



# Bishop Stopford School

Week Ending: 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**NEWSLETTER**



## Events all week

National Apprenticeships Week

### Monday

Year 11 Collective Worship  
Year 13 Step Into Employment Day

### Tuesday

Year 10 Collective Worship  
Year 13 Art Workshop

### Wednesday

Year 8 & 9 Collective Worship

### Thursday

Year 7 Collective Worship  
Year 13 Reports issued

### Friday 4

Year 12 Collective Worship  
Year 9 Harry Potter London Trip

**School closes for Half Term**

## Next week:

**Week B**

## Assembly Theme:

**Safer Internet Day**

## The Great Languages Bake-Off!

*#BestOfBishop*

On Monday, our MFL team organised the Great Bishop Bake Off. Students were tasked with creating a cake which represented a country or culture which was important to them. We were overwhelmed by the response! Nearly 30 wonderful creations arrived on Monday morning. The judging was incredibly difficult as the quality of the entries was so high. It was obvious how much time and effort had gone into the bakes.

At lunchtime we then ran a bake sale which was a huge success. Students queued out of the door to admire all the fantastic entries and then buy a slice or two. And the icing on the cake (if you'll excuse the pun!) – we raised £154, which we will donate to the Food Shack, a local charity in Kettering.

Well done to all our amazing bakers and a huge thank you to everyone who came and supported our event and helped raise such an impressive sum of money.

**Mrs Rogers**

## SIAMS Inspection

As you know, we had our highly significant – and very challenging – inspection as a Church of England school this week. The inspector was incredibly impressed by our students and all aspects of our provision here.

While outcomes are confidential at this stage (a report will be published in March), I am immensely proud of everyone at school who so impressively embodied our vision of Unlocking Unique Potential. The inspector left, in her words, 'inspired'.

**Miss Silverthorne**



**Luke@Lent**

**Bible  
Readathon card**

Do you want to discover who Jesus is?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

**Readathon runs from:  
Feb 18<sup>th</sup> to April 4<sup>th</sup>**

Proud to support  
The National Year  
of Reading 2026.

**GO  
ALL  
IN.**



**Luke 1:4**

I too decided to write  
an orderly account  
for you....  
so that you may  
know the certainty  
of the things  
you have been taught

Read alone

Read with a friend  
or a family member

Write down any  
questions

Bring them to the  
Chaplain or your  
faith leader

Get to know who  
Jesus is for yourself

**CARDS AVAILABLE:  
LIBRARY, CHAPEL,  
MAIN FOYER**

## Luke@Lent: our Bishop Bible Readathon

Would you like to find out who Jesus is? The best way to do this is to read one of the four Gospel accounts in the Bible (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John).

We meet Jesus on the pages of these accounts, encountering his teaching and his love for each one of us.

This Lent, as part of the National Year of Reading, we're holding a Readathon, reading the whole Gospel of Luke. Why not take up this positive challenge and read along with us- and come and see for yourself the stories of Jesus!

**Mrs Hutchinson**

## Core Values in Action

Core Values in Action awards recognise students for embodying our school's values in their local communities. We always love to celebrate their contributions which represent our school so well.

If you know students who may be eligible for a Core Values in Action award, email [newsletter@bishopstopford.com](mailto:newsletter@bishopstopford.com).

**Mrs Peach**



## Safe Space

Edulink is our parent app which gives an excellent overview of your child's life in school. As well as being able to see the timetable and homework, you can celebrate achievements and track any behaviour points. Edulink gives parents and students the opportunity to be prepared for the coming week, with detentions visible within the app.

In addition, Edulink shows your child's attendance, and you can notify us of known absence ahead of time. Planned appointments can be registered in advance, simplifying the process when students are due to leave school and ensuring they can be on time.

Edulink also shows if your child is late to school. If they are late, but arrive before period 1, this will show as an 'L'. If they arrive after the start of the first period, this is marked as a 'U' unless we have received notification from parents for the reason for absence.

During the year, we appreciate that there have been days when a school bus has arrived later than normal due to roadworks. The Department for Education is clear its attendance guidance that these must be marked as late. However, rest assured that this doesn't impact your child's overall attendance figure.

Edulink is also the tool you should use to update details through the year. If there is a change to your personal information, such as a change of address, phone number or email contact, do edit these within Edulink so that we have correct information. Please ensure there are at least two contacts on the system for your child.

