

Bishop Stopford School

Week Ending: 22nd May 2026

NEWSLETTER



Events all week

GCSE examination period
A Level examination period

Monday 1st June

School re-opens after half term
Year 9 Collective Worship
Year 10 Art Workshop Day

Tuesday 2nd June

Year 10 Collective Worship

Wednesday 3rd June

Year 12 Collective Worship
KS3 Academy Learning Conference

Thursday 4th June

Year 8 Collective Worship
Isles of Scillies Camp 1 Trip

Friday 5th June

Year 7 Collective Worship
Isles of Scillies Camp 1 Trip

Next week:

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Assembly Theme:

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Growing Faith

#BestOfBishop

We're very proud to share that Bishop Stopford School have partnered with Souster Youth and are now a Growing Faith Learning Hub.



The Growing Faith Foundation is a Church of England initiative dedicated to nurturing the faith of young people and children by developing strong relationships between home, church and school. After completing a successful bid, in January we began our journey as a Learning Hub in January.

Our Learning Hub is outward focused: the work we do will have impact beyond our own school and share some of what is so special about the Bishop community with the wider Kettering area.

We'll be focused on two key strands: chaplaincy and wellbeing. Underpinning this work will be the young people in our area, and we'll be using their voice to shape and direct the direction and focus of our work. Our aims are:

1. to support training for adult chaplains to volunteer in non-faith settings,
2. to train students to support their peers at the point of transition to secondary school and,
3. to deliver training for parents and volunteers working with young people to better enable them to support those with social, emotional and mental health challenges.

We'll be sharing more of our journey via the newsletter, our Instagram (@bishopstopford1) and in letters home and we'd appreciate your support and prayers as we undertake this new venture.

Mrs Smith



We are a Church of England School



7C lead an assembly on the theme of JORNEYING

After planning and leading 7C's assembly, our students shared the following reflections.

Hiba (7C) writes: "I enjoyed the whole worship in general and how we shared our journeys, reflecting on how much we grew and changed. I think the worship was meaningful for everyone because many people could relate or might have had similar experiences and challenges that we talked about. Also, it might have helped people feel more connected or understanding about what we were sharing"

Eli (7C) shares this reflection: "When I first joined Bishop I knew that I wanted to make a positive impact on the school and I really believe that I have done that by doing the assembly. It brought me so much joy and the fact that so many people came to congratulate me really made my day"

Well done 7C!

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 the following students for being such excellent representatives of our school and demonstrating a high level of responsibility, taking part in a 2-hour student interview panel for a significant post this week. They were confident, kind and courageous ambassadors for our school.

Emily Chadwick (7), Hiba Fatima Javed (7), Benjamin Fernando (8) and Dhruv Bakrania (12)

If you know of a student who may be eligible for a Core Values in Action award, email newsletter@bishopstopford.com.

Mrs Peach



Safe Space –Water Safety

Each year, children and young people tragically lose their lives while playing in water. We have seen a significant number of cases this year already, with unexpectedly strong waves drawing people under water or out to sea.

As the warmer months promise more sunshine and higher temperatures, more young people will be spending time outside and many swim in open water. It's crucial that they understand the risks and choose places approved for wild swimming.

There are some very helpful resources online which can help parents to have open conversations about the risks of playing in water:

RLNI: [RNLI Education Resources For Young People](#) and advice [RNLI Open Water Swimming Safety Advice And Tips](#)

The Fire Service annual 'Be Water Aware' campaign: [Be Water Aware - NFCC](#)

If you would like to be even more involved, the National Water Safety Forum is running a consultation until 13th May, seeking input on England's Drowning Prevention Strategy. To share your views, use this link: [Consultation on the England Drowning Prevention Strategy - National Water Safety Forum](#)

Mrs Smith

Year 7 Flying Theatre

On Monday, Year 7 experienced a visiting theatre company who put on an outstanding performance – in Spanish! The event was a great success, as shown by the student testimonials below.

Eli: "I really enjoyed this show! It was great to see a combination of performance, circus skills and Spanish. The performer was so talented and it really sparked my respect for Spanish!"

