

# Bishop Stopford School

Week Ending: 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026

**NEWSLETTER**



**Events all week**  
**GCSE Examination Period**  
**A Level Examination Period**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June**  
Year 9 Collective Worship

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June**  
Year 10 Collective Worship  
DofE Bronze Qualifying Expedition  
Isle Of Scillies Camp 2 Return

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June**  
Year 12 Collective Worship  
DofE Bronze Qualifying Expedition

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June**  
Year 7 Collective Worship  
Year 12 Drama Devising Exam

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June**  
Year 8 Collective Worship  
Isle of Scillies Camp 4 Depart  
Year 11 Prom

**Next week:**  
**Week B**

**Assembly Theme:**  
**Living in Community**

## **Inclusion: every student belongs**

*#BestOfBishop*

Inclusion is at the heart of a strong school community – and we are proud to be an inclusive school. Inclusion means making sure every student feels valued, respected and able to take a full part in school life. It also means recognising and celebrating the diverse backgrounds, identities, experiences and perspectives which each individual brings. When young people feel that they belong and know that they are appreciated for who they are, they are more confident, more motivated and better able to thrive. For us, inclusion is not simply about being present; it is about being known, supported and given as many opportunities as possible to succeed.

In the classroom, inclusion means lessons which are engaging and encourage every student to take an active part. Students have a voice, so that their ideas, questions and contributions shape their learning, and that they have opportunities to work with others, share their thinking and learn through collaboration. Inclusive learning helps students to develop knowledge and skills, but also confidence, independence and a sense that their opinions, beliefs and perspectives matter. It also encourages students to listen to and learn from others, developing empathy, understanding and respect for different viewpoints and experiences.

Just as importantly, we want students to be included in every part of school life beyond the classroom. School offers a rich range of experiences in which all students can shine. Whether that means enjoying our culture days, joining worship in the Chapel, representing the school in sport, competing in a Maths Challenge, completing the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, or engaging in international opportunities, inclusion means unlocking doors and ensuring opportunities are genuinely available to all.

So an inclusive school is one where every student can see themselves reflected in the life of the community and feel proud of the part they play. By creating a culture where diversity is recognised as a strength and everyone is welcomed, encouraged and enabled to participate, young people grow academically, socially and personally. Inclusion matters, because every child deserves not only to be in our school, but to feel that they truly belong here.

**Mr Smith**



### Philippians 2:9

9 - Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,

How does it make you feel knowing that Jesus has been given the supreme power?

What can you do to show others Jesus has the supreme power?

#### **Christian Union is digging deep into Philippians 2:5-11**

We are dedicating a whole term to just 7 verses of Scripture. This week our session's focus is verse 9 and is being led by two of our Year 9 students. They have planned the session and made the PowerPoint (one of the slides above) to help us all consider the 'Name that is above all Names'.

As part of this series, our aim is to commit to heart and memory these verses - and so on Friday, students will be challenged to fill in the missing words as we work towards this. Why? Because we are instructed in the wise book of Proverbs, 'Keep my words and store up my commands within you - write them on the tablet of your heart.' If your child comes along to CU, why not ask them which lines they can recall - or better still, learn these verses along with them!

**Mrs Hutchinson**

### Core Values in Action

Our 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.

Well done to Kirsty Macpherson (8E) for speaking at St Giles Church in Northampton during an all-age service. She introduced the talk on 'Genesis – In the Beginning'. She spoke about building things up and what happens when it all goes wrong.

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

**Mrs Peach**

### School Walk

Our annual Sponsored Walk takes place on Friday 17 July for those in Years 7 - 10. Our Walk is a unique tradition which began over 40 years ago. All staff and students participate in a highly enjoyable community event. Previously, we have raised money for a minibus, lockers and a canopy for outdoor eating. This year, students have told us that they would like an additional covered outdoor area and so we will be raising money for this very good cause.

All students are expected to take part. The walk takes place during the school day and is supervised by staff, so parents do not need to give additional consent. Should your child have a legitimate reason not to take part, please contact their Head of Year.