If you are not currently on Edulink, you can access this via a web browser or by downloading the app. If you need any support to access your child's information, please email [enquiries@bishopstopford.com](mailto:enquiries@bishopstopford.com).

**Mrs Smith**

## Year 11 & 10 Mock Examinations - Update

### Year 11

Year 11 students have now received their mock GCSE examination results.

Parents received a copy of these results alongside the final Year 11 report of the year. Both documents were issued on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026**.

Students have also had their exam scripts returned to them so that they can use them for revision purposes. They must retain them in a secure place, however, as we may need to recall them in the highly unlikely event of the Summer 2026 examinations being cancelled.

As in previous years, there will be an additional GCSE mock examination for students in English Literature and Maths. These will take place in school on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026**.

The English Literature mock will focus on:

- Power and Conflict poetry anthology - one comparison question ( /30)
- Unseen Poetry ( /24)
- Unseen Poetry ( /8)

The Maths exam will consist of one calculator paper covering content from the entire GCSE course. Some topics may have not yet been taught, but these will still appear, as the mock is designed to show overall readiness and highlight areas for further teaching and revision.

### Year 10

Year 10 students will have a Mock Examination series after the Easter holidays. There is a change to the initial dates of these as we have extended the exam period from five to seven days.

They will now take place between **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April**.

**Mr Kirke**



On a cold, but Sunny Saturday last weekend, the U16 Netball squad represented our region, alongside Oundle School at their Soar Valley tournament. It was a tough, but exciting day of netball with the girls playing 9 games of very high-level netball, including the current national champions!

We are very proud of all of the squad, but in particular 2 of the team, Alexandra Howes and Izzy Hackett, who played up 3 school years! They were fantastic and all squad members rose to the occasion! Player of the tournament went to Georgia Thompson and Player's player went to Lily Martin. Well done girls, we will be back next year, I'm sure.

**Mrs Martin & Mrs Davies**



## Jacob's Fundraiser for En-Fold Autism Support

"Hi, I'm Jacob, and this year I'm running a 5K to raise money for a charity that means the world to me, EnFold, the organisation my mum founded to support autistic people and their families across Northamptonshire. Autism is a big part of my life. My mum and my two sisters are autistic, and growing up alongside them has taught me so much about the different ways people think, communicate, and experience the world. I've seen the challenges they face, but I've also seen their strengths, their creativity, and the way they make the world richer just by being themselves.

That's why EnFold exists. My mum started it because she knew families needed real understanding, practical support, and a place where autistic people could be fully themselves, not "fixed", not forced to fit in, but valued for who they are. EnFold now supports people all across Northants, offering guidance, community, and a safe space for families who often feel overlooked or misunderstood.

I'm running this 5K because I want more people to understand autism the way I've learned to, not as a problem, but as a different way of thinking that deserves respect and support. And I want EnFold to keep growing so more families can get the help they need.

If you're able to donate, it would mean so much, not just to me, but to the families who rely on EnFold's support every day. Every pound helps us reach more people, run more groups, and make sure no one has to navigate this journey alone.

Thank you for cheering me on. And thank you for believing in a world where everyone belongs."

[Click here to donate!](#)

Jacob Johnson 7D

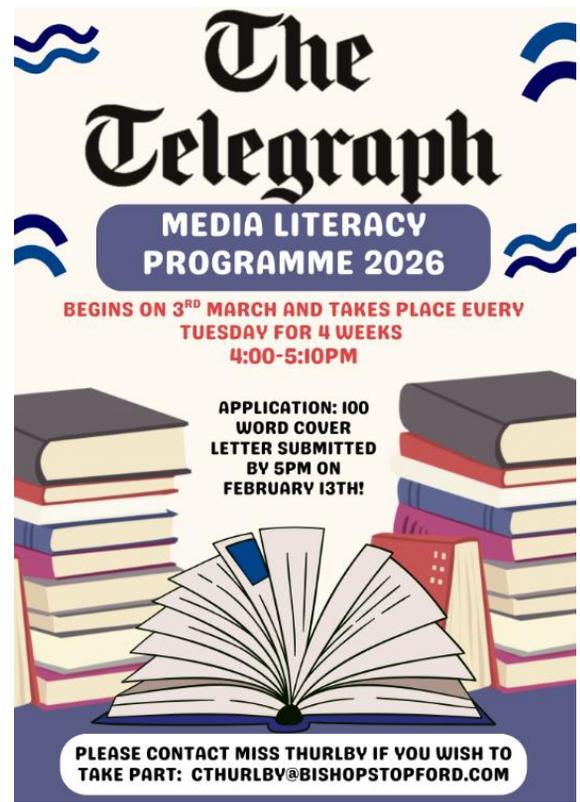
# Media Literacy Programme

## Sixth Form Opportunity

An exciting opportunity open to Sixth Form to be a part of The Telegraph's Media Literacy Programme has arisen! This commences on 3<sup>rd</sup> March and will be on each Tuesday for 4 weeks thereafter.