Sirr David: "The theatre was amazing! I loved the tricks, they were very good and interesting. I liked when the water was sprayed on everyone as it was funny to see people getting soaked. In my opinion, my favourite part was the finale, it was very enjoyable."

Isobel: "I really liked the flying theatre. There were lots of audience - performer interactions. The performer also did various circus tricks that were very fun to watch, and it was all in Spanish which is really good for helping us learn the language. Overall, really enjoyable. A 10/10."

Mrs Rogers-Hussey



Sports News

SPORTS ROUND UP: April – May

Rugby

U16 (Year 11): County Cup Winners
U13 (Year 8): County Cup Runners Up

Handball

U13 (Year 8) 2nd Place @ Regional Finals which means they now progress to National Schools Finals in June

Hockey

U14 Boys: Midlands State School Winners
U14 Girls: 3rd place @ Midlands State School Championships

Athletics

Year 9 Girls & Boys District Athletics Champions

Cricket

U13 Boys have been competing in the National Cup winning in Round 1 v Loughborough Grammar School, but unfortunately narrowly missed out to Grantham Grammar School in Round 2.
U13 Girls Cricket continues to grow as the squad compete in regular fixtures

Flag Football

U15 (Year 10) 3rd Place at the Regional Finals in Nottingham

Netball

U13 (Year 8): District Champions
U12 (Year 7): Competed in the District Finals tournament and achieved 6th place

Rounders

Girls' teams have been playing in friendly fixtures when the weather has permitted. All look forward to the District tournaments next half term.

Padel

U15 (Year 10) Boys took part in the inaugural county school tournament finishing in 4th and 5th place.

Mr Young

Kings Scout Award

We are incredibly proud of Charlotte Mantle in Year 13, who has recently gained the King's Scout Award. Charlotte was invited Windsor Castle in April this year to celebrate this achievement, which is the highest recognition in Scouting. This award recognises outstanding personal achievement for volunteering in the community, learning a new skill or talent, and taking part in a 5-day expedition. Part of Charlotte's work has been as a young leader within scouts where she has worked with ShelterBox to help raise awareness and educate others about humanitarian work. Well done Charlotte for your grit, determination and passion!

Mrs McNab



Year 8 Mingalaba Football Visit

On Thursday and Friday last week, Year 8 had a visit from Steve Eadon of Mingalaba.

Eloise Cox, Megan Clode and Eva Thompson in Year 8 commented:

“On Thursday we had an assembly with Steve. It was very interesting because he showed us all of the people he met and told us about his career. He also explained how learning languages had helped him be successful. On Friday he led us through drills and we played games using French to communicate.

When Steve spoke in assembly about all the amazing people he had met, and all the incredible places he had been, it really transformed how I viewed languages. Now I know that it can take you all around the world!”

Mrs Rogers-Hussey



Bronze DofE by Emily Steel & Indi Deag

“DofE is an amazing experience that we would recommend to anyone.

We have just completed our bronze practice expedition and really enjoyed it. On the first day we had a short briefing about what to expect, how to set up tents, basic first aid training, an introduction to navigation and a short walk. In the evening we prepared food and had some social time. Many people bought card games or a tennis ball to play with. The next morning we planned and completed a six-hour hike from our campsite to Irchester Country Park.

DofE provided us with the chance to develop independence and resilience. On top of this we had to build new relationships with people and develop key teamwork skills. One way this was demonstrated was through our team goal. This enabled us to connect over a common interest – animals. Through our expedition we collected images of farm animals, beetles and birds to show our assessor at the final checkpoint.

Some of our highlights include the beautiful sunset that accompanied our evening game of UNO as well as the amazing views we saw on our route. We’re really looking forward to the qualifying expedition in a few weeks time!”

Mrs Rogers-Hussey



Garden party at Buckingham Palace

On Wednesday the annual Gold DofE award celebration took place in the gardens of Buckingham Palace. As it is the 70th anniversary of the award, representatives from all organisations involved with the DofE were invited to attend in addition to the multitude of proud parents with their offspring.