Sponsorship forms have been sent to parents via Edulink. Paper copies are available at Reception. Families can also donate via [JustGiving](https://www.justgiving.com).

**Miss Silverthorne**



## Safe Space - Wattpad

In this Year of Reading, it's exciting to see so many initiatives encouraging young people to read and write more. See below! Time without screens is invaluable, and reading for pleasure not only develops critical thinking skills, but greater empathy for others and a broader understanding of the world.

Fan fiction has been a natural response to enjoyment of a particular book series or author and many tools have been created to share stories online. One of these is Wattpad, and others include Inkitt, Writersky and Sweek. Though the sites vary, they all offer the opportunity for collaboration and virtual relationships via their sites.

We would encourage parents to have open conversations about sites such as these. They can be brilliant spaces for innovation, creativity and constructive feedback, but they are also used globally, by people of all ages, leading to the potential for unhelpful content or contact for young people. Positive relationships can mask risks. Young people can believe they are making friends with like-minded peers, when in reality it might be very different.

To support your child in navigating these sites, or others specific to their interests, consider the following:

1. Have established routines around screen time and device use. Ensure parental and safety controls are on, including parental permission to download apps.
2. Talk openly about the websites or apps they are using. Try to ask open questions, avoiding judgements, but allowing you to determine whether you feel the interactions are appropriate.
3. Be clear on safety rules. Be explicit about what you want your child to do if they are asked to move to a different platform to continue a conversation. Talk openly about the risks and ensure you are happy with the content your child is viewing and sending.

If you have any concerns, there are some excellent resources for parents available on these websites:

[Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

[Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)

You can also contact your child's form tutor or Head of Year if you need to discuss a concern further.

**Mrs Smith**

## Inspiring Creative Voices Today

We were absolutely delighted to welcome visiting author Matt Goodfellow to school this week. He spent time working with our Year 7 students in a series of engaging and thought-provoking poetry workshops.

Students were encouraged to explore and express their authentic, inner voices, discovering how poetry can be a powerful way to capture thoughts, emotions and personal experiences. Matt shared not only his passion for writing, but also his own journey into poetry—offering honest and inspiring insights into how creative expression can grow from real-life challenges and experiences.

It was fantastic to see our students responding so enthusiastically: writing with confidence, taking creative risks, and beginning to see themselves as poets in their own right.

A huge thank you to Matt and to Miss Wood for creating such a memorable and impactful day—one that will no doubt continue to inspire our young writers long after today.

Students Catherine, Masha and Sienna wrote the following thank you poem:

To Matt  
*Thank you for your time,  
You even made us rhyme.  
You really inspired us,  
To get on the poem bus.  
You are really good at what you do,  
You help others to express like you.  
We give you back appreciation,  
For your hard work and dedication.*



**Mrs Fletton**

# Sports Update

## Cricket

The boys' Under 15 team have made a winning start to their defence of the Root 66 trophy, with two wins from their first two matches. Both games were very close, the first won by 12 runs vs Latimer thanks to some heavy hitting and excellent running between the wickets. The second match was even closer, chasing down Prince William's 124/5 with 1 ball to spare. In both games Aarushan Sivarupan was awarded Player of the Match, thanks to his work with bat and ball.



## Sports Leadership

We are always very proud of our students, but we'd like to congratulate all the students who have led at primary school events this year. Grass roots sports cannot survive without volunteers and inspirational leaders, and our students have already shown their exceptional talents. They have role modelled fantastic behaviour for the primary school children. Not only is this so beneficial to their personal development, but who knows where this might take them in their adult lives, as they continue their journey in sports?

Some recent events which they have led include:

- Northampton Saints Primary Tag Rugby Tournament
- 4 x Girls U15 softball cricket tournaments
- Primary Schools Year 5/6 Netball Tournament.

As a result, they have been asked to lead at the County School Games in July as well.



We never get tired of hearing the praise from other schools about our students. Having such an impressive student cohort who willingly take these opportunities is one of the things that makes our school so special and unique.

**Mr Flannigan**



# The Big Future



As Children's Commissioner, I am writing because I have not yet heard from any children or young people at your school as part of my national survey, The Big Future.