If you would like any further information, please contact Miss Thurlby.

**Miss Thurlby**



**The Telegraph**  
**MEDIA LITERACY PROGRAMME 2026**

**BEGINS ON 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH AND TAKES PLACE EVERY TUESDAY FOR 4 WEEKS 4:00-5:10PM**

**APPLICATION: 100 WORD COVER LETTER SUBMITTED BY 5PM ON FEBRUARY 13TH!**

**PLEASE CONTACT MISS THURLBY IF YOU WISH TO TAKE PART: CTHURLBY@BISHOPSTOPFORD.COM**

## Music News

Brackley ✪ Daventry ✪ Duston ✪ Northampton ✪ Kettering ✪ Oundle ✪ Towcester ✪ Wellingborough



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## Centre open morning

Enjoy a **free** morning at your local NMPAT Centre on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February!**

## Important Dates



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*With a focus on responsibility | truth | compassion*

# Important Dates

<b>9-13 FEB</b> <i>National Apprentice Week</i>	<b>12 FEB</b> <i>Year 13 Reports issued</i>	<b>13 FEB</b> <i>School Closes for Half Term</i>
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# Year 11 Curriculum

Subject	Spring Term 1	Spring Term 2
<b>GCSE Art</b>	<b>Preparation towards External Exam</b>	
<b>GCSE Computer Science</b>	Boolean Logic Producing Robust Programs	Programming Languages and Integrated Development Environments
<b>GCSE Drama</b>	<b>Mock Scripted Exam Preparation</b>	<b>Final Scripted Exam Preparation</b>
<b>GCSE English</b>	English Literature Paper 1: A Christmas Carol English Literature Paper 2: Unseen Poetry	English Literature Paper 2 - Power and Conflict Poetry and Unseen Poetry (preparation for the Poetry mock exam)
<b>GCSE Food</b>	<b>NEA 2</b>	
<b>GCSE French</b>	<u>School</u>	<u>The World of Work</u>
<b>GCSE Geography</b>	<u>The Living World</u>  Ecosystems, Tropical Rainforests and Hot Deserts  <b>Fieldwork Preparation</b>	<u>Unfamiliar Fieldwork and Issue Evaluation Preparation</u>
<b>GCSE Health and Social Care</b>	Component 3 (exam unit) LAB Health indicators for health and wellbeing	LAC Health and wellbeing plan and application to case studies.
<b>GCSE History</b>	<u>The origins of the Cold War: 1941-58</u>  <u>Cold War Crises: 1958-70</u>	<u>Cold War Crises (ctd): 1958-70</u>  <u>The End of the Cold War: 1970-91</u>
<b>GCSE Maths</b>	<b>Higher:</b> Trigonometric Graphs and Equations Transforming Graphs Algebraic Fractions Proof <b>Foundation:</b> Similarity and Congruency Trigonometry Quadratic Equations Simultaneous Equations Equation of a Line	<b>Exam Preparation</b>
<b>GCSE Music</b>	<u>Composition 1</u>  <b>Exam Preparation</b>	<u>Compositions 1 and 2</u>  <b>Exam Preparation</b>
<b>Core PE</b>	Boys – Hockey and Badminton Girls – Health related fitness and Table Tennis	Boys – Handball and Health Related Fitness Girls – Badminton and Cricket
<b>GCSE PE</b>	Health, Fitness and Well-being	<b>Written Coursework - Evaluation</b>



## Year 11 Curriculum Cont'd

<b>GCSE Product Design</b>	<b>NEA</b> Final Making & Testing / Evaluating	
<b>PSHE</b>	<b>Health and Wellbeing</b> This covers topics such as sexual health and contraception and checking health  <b>Managing wellbeing</b> Exam stress, preparation and time management	
<b>GCSE RE</b>	<b>Theme E – Crime and Punishment</b>	Students will use this time to consolidate their knowledge and understanding of Christianity and Buddhism, in relations to their key beliefs, teachings and practices. The focus will be on exam skills and strengthening knowledge.
<b>GCSE Science (Triple)</b>	<b>Module 6 – Genetics</b>	<b>Module 7 - Ecology</b>
<b>GCSE Science (Trilogy)</b>	<b>Biology Module 7 - Ecology</b>	
<b>GCSE Spanish</b>	<u>School</u>	<u>The World of Work</u>
<b>GCSE Textiles</b>	<b>NEA</b> Final Making & Testing / Evaluating	

