

# BISHOP'S TACHBROOK C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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# Worship this week...

On Monday we enjoyed listening to all of our iRock bands performing in worship time. The children have had a recent change in band leader and still were able to perform their songs brilliantly. [Please look on the school website Gallery for more photos.](#)



On Wednesday our Year 6 children had gone to visit their new secondary schools, so the children met together to rehearse their Leavers' Song, ready to sing to Year 6 on Friday.

Thursday was Picture News and the Year 5 team were thinking about 'What is loneliness?' It was linked to Asda launching fan zones for elderly people to go to enjoy the Euros together rather than watching them alone. It was a way of using sport to bring people together and support people who are feeling lonely in the community.



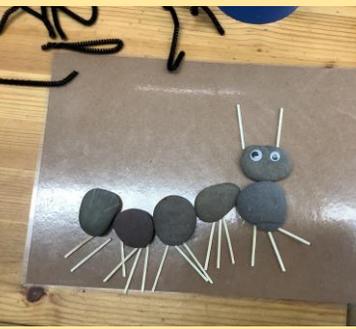
### Individual Liberty

Anyone can feel lonely, and at times it is hard to reach out for help. We can each make choices to be considerate of others and provide love and support for those who might be feeling lonely.



# What can we learn about insects?

The children in reception have been learning about insects and minibeasts in lots of different ways. They have ventured into and explored a virtual world with different minibeasts using some virtual reality headsets. They were able to look around and discover lots of different creatures on their adventure. They have also created their own minibeast homes and used lots of creativity to make their own minibeasts back in the classroom. The children have most recently been thinking about worms and taught me lots of information about worms, including what the clitellum is. I have been excited to learn from them!





# Animal encounter

The children in Reception have also met some different creatures, including snakes, tortoises, lizards and stick insects. These creatures are often seen as less familiar, but the children loved being able to meet them close up and hold them.

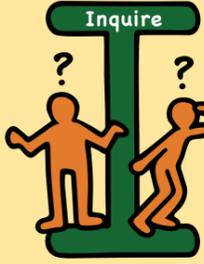




# Car designers

Year 1 have been learning about different kinds of axels and have to create fixed wheels with free moving axels and free moving wheels with fixed axels. The children went on to design and make their own vehicles using the knowledge and skills that they learned.





# What would make a 'Marvellous Medicine'?

The Year 1 children have been exploring different ingredients to create their very own Marvellous Medicines – like George in the Roald Dahl story. It was interesting to see what they were including in their mixtures, and they certainly looked (and smelled!) marvellous. Once they had created their medicine, they wrote instructions for others to replicate their creations.



The children have also been taking care of some caterpillars. They fed them well and watched them create a cocoon. Patience was then required for them to turn into beautiful butterflies. They released the butterflies to enjoy Mr Hanson's flowers in the school grounds this week.



# Sewing skills discovered

Year 2 have been learning different stitches and improving their sewing skills recently. They have designed and made a luggage label to use on their bags this summer holiday season. It took lots of concentration and patience, not giving up when the tangles occurred. They would like to thank the Year 6 children and volunteers for helping them.





## Delicious baking skills

Learning about 'Magnificent Monarchs' has led to the Year 2 children baking some fabulous Victoria Sponge cakes as part of their homework. They have certainly enjoyed sharing each others' hard work!



## Ladybird Larvae

The children have also been looking after and observing ladybird larvae – waiting patiently for them to become ladybirds.





# Tennis players in the making

Year 3 have taken part in a tennis festival at Leamington Tennis Club. They had chance to learn and develop their tennis skills before playing some small scale games. The children were fabulous and the coaches mentioned how talented they were. Well done, Year 3! I wonder if any of them will play at Wimbledon in the future?





# Making things move

Year 3 have been investigating how to make things move, and have learned how to use different shaped cams, followers and levers to design and make an automaton toy. They have been cutting, joining, strengthening and finishing their ideas to make a toy they are proud of.



