



Bishop Wilson C of E Primary School

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

‘Everyone deserves a chance to fly!’
(Stephen Schwartz, writer of Wicked)

This is probably the most magical time of year in school. The beautiful singing of carols and Christmas songs, the rails of costumes in the corridor and the scattering of tinsel and glitter on the floor. But the most magical part is seeing the children grow in confidence as they perform in front of an audience. This term seems to have flown by with much learning taking place. It is amazing to look through the children’s books and see their progress since September.



The children have been absolutely amazing and have made the most of every opportunity, they have made this hectic time of year so enjoyable for us all.

May I remind families to only book holidays during school holidays. School can’t authorise term-time holidays and fixed penalty notices will be issued for ten consecutive missed register marks (there are two register marks per day) or ten, non-consecutive missed marks, in a ten rolling week period.

I want to thank all the children and staff for their hard work during the Autumn Term and parents and families for your continued support.

On behalf of all the staff at Bishop Wilson I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday 7th January 2025. Please note that Monday 6th January 2025 is an INSET day for staff only.

Best wishes,

Freda



Dear Lord,
We give you thanks for all the great things you have given us, especially the birth of Your Son on Christmas Day. We ask for your blessing upon our food, upon our friends and family and upon all those in need at this time of year.
Amen

Dates for your diary

20th December – Inset Day

6th January – Inset Day

7th January – School Re-Opens

15th January – Owls trip to pizza express – please make sure form c has been completed and payment made in school spider.

14th February – School closes at 3.15pm for half term.

24th February – Inset Day.

25th February – School reopens.

26th – 28th February – Eagles residential – please make sure payments are completed in school spider by the end of January – form c will follow.

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

School Dinners

Dinners are **£3.00 per day, £15.00 per week** for KS2 (Years 3-6) and should be paid through school spider in advance.

If you need a login please email Mrs Johnson admin@bishopwilson.cheshire.sch.uk

If you think, you may be entitled to free school meals, please go to www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk, Schools & Education, and then Free School Meals where you can apply on-line.

**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**

Pre School



Our fabulous pre school children have been working hard on Christmas craft this month - so beware lots of glitter!

They have been learning Christmas carols while watching the school children rehearse in the hall and they have thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

We are also looking forward to our new baby room called Wrens opening in January 2025 so if you know anyone who would like to have a show around, please let me know.

From all of us at S4YC Bishop Wilson pre school have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

See you all soon.

Robins Class

Robins class have had a wonderful half-term exploring, making and learning so much. They have been getting really good at phonics and blending words. They love Fred frog and are often to be found sitting on Mrs Roberts' chair being 'the teacher' and leading phonics sessions. They have even been given their own sounds pack so that Mrs Roberts' doesn't get mixed up.

Their new friend Bobby bear who helps with maths has also been very popular. They have had lots of fun learning outside with Kingfishers. The tea light holders they made out of clay after learning about Diwali are fantastic. One of their passions at the moment is cutting, sticking and adding lots of stickers. They even gave Mrs Roberts a gorgeous bracelet which fitted perfectly.

Another passion is using the big blocks to make the most amazing zoos with pens for lots of different animals. There was even a tunnel which the tractor could drive through. It is quite possible that their favourite part of this half-term was the snowy day when they made a snowman on the field. Although, they were very excited about the nativity play with Kingfishers, which they couldn't wait to show everyone.



Kingfishers Class

IT'S CHRISTMAS!

What a fantastic half-term we have had. I am so proud of Robins and Kingfishers for all the hard work, time and effort they have put into the Nativity play. It was absolutely fantastic and they were amazing.

This term in Maths we have been looking at place value of numbers to 100, in English we have had a lot of fun reading the book of Nibbles the book monster and in Science we have been exploring seasonal change. The children particularly enjoyed the snow – as did I!

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year.



Owls Class

Owls have had a fantastic time delving further into their topic on Stone Age, Bronze Age, Iron Age Britain. They walked to Burton Point to investigate why Iron Age people might have settled there and created a fort – Bur means fort and ton means town so the name Burton was created. They have also had a fantastic “Iron Age Day” where they dressed as children of the Iron Age to get a feel for how life was back then. They took part in an Iron Age quiz, sat around a camp fire and learnt how to weave. The children looked at a real sheep fleece to see where the wool came from and created their own paper weaves. At first real weaving with wool seemed to be quite tricky but by the end, everyone was enjoying it and the Owls created some fantastic finished products!



Eagles Class

This half-term in Eagles, we went on a trip to the army barracks in Chester as part of the Crucial Crew event. We had a fun and educational time learning from the various emergency services that were there to teach us very important messages relating to staying safe.

Back in class, linked to our Viking and Anglo-Saxon topic, we are in the process of planning, designing and then making our very own version of a Viking coin purse!! Once we have completed this process, we will share some photos for the next newsletter.

We have also had a visit to Panto and had a great time.

Have a lovely Christmas.



PTA update

A huge thank you, once again, to the whole school community who have supported the PTA this term. All money raised will help the school buy equipment or support activities that all the children benefit from. Currently we are raising money to help develop a new gardening area, including a greenhouse, so the children can grow fruit and vegetables and maybe even sell them at the school fayre!



We're really happy, and proud, to let you know that we've raised over £1000 this term!



PTA Committee

Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM on 8 November. We elected a new Chair (Isy McDonagh), Vice Chair (Cat Wilson and Nicky Dorman), Treasurer (Claire Forrester) and Secretary (Sally Lloyd Davies). We also had some great proposals for events next year so watch this space!

We are always looking for volunteers, and whatever time (even if it's just one event in the year), or other help you can provide (baking for bake sales, helping at events) is always welcome.

Christmas Fayre

Following our relocation to Gladstone Village Hall due to the building works at school we hope everyone had a great time at the Christmas Fayre. The school choir were amazing in opening our event and the contributions for the bottle and sweet tombola's and the ever-popular raffle meant we were able to run a great event and really celebrate the Christmas spirit.



Vote for Bishop Wilson!

Shop 4 Neston, on Liverpool Road in Neston (next to the Uniform Shop/ Galen Pharmacy) are a local Community Shop who reinvest their profits to help local good causes in the Neston Community. Bishop Wilson PTA have been nominated as one of the charities that Shop 4 Neston could support next year.

We would really appreciate your vote. Votes cast in the shop are worth 2 points, votes by e-mail to Shop4Neston@gmail.com are worth ½ point – so if you're able to go into the shop it would be really appreciated.

New and Nearly New Uniform

It's great to see the new and nearly new uniform in reception, with lots of new (with labels) and nearly new uniform for only £1 per item. There is a full range of uniform, including PE kits and book bags, so if you need any new uniform, please have a look.



Wishing everyone a happy, healthy
and relaxing Christmas



AT ELLESMERE PORT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
 CAPENHURST LANE, WHITBY, CH65 7AQ

STARTING MONDAY 6TH JANUARY 2025

(NEW PLAYERS CAN JOIN AT ANYTIME DURING THE YEAR(PROVIDING PLACES ARE AVAILABLE)



Group 1	5:30pm – 6:30pm	Ages 4 - 6
Group 2	6:30pm – 7:30pm	Ages 7 - 8
Group 3	7:30pm – 8:30pm	Ages 9 - 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 4 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)