



BISHOP RIDLEY

NEWS

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Messages from Mr Keep

We are delighted to announce that we have appointed two Year 6 pupils to represent Bishop Ridley as our new Aquinas Student Representatives.

Catherine and Henry were nominated by their class teachers and have both agreed to take on this exciting new role. Throughout the year, they will join online meetings with Student Representatives from other schools across the Trust. These meetings will give them the opportunity to hear important updates, share experiences and celebrate the achievements of their school, as well as bringing ideas and information back to the children at Bishop Ridley.

We are incredibly proud of them both and wish Catherine and Henry every success in their new roles. We can't wait to hear about their experiences throughout the year!

We have really enjoyed celebrating the European Day of Languages today; children have been cooking, dancing and learning new languages as part of the celebrations. Our thanks to Mrs Ellis for organising the event - we think the children have had a great time!

Have a peaceful weekend,

Stuart Keep
Headteacher

Football Boots

We are looking to build up a small supply of AstroTurf football boots and shin pads that can be used by children representing the school in football matches and tournaments.

If your child has any boots or shin pads that they have outgrown but which are still in good, usable condition, we would be very grateful for any donations, which can be handed in at the school office.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Upcoming Events

- 30th September - Reception Tour (9am)
- 1st October - PTO Meeting (6pm online)
- 5th October - Year 6 Bikeability
- 5th October - Mental Health Week
- 5th October - World Teachers' Day
- 6th October - Flu vaccinations (Rec - Year 6)
- 9th October - Harvest Festival
- 12th October - EYFS Paramedic visit
- 13th October - Year 5 Elm last swimming lesson
- 15th October - Book Fair arrives
- 16th October - Bishop Ridley Day
- 20th October - Parents' Evening
- 21st October - Parents' Evening
- 22nd October - Reception Tour (1:30pm)
- 23rd October - Year 1 Animal Day
- 23rd October - End of term
- 2nd November - Term 2 starts
- 3rd November - Year 5 Cedar swimming begins
- 9th November - Reception Tour (9am)
- 11th November - Remembrance Day

Harvest

Our Harvest Festival will take place on Friday 9th October and, as usual, we will be asking for donations in support of the Trussell Trust, which provides food for families who are struggling to make ends meet.

We will be gratefully accepting donations in school from next week and we are particularly looking for the following items:

- cereal
- soup
- pasta and pasta sauces
- rice
- lentils, beans and pulses
- tinned meat, fruit and vegetables
- tea, coffee and fruit juice
- biscuits



Reception Tours

For parents and carers of children born between the 1st September 2023 and 31st August 2024, we are delighted to be offering school tours for families who may be interested in a Reception place for September 2027:

Wednesday 30th September at 9am

Thursday 22nd October at 1:30pm

Monday 9th November at 9am

Wednesday 25th November at 1:30pm

Spaces are limited and need to be booked in advance. If you wish to attend a tour, please contact the school office on 020 8303 4461 or email admin@bishop-ridley.bexley.sch.uk

NSPCC PANTS Work

This week, the children have been completing work around the NSPCC's PANTS rules, as part of their PSHE lessons.

These lessons introduce a range of ideas, all delivered in a way that is fully age-appropriate, empowering pupils without using any frightening words. Pupils were able to label parts of their body, understand the difference between good touch and bad touch and learned the importance of saying no to things that make them feel upset or unsafe. We also reminded the children of our Tell 5 People initiative, in which children list 5 trusted adults that they can talk to about their worries.

To find out more about the NSPCC's campaign, a short film and parent guide can be found [here](#).

Bexley SEND Marketplace

On Monday 5th October, the Bexley SEND team are holding their annual marketplace at Danson Youth Centre (DA7 4EZ).

This is an opportunity for you to meet with local services supporting early years and school-aged children with SEND. The event will be running from 11am - 2pm and you can just turn up on the day or pre-register in advance for speedy check-in. To register and find out more information, visit

www.bexleylocaloffer.uk

Bishop Ridley Church

Just a reminder that the Falconwood Community Fun Day will be taking place tomorrow from 10am until 2pm, in the Falconwood Community Centre and grounds.

Come along for bouncy castles, face painting, games, arts and crafts and a tombola.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Attendance

100%

Attendance continues to be one of our top priorities as we continue through the year, and we are still aiming to meet our end of year target of 96%. For a child to have met this attendance percentage, they cannot afford to have more than 5 days off in the school year. Please support your child's education by ensuring that they only miss school if they are too unwell to attend.

For more information on this, visit the NHS website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Attendance League

Our whole school attendance this week was **97.4%**

Points

↑	1st - Ash	30
↓	2nd = Redwood	29
↑	2nd = Willow	29
↑	4th - Maple	26
↓	5th - Cherry	25
→	6th - Pine	22
↑	7th - Olive	21
↓	8th - Cedar	19
↓	9th - Oak	16
↓	10th - Elm	13
→	11th - Hazel	7

The class at the top of the Attendance League at the end of term will receive a movie and popcorn afternoon!



Let's celebrate!

Kindness

Paige and Ruby in Year 1 were awarded the Kindness Award, due to the kindness, friendship and compassion they showed to a new pupil this week.

We have also awarded Miss Hodder with the Kindness Award, for her friendly manner when completing all her jobs around the school. Thank you all!

Pupils of the Week

Hazel – Henry

Olive – Zachary

Cherry – Maksym

Willow – Finlay

Ash – Penelope

Maple – Nicholas

Pine – Caiden

Cedar – Honor

Elm – Morgan

Oak – Rajvi

Redwood – Olivia

Blossom – Amari



Have a great weekend!



50 Reads

Each week, our amazing teaching assistants count up how many times a child has read at home and when a child has achieved 50 reads (this needs to be done on 50 different days!), they get to visit our Book Vending Machine to choose their very own book!

Congratulations to the following children who earned their 50 reads this week:

Year 1 – Ava

Year 2 – Emilia, Sanushi and Amelia

Year 4 – Sophie and Albie

Year 5 – Jude and Muadh

House Points

Normans

5

Romans

5

Saxons

3

Vikings

2