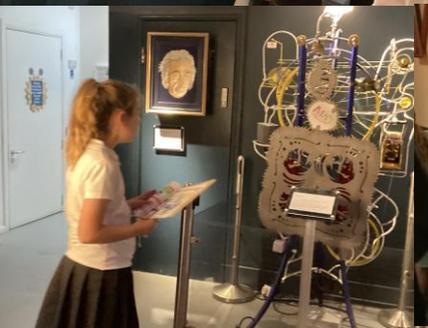


 Year 4 have visited the MAD museum in Stratford. The staff at the museum said that the pupils and teachers were exceptional in their conduct - polite, engaging, and well-behaved. They were true shining ambassadors for school. Well done, Year 4.



# MAD Museum

# STEM discoverers



# Inquire What happens inside an egg?

The Year 5 children have been learning about the life cycle of chicks in their science work. Mrs Wyatt brought some eggs from her farm and the children have been eagerly waiting to see if any would hatch in the incubator. There was so much excitement when they heard the first cheep from inside the egg and the first little chick pushed its way out. The children looked after them so carefully until they were ready to return to the farm. Some of the eggs didn't hatch, and they explored what stage of the cycle they had reached.





# Camping together

Year 5 took part in an overnight camp on the school field. The children worked hard to put the tents up on Friday afternoon and everything was set for them to return. Expecting a little bit of rain, the children brought waterproofs and were ready to enjoy the evening together. We shared hotdogs, marshmallows and songs by the campfire, followed by a film and paracord bracelet making session in the lodge. Even the very heavy rain that wasn't forecast couldn't stop them from having fun. They encouraged each other all evening and were fabulous. What a team!





# How safe are our roads?

Year 6 have been thinking about the safety of the roads in the village. Three groups observed the traffic in different locations and considered how safe the road was for vehicle users and pedestrians. They also spoke to local people to discover their thoughts. They are going to evaluate the results of their research next week. I wonder what you think about the safety of the roads in the village?



# How did Europe colonise Africa?

Dr. White came to speak to Year 6 about the colonisation of Africa. The children were able to share lots of their learning with him. As part of his visit they re-enacted the Berlin Conference, but this time imagining how it would be different if Africa had been represented.



The Year 6 children have also enjoyed a workshop with James and Reverend Jonathan supporting them with the transition to secondary school.





# Fashion designers of the future?

Year 6 have studied different buildings with unusual and interesting architecture. They went on to take the design of the buildings as inspiration to create fashion items. After designing fashion items, they attempted to make them using different materials in school. Their fashion show was remarkable! Well done.





# Magnificent Musicians

Year 1, 3 and 5 have been performing at the end of this term. They have such fabulous musical talents and performed so well for their parents and other children in school. Well done to every child who took part! You are all stars.



# Achieve Awards from home

We have celebrated several swimming awards: Max and Callum have earned their stage 2 swimming award and Callum has also swum 5m without any floats; Aanyah has shown amazing endurance and swum 50m; and Charlie has his 1000m award.

Ben brought his Silver Scout Award after earning all 7 of his skills badges. Cleo won a Krazy Krew best dancer and 'best bean' award. Diana and Hattie have been recognised by their brownie group for being organised and kind – Diana winning first place and Hattie winning 3<sup>rd</sup> place this year. Corey was awarded 'players player of the season' for his football team. He plays in the year older than his actual age which is fabulous. Oscar has earned his red sash after getting to black belt and now on his second time up through the grades. Abigail, Sehb, Jessica, Emily and Alfred were all awarded their Trinity College of Music Arts Award 'Discover' after working with Mrs Owen after their orchestra performance. Hugh earned his yellow belt in Shaolin Freestyle Boxing. Harry also brought his home-made certificate celebrating him running 1000m at his athletics club – 5 laps around the track! Well done to all of you!





# Amazing Athletes

After representing for Team Tachbrook earlier this year, Lexi, Maria, Sophia, Priya and Ava were selected to compete for Warwick area in the Warwickshire County Athletics Championships. The girls performed extremely well in their events and achieved great results!