All the visitors, resplendent in their finery, had the opportunity to wander around the beautiful gardens and listen to a variety of inspirational talks by diverse speakers such as Sam Thompson (winner of I'm a Celebrity) and Gareth Malone. Of course, the highlight of the afternoon was the speech by Prince Edward, the Duke of Edinburgh.

It was an absolute delight to see so many young people there who had achieved the prestigious Gold DofE award and a wonderful opportunity to visit Buckingham Palace.

Mrs Rogers-Hussey



Music News

Congratulations to our Year 10 GCSE Music class for a wonderful Ensemble Evening on Tuesday.

Students performed a wide range of musical genres in a variety of mixed ensembles, including piano, clarinet and violin duets, vocal duets and trios, and rock bands. We were also treated to impressive drum solos on both drum kit and tabla.

The programme featured music from Western and Indian Classical traditions, as well as musical theatre, pop and rap. The evening concluded with a full-group performance of Adele's *Rolling in the Deep*.

Families and friends thoroughly enjoyed the event, which was also recorded to provide students with valuable feedback ahead of their exam recordings in October.

We are incredibly proud of all the students and their performances.

Musical Congratulations

Congratulations to Ben Horne 10D, who has been appointed organ scholar for All Saints church, Wellingborough. Last Sunday he performed "Allein Gott in Der hoh", for entry, during communion "be still for the presence of the Lord" and finished with the organ voluntary, Bach's prelude in C.

Huge congratulations to Ben.

Peri Music Lessons

If your child would like to sign up for music lessons in school, please read through the following form thoroughly and fill in before Friday 12th June '26. [BSS Peripatetic Music Lessons Request Form 2026 - 2027 – Fill out form.](#)

Please note, this *a/so* needs to be completed if your child is currently taking lessons and wishes to carry on in September.

Mrs Armstrong

Year 10 Curriculum

Subject	Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
GCSE Art	Project 2: My surroundings	Mock Exam
GCSE Computer Science	System Security	Ethical, Legal, Cultural, Environmental and Privacy issues
GCSE Drama	Component 1: Devising Component 3: The Crucible	Component 1 – Preparation for final devising exam and work on devising portfolio Component 3 – Response to Year 10 exam
GCSE English	English Literature (Set Text)	
	Macbeth	
GCSE Food	Projects: Mock NEA1, Theory: Primary and secondary processing	
GCSE French	Healthy living and lifestyle. Current and future lifestyle choices.	Customs and festivals in the French/Spanish speaking world.
GCSE Geography	Coastal Landscapes Students will explore coastal processes and landscapes as well as the effectiveness of hard and soft engineering methods.	Resource Management
GCSE Health and Social Care	Component 2 – Health and Social Care services and values PSA	Component 3 – Factors which affect health and wellbeing
GCSE History	Elizabeth I - Challenges at home and abroad 1569-88	Elizabeth I - the Age of Exploration 1558-88
GCSE Maths	Higher	Foundation
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linear graphs • Linear Inequalities • Quadratic Equations • Data Handling • Completing the square • Quadratic inequalities • Circle Theorems • Growth & decay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decimals & estimations • Area of 2D shapes & circles • Arcs & sectors • Compound measures • Real life graphs <p>Volume & surface area (including cylinders)</p>
GCSE Music	Unit 3: Listening and Appraising	
Core PE	Girls – Athletics and Rounders Boys – Tennis and Athletics.	Girls – Tennis and Softball Boys – Cricket and Softball
GCSE PE	Paper 1 Revision Sport Psychology	Sport Psychology
GCSE Product Design	Theory New and Emerging Technologies Project Completion of Mock NEA Real NEA	



Year 10 Curriculum cont'd...