<b>Wider-Curricular</b>	<b>House Games (09.01.26)</b>  <b>Drama Trip – 2.22 A Ghost Story (13.01.26)</b>  <b>Year 11 Geography Fieldwork – Stratford (26.01.26, 27.01.26 and 29.01.26)</b>	<b>Bishop Book Week (including Readathon)</b>  <b>Spring Concert (17.03.26)</b>  <b>Year 11 Geography Fieldwork – Carding Valley (23.03.26 to 25.05.26)</b>  <b>Year 11 Spring House Games (27.03.26)</b>
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<b>Other</b>	<b>Mock Grades and Scripts returned to students (w/b 12.01.26)</b>  <b>Year 11 Mock Results and Reports Issued (30.01.26)</b>  <b>Year 11 Progress Review (04.02.26)</b>	<b>Additional English and Maths Mock (10.03.26) and additional Art Mock (26.03.26)</b>  <b>English Lectures (Various dates)</b>
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# Recruitment

Keep an eye out for upcoming jobs on the MyNewTerm website.

[Education Job Search | Find Teaching, Leadership & School Support Jobs](#)



# Cucina

WEEK 1

Week Commencing: 27/10/2025 17/11/2025 08/12/2025 19/01/2026 09/02/2026  
02/03/2026 23/03/2026 13/04/2026

## CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY

### CLASSIC MAIN MEALS

### VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS

#### MONDAY

Beef Bolognaise with Wholegrain Pasta & House Salad

#### TUESDAY

Kung Pao Chicken with Vegetable Rice

#### WEDNESDAY

Honey Glazed Roast Gammon, Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables & House Gravy

#### THURSDAY

Chicken Tikka Masala, Served with Braised Rice & Kachumber Salad

#### FRIDAY

Chip Shop 'Fryday' Fish, Pizza or Fishcake & Chips with Peas & Tartare Sauce

#### MONDAY

Plant Based Bolognaise with Wholegrain Pasta and House Salad (V)

#### TUESDAY

Kung Pao Cauliflower with Vegetable Rice (VE)

#### WEDNESDAY

Lentil Sage & Onion Wellington (V)

#### THURSDAY

Butter Cauliflower & Chickpea Curry, Served with Braised Rice & Kachumber Salad (V)

#### FRIDAY

Homemade Cheese & Onion Slice with Chips & Peas (V)

### DESSERTS

#### MONDAY

Spiced Pineapple Cake with Custard

#### TUESDAY

Chocolate & Baniara Brownie

#### WEDNESDAY

Syrup Sponge with Custard

#### THURSDAY

Daty Apple Crumble with Custard

#### FRIDAY

Hot Chocolate Rocky Road

Fruit and Jelly Pots Available Daily

**HOMEMADE SOUP & FRESHLY BAKED BREAD**  
Available Daily

**JACKET POTATOES**  
Topped with a Choice of: Cheese, Tuna or Beans Available Daily

Cucina



**MADE YOUR WAY!**

**CHOOSE IT!  
ADD IT!  
TOP IT!**

Switch up your flavours with our street food-inspired range, available **Tuesday to Thursday**. With weekly rotating choices, there's always something tasty.

**Choose a base, add protein, and top it your way!**

Visit the restaurant to check out what's on offer each week

## NATURally

#### MONDAY

Pakistani Tarka Dhal (VE)

#### TUESDAY

Vegan Singapore Noodles (VE)

#### WEDNESDAY

Onion Bhaji & Vegetable Rice Bowl (VE)

#### THURSDAY

The Big Plant Burger (VE)

#### FRIDAY

Garlic & Chilli Noodles (VE)

## TRATTORIA

#### MONDAY

Tomato & Basil Pasta

#### TUESDAY

Pasta in a Cheese Sauce

#### WEDNESDAY

Margherita or Pepperoni Pizza

#### THURSDAY

Creamy Pesto Pasta

#### FRIDAY

Margherita Pizza