Sophia – 1<sup>st</sup> place Year 5 75m, 1<sup>st</sup> place Year 5 Triple Jump

Maria – 2<sup>nd</sup> place Year 5 600m

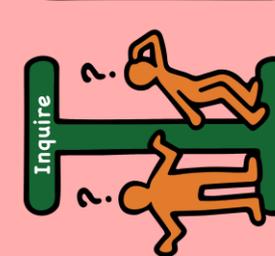
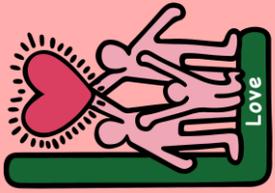
Lexi – 1<sup>st</sup> place Year 6 Javelin

Priya, Maria, Sophia, Ava – 3<sup>rd</sup> place Year 5 relay

We are very proud of these outstanding achievements.

Well done, girls.





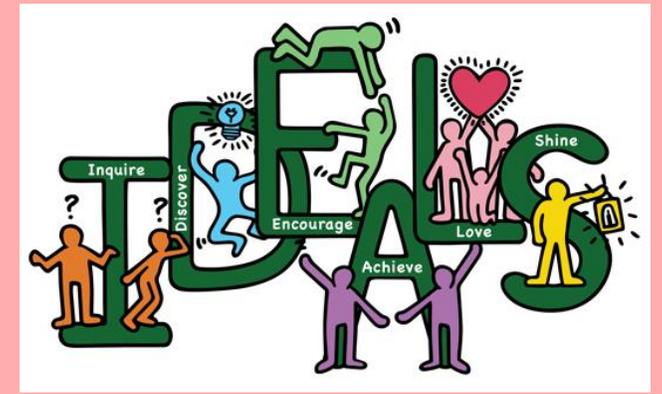
# IDEALS time:

The children have continued to live out the IDEALS in school for this half term and there have been lots of raffle tickets awarded again this week. We are proud of all of them.

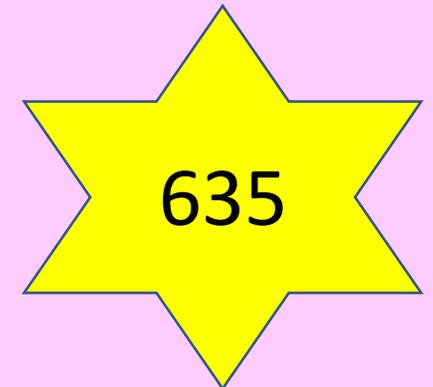
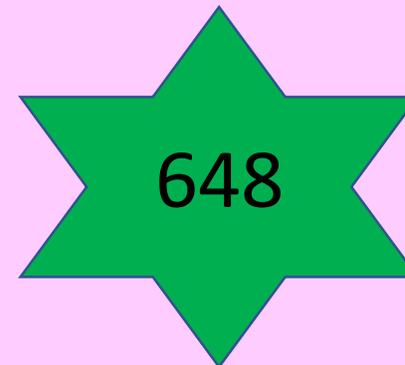
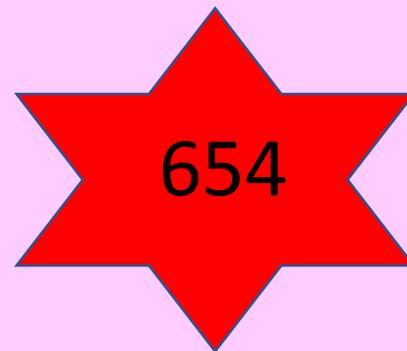
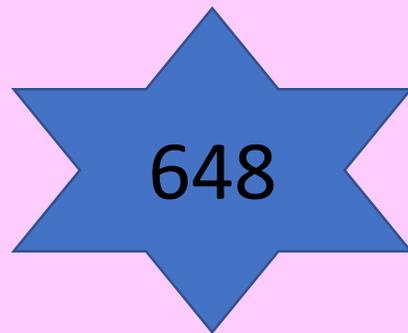
A huge thank you to the team of Year 6 children who have collected and counted the raffle tickets each week this year.

**Red team collected a remarkable 106 raffle tickets this week to take the lead and win the 'Wear What you Want' day on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July.**

Well done Red team!