I am asking for your support in ensuring children and young people from your school take part here: <http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>.

It is crucial that I hear from children in every school and college, in every community, across the country. Without hearing from your students, their experiences, views and aspirations risk being missing from the national picture that will help shape future policy.

At a time of significant change for children and young people, it is more important than ever that their views are reflected in policy making. Through this survey, I can take the voices of your students directly to the centre of government.

As ever, thank you so much for your support.

**Dame Rachel de Souza**  
Children's Commissioner for England

## School Calendar

**Important Dates**

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<b>19 JUNE</b> <i>Year 11 Prom</i>	<b>22 - 26 JUNE</b> <i>Year 12 Mocks</i>	<b>26 JUNE</b> <i>Year 13 Prom</i>
<b>29 JUNE</b> <i>Year 11 into 12 Induction Day</i>	<b>30 JUNE</b> <i>Year 10 Progress Review</i>	<b>2 JULY</b> <i>Celebration of the Arts Evening</i>
<b>6 &amp; 7 JULY</b> <i>Year 6 into 7 Induction Days</i>	<b>7 JULY</b> <i>Year 6 into 7 Parents' Evening</i>	<b>14 - 17 JULY</b> <i>Super Curricular Week</i>



# Summer Term Parent Support Series

## Free Parent Webinars

Join us and Elevate Education for FREE 60- minute webinars designed to help you support your child's studies at home.

[Click here to Register](#)

*In the Summer Term, we'll cover:*

- 1. Ask Me Anything (Live Q&A)**  
- 28<sup>th</sup> April @6:00pm (BST)
- 2. How You Can Help Improve Your Child's Memory**  
- 12<sup>th</sup> May @6:00pm (BST)
- 3. How to Help Your Child Alleviate Stress**  
- 9<sup>th</sup> June @6:00pm (BST)
- 4. How to Get (And Keep!) Your Child Motivated**  
- 23<sup>rd</sup> June @6:00pm (BST)
- 5. How You Can Set Your Child Up for Success**  
- 7<sup>th</sup> July @6:00pm (BST)



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## Cucina

**WEEK 2** Cucina

Week Commencing: 20/4/26 11/05/26 01/06/26 22/06/26 13/07/26

CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY	
CLASSIC MAIN MEALS	VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS
<b>MONDAY</b> Pork Sausage (Beef Casing) & Mashed Potatoes with Onion Gravy	<b>MONDAY</b> Vegan BBQ Boston Bean Sausage Casserole & Mash (VE)
<b>TUESDAY</b> Cajun Chicken, Tomato & Sweetcorn Wholewheat Pasta Bake with House Salad	<b>TUESDAY</b> Lentil & Chickpea Dahl with Roasted Tikka Cauliflower & Steamed Rice (V)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Roast Breast of Turkey, Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables & Roast House Gravy	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Cheese & Potato Pie with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Roast House Gravy (V)
<b>THURSDAY</b> Sweet & Sour Chicken with Carrot Rice	<b>THURSDAY</b> Crunchy French Onion & Leek Macaroni Cheese with House Salad (V)
<b>FRIDAY</b> Chip Shop "Fryday" Fish, Salmon Fishcake or Pizza with Chips, Peas & Tartare Sauce	<b>FRIDAY</b> Vegan Moroccan Spiced Butternut Squash Pasty with Chips & Peas (VE)

**Street Vibes** **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	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Garlic and Chili Noodles (VE)	Singapore Fried Rice (VE)	Lentil & Chickpea Dahl with Crispy Bombay Potatoes (VE)	The Big Plant Burger (VE)	Vegan Singapore Noodles (VE)

DESSERTS				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce	Pear & Apple Orchard Crumble	Cocoa Bread & Butter Pudding	Jam & Coconut Sponge	Apple Traybake

Fruit and Jelly Pots Available Daily

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

TRATTORIA				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pasta in Cheese Sauce	Tomato & Basil Pasta	Margherita or Pepperoni Pizza	Creamy Pesto Pasta	Margherita Pizza

