bold style.

In P.E., we have been developing teamwork and strategy through tag rugby and netball. It has been a fantastic start to the year, full of creativity, collaboration and curiosity!

Values Day

On 2nd October, we took part in a 'Values Day' with a focus on 'Uganda' and linking to our Christian Value of the half term 'Hope'. We found out lots of facts about Uganda and learnt about our link school 'Nyakatukura Primary School' in the Ibanda region of Uganda. We had lots of fun engaging in workshops such as making bracelets, writing letters to the children in Uganda, prayer spaces and a song and creative session with our church community worker Sheila. We also raised over £150 for our link school. Mrs Sewell will take this money with her when she visits during October half term and will report what resources the money helped to buy in order to enhance their teaching and learning.



Culture Crew

We're excited to launch *Culture Crew* at Bishop Wilson! This pupil-led group will help our school community explore important themes of citizenship, social justice & courageous advocacy. Through discussions, projects & whole-school events, the Culture Crew will encourage everyone to think about how we can make a positive difference in our school, local community & the wider world.



In Wrens Room - 0-2's we have been busy focusing on a book which seems to be a firm favourite of all our babies at the moment...Dear Zoo, this has been enhanced by babies taking part in learning animal sounds and actions, we have also been making homes for various animals, while also exploring various materials, which resulted in the babies playing peek a boo with various scarves.

With it being Autumn we have been making pictures, play dough and hedgehogs all with the colours of orange, brown and red, this part of learning and development really supports their curiosity and sensory experiences.

Over the next few months we will have a few more babies starting too, so getting even busier, which is amazing!

In Sparrows Room - 2-4's we have been learning all about Autumn too. The children have completed some lovely artwork with items they have collected on our nature walks, such as acorns, leaves and pine cones. The children have also been noticing the change in the weather, as well as the leaves changing colour on the trees. Preschool have also been helping the babies settle in to their new room.

I hope you all have a lovely half term spooky break! See you all in November if we do not see you in Holiday Club.

As always, many thanks for all your ongoing support.

Allison ~ Manager

PTA update

And just like that another half term was over. How did that happen!
It seems a long way from the start of term and the PTA ice cream giveaway!

As always, we wanted to say a massive



to the whole school community who have supported the PTA.

The PTA fund both long-term and short-term projects to support the school and this year, with your help, we have donated £3000 to start the groundworks for the new gardening area, which will include a greenhouse and planters, so the children can grow fruit and vegetables and maybe even sell them at the school fayre!

Thank you to everyone who donated unused clothing to the Bags2 school collection. We raised an amazing £117.90. We'll run another collection in February, so please hang on to any unwanted items if you're having a sort out in the coming months.

We welcome Mrs Curnow, Mr Orford, Mr Morris and Miss Ryder to the PTA committee. If you'd like to join the PTA, volunteers are always welcome, whether just for the occasional event or as part of the committee, any time or effort you can spare is always welcome. In particular, if anyone is experienced at writing funding bids, we would really like your expertise to help the PTA submit bids for funding for some of the bigger projects school would like to progress.

We will be holding a Special General meeting on 7 November at 2pm to update the PTA constitution. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Upcoming Events

Friday (24 October) is Non-Uniform Day in exchange for a bottle and bag of sweets chocolate for the bottle and sweet tombolas at the Christmas Fayre. Please bring all donations to morning drop off and thank you in advance for your donations.

We're really excited about the tea towel project and are sure the children will have great fun drawing their self-portraits and being immortalised on a tea towel. The towels will be ready in time for Christmas and can be collected at the Christmas Fayre.

Full details of how to order and pay will be sent out after half term.

We have decided to wind up the 100 club, which has struggled for support for some time. Anyone who had remaining funds will be contacted and offered a refund.

As an alternative we are excited to share that we have joined The Parent Lottery – a fun and easy way to raise money for your school while giving you the chance to win cash prizes every week!

It takes just a few minutes to sign up and tickets cost just £1 each. Every ticket helps fund school projects and activities that will benefit the children. You can join the lottery using this link - [Welcome to Parentkind!](#) (click on 'Play the Lottery' and select Bishop Wilson CEP School) – and Good Luck!

The preloved uniform shop is always available in the school reception area, so if you need any new uniform, please take a look.

We would love to hear from you about the types of events you would like the PTA to run, so if you have any thoughts or suggestions then please let us know - pta@bishopwilson.cheshire.sch.uk

Wishing you a very relaxing
half term break from
the Bishop Wilson PTA





PRE LOVED CLOTHES SALE GLADSTONE VILLAGE HALL BURTON

**Saturday 22nd November 2025
11.00 AM - 3.00 PM**

Sellers £12,

to secure a pitch, tables provided

contact Michelle at

mclarke@gladstonevillagehall.org

Buyers £2 Entry

Refreshments Available

Ladies, mens, children and baby clothes



Comic Con

ELLESMERE PORT

***Free
Entry!***

"Meet & Greet's" - Photo Op's - Costumers - Cosplay - Stalls

Sat. 25th Oct.

10am - 4pm

The Port Arcades Shopping Centre



AT ELLESMERE PORT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

CAPENHURST LANE, WHITBY, CH65 7AQ

MONDAY EVENINGS ONGOING DURING SCHOOL TERM TIMES
(NEW PLAYERS CAN JOIN AT ANYTIME DURING THE YEAR (PROVIDING PLACES ARE AVAILABLE))



Group 1	5:30pm – 6:30pm	Ages 5 - 7
Group 2	6:30pm – 7:30pm	Ages 8 - 12

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to inform you that following the success of previous year's courses we are expanding the football coaching programme for the season. The course will run on a weekly basis **EVERY MONDAY** during school term times.

All of our courses are run by F.A. QUALIFIED COACHES INCLUDING EX-PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS. All of our coaches have been DBS/CRB POLICE CHECKED. The course is open to boys and girls aged between 5 and 12. All abilities are catered for with total beginners introduced through FUN and confidence building practices. The course is tightly structured to ensure all aspects of football skills are developed.

At the end of the term (usually 10-15 weeks) every child will receive an engraved merit trophy and course certificate, with chances to win extra trophies including penalty shoot out, american shoot out and champions league competitions.

The cost of the course is £7.50 per week, which is payable every four weeks (£30) with the first payment due on week one. Parents are welcome to stay and watch however the club is fully supervised so children may be left in our care. We have the use of excellent facilities including the large sports hall and outdoor pitches.

TO BOOK A PLACE ON TO THE COURSE PLEASE TEXT
ELLESMERE PORT + CHILD'S NAME & AGE + GROUP NUMBER (1,2or3)
and receive confirmation by text

07856 315 637

Steven Nugent (Course Co-ordinator)