## Raffle Ticket Results...



# Changes to school uniform for September 2024

Further to my communication about the new PE tops from September 2024, I am pleased to confirm the PE kit as:

- Plain black shorts / Plain black tracksuit bottoms / Plain black leggings (a small logo on the pocket is ok)
- Bottle green t-shirt (further details below)
- Bottle green sweatshirt or cardigan (with school logo - optional)
- Trainers
- White/grey/black socks
- Year 6 children only may wear their school leavers hoodies as part of their PE kit

Long hair needs to be tied back.

The options for the PE tops from September are:

1. PE top designed by Akuma. The fabric of the t-shirt is a sports top fabric. This will be a normal price of £15, with the first t-shirt subsidised for all children at £7.50. Sample t-shirts will be available at the Meet the Teacher events in September, as well as order forms.
2. Bottle green plain cotton polo t-shirt (these are available from £3 for two from supermarkets)



# Who is doing School Uniform discounts this Summer?



25% off School Uniform, starting on Tuesday 23rd July.



25% off School Uniform until Thursday 27th June.



20% off all School Uniform from Thursday 2nd July.



£5 School Uniform Bundle available from Thursday 4th July.



# Attendance

Last week I had a meeting with the Attendance Officer for the Local Authority. We scrutinised the attendance data for this academic year and found:

- There have been 451 sessions of learning lost due to unauthorised family holidays taken in term time. 53 children have missed learning due to holidays taken outside of the school holiday periods.
- A further 186 sessions have been lost where holidays have been agreed (where children are under 5 years of age mainly, but also some for other exceptional circumstances). 23 children have missed learning due to authorised holidays.

The impact of this is that the children who have missed learning will have fallen behind when they return to school and may struggle to join back in with the learning of their peers. Staff also have to find ways of supporting the children to catch up with missed learning which affects all children in the class as adult support is refocussed while the child is catching up.

When considering the children who have been taken on term-time holidays, 15 have become persistent absentees this academic year – meaning their attendance is below 90% for the year and 42 have attendance below 95%.

Altogether we have 20 children in school who have attendance of below 90% (persistent absentees) and 86 children whose attendance is below 95% - which is the level at which we have to monitor progress more carefully in school.

We are currently not a school that refers to the Local Authority when families take holidays as we don't believe that fining families is the answer to improving attendance in school, however the Local Authority are concerned about our current levels of attendance and the impact this has on the children, as well as staff workload when the children return. They are asking us to seriously consider how we can improve these figures and **we are asking for your support so we can work together to make improvements.**

## Steps forward:

- We aim to support our children and their families as well as we can, although recognise there will also need to be a higher level of challenge for absences.
- Families to use the school holiday periods for family holidays where at all possible.
- School to only authorise holidays for exceptional circumstances, including all children in Reception.
- Families to be honest with reporting absence from school – not asking children to say they have been ill when they have been on a holiday. We care about the children and will always ask if they are feeling better when they have been absent from school due to illness. We also constantly encourage the children to be honest in school and inevitably they share with us, or friends, where they have been and we find out when families have been dishonest. Accurate data helps us to work out better plans to improve attendance.
- Improve attendance of children with mild illnesses where they could attend school (coughs, colds, headaches) so that overall attendance figures improve.
  - ✓ Point parents to the [NHS information](#) regarding when to keep their child at home.
  - ✓ Expect parents to send children in to school with mild illnesses on the understanding that if their child regresses during the day and is unable to access learning we will contact them to collect them.
  - ✓ Ensure parents are aware that we are able to administer calpol in school if a medical form has been completed and it is measured into a named syringe.

# Dates for your diary:

- w/c 15<sup>th</sup> July is Week A
- Mon 15<sup>th</sup> July – School reports out to parents
- Mon 15<sup>th</sup> July – Year 1 trip to St John's Victorian School House
- Tues 16<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 fete 1:30-2:30pm
- Tues 16<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Disco
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 leavers assembly 2:30pm

Looking ahead to next academic year...

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept - INSET Day
- Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Sept – Meet the Teacher meetings for parents 3:30pm and 4:00pm
- Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Sept – New Reception parents invited to eat lunch with their children 11:30am
- Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Sept – INSET Day
- Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Sept – Well-being Wednesday events in school
- Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Oct – Learning Celebration 1
- Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Oct – Learning Celebration 2
- Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Oct – INSET Day
- Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Oct – New Reception Parents workshop – Reading and Phonics – 5:30pm
- w/c 28<sup>th</sup> Oct – Half Term



# Stars of the week (28.6.24):

RB – Jessie

RP – Corey

Year 1 – Zack

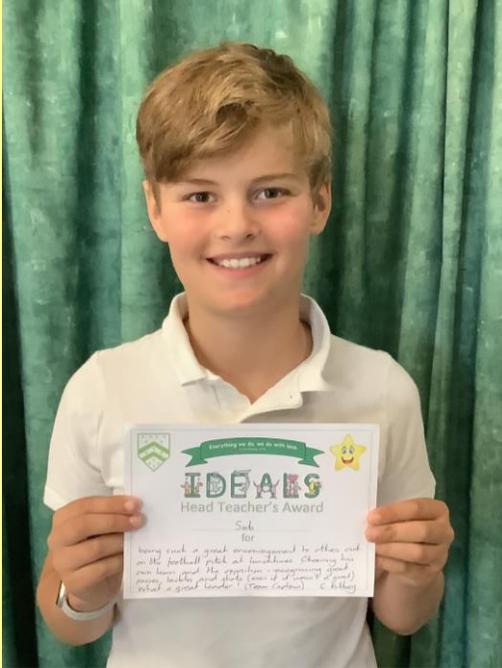
Year 2 – Ruby

Year 3 – Abigail

Year 4 – Monty

Year 5 – Seb

Year 6 – Hollie



Head Teacher's star – Seb for being so encouraging of others on the football pitch at lunchtimes, cheering his own team and the opposition – recognising great passes, tackles, and shots. A great leader!



# Mighty Writers (28.6.24):

RB – Georgia

RP – Harrison

Year 1 – Ruairi

Year 2 – Isla

Year 3 – Oliver

Year 4 – Lila

Year 5 – Alex

Year 6 - Izzy



Secrets of Success Champions  
and their spotters.





# Stars of the week (5.7.24):

RB – Francis

RP – Freya

Year 1 – Ian

Year 2 – Lauren

Year 3 – Ella

Year 4 – Ollie

Year 5 – Maria

Year 6 – Sienna



Head Teacher's star – Year 6 for working together so well as a team, encouraging each other throughout the performance this week.

# Remarkable Readers (5.7.24):



RB – Noelle

RP – Rosie

Year 1 – Beatrice

Year 2 – Phoebe

Year 3 – Oscar

Year 4 – Jessie

Year 5 – Daisy



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# Stars of the week (12.7.24):

RB – Joshua

RP – Lily

Year 1 – Harrison

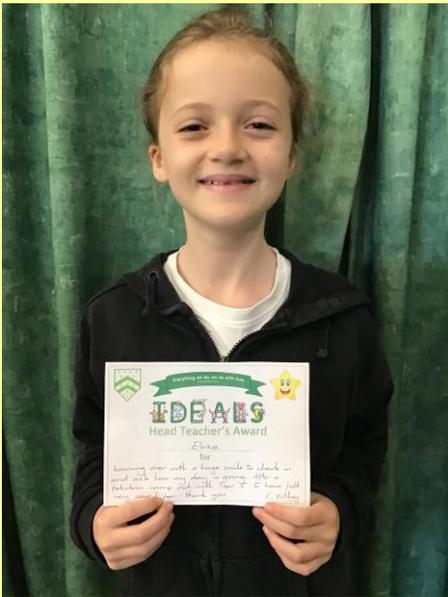
Year 2 – Sienna

Year 3 – Ella and Oscar

Year 4 – Ethan

Year 5 – Alex

Year 6 – Darcey



Head Teacher's star – Eliza for taking the time to check in and ask how I am on several occasions this week. Thank you for your care.



# Marvellous Mathematicians (12.7.24):

RB – Isabella

RP – Grace

Year 1 – Filip

Year 2 – Isla

Year 3 – Ellie

Year 4 – Lyla

Year 5 – Lincoln

Year 6 - Jai