PSHE		Law and British Values Careers	
GCSE RE	Relationships and Family	Religion and Life	
GCSE Science (Triple)	Biology Module 3: Disease Module 4: Bioenergetics Chemistry Module 4: Chemical changes and electrolysis Physics Module 3: Molecules and Matter Module 4: Radioactivity	Biology Module 4: Bioenergetics Module 5: Response Chemistry Module 4: Chemical changes and electrolysis Module 5: Energy Rates and Equilibrium Physics Module 4: Radioactivity Module 5: Forces	
GCSE Science (Trilogy)	Physics Module 3: Molecules and matter. Physics Module 4: Radioactivity. Chemistry Module 4: Chemical changes and electrolysis.	Physics Module 4: Radioactivity. Biology Module 5: Response Chemistry Module 4: Chemical changes and electrolysis Chemistry Module 5: Energy Rates and Equilibrium	
GCSE Spanish	Holidays	Customs and festivals in the French/Spanish speaking world.	
GCSE Textiles	<u>Theory</u> New and Emerging Technologies <u>Project</u> Completion of Mock NEA Real NEA		
Wider-Curricular	Music Ensemble Evening (19.05.26)	Super Curricular Week and School Walk Holocaust Awareness Morning (10.07.26) Sports Day (21.07.26) Celebration Assemblies (23.07.26)	
Other	Year 10 Mocks (13.04.26 to 21.04.26)	Art Mock Exam (01.06.26) Year 10 Reports issued (12.06.26) Year 10 Progress Review (30.06.26) English Speaking and MFL Speaking Assessments (29.06.26 to 09.07.26)	



Use the QR
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take part...



We want to hear from
young people (11+) ...

HEALTHY LIVES SURVEY

This survey asks about things like:

- What helps you stay healthy
- Any challenges you face
- The support you know about (or wish you had)



This survey closes at
23.59pm on 19th June
2026



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Parent/Carer HEALTHY LIVES SURVEY

We want to better understand what helps families lead a healthy lifestyle, what challenges they may face, and what support or information they would find most useful.



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Student of the Term for Computing

7C Albert Albertusiak
7E Dinuki Jayaweera
7G Noah Merrill
7W Edward Harker
7W Noah Steel
7Y Kaitlynn Ansah

8E Molly Westley
8E Isaac Fordham
8G Ollie Povey
8P Noah McNab
8S Angelica Perslow-Sefiani
8S Henry Lukehurst
8Y Eleanor Powell
8C Jago Lilley
8D Will Warren

9Y Rosa Currie
9E Daniel Counsell
9G Josiah Wong
9G Keanu Klonica-Wood
9P Sienna Sedani
9S Kate Ansaloni
9C Aditit Kanoor
9C Mohamed Helal

Student of the Term for Spanish

7C Mia Mathew
7D Tilly-Rae Snow
7E Chris Popa
7P Feza Zahid
7S Isobel Chapman
7W Matthew Banham-Hall
7Y Daisy Chester

8C Jonathan Cute Selvakumar
8D Andrei Ierina
8S Mika Taggar
8P Mayibongwe Thebe
9C Reuben Chapman
9C Edward Callow
9C Daniela Godspower

9E Mitchell Large
9P Jack McGowan
9S Jessica Joseph
9W Ankita Kanoor
10W Evie Sim-Jones

Student of the Term for French

8C Evalyn Hogg
8E Freya Lawrence
8G Lloyd Brandon
8P Dara Abiona
8S Aaron Thomas
8W Nneka Onunkwo-Okodaso
8W Lattah Patel

8Y Joseph Murrell
9P Mackenzie Wilson
9S Matthew Olupitan
9Y Anopaishe Nhariswa
9Y Dale Fijo
10C Kundai Kanukamwe
10E Lottie Singlehurst

10D Conor Smith
10P Bobby Campbell
10S Jules Ayimadu
10Y James Nunley
10Y Maryam Virk

Student of the Term for Sociology

12W1 Daisy Coles
12N2 SJ Elad



Student of the Term for English

7Y Kaitlynn Ansah

7W Jessica Macdonald

7S Vaya Kharag

7G Panchikaa Rajhbabu

7E Danuja Thanapalasingham

7D Hasan Raza

7C Nicolas Rusu

8G Riya Bharth

8G Oscar Byatt

8P Dara Abiona

8P Polly Guyett

8D Ameilia Humphrey

8C Evalyn Hogg

8D Tilly Hudson

8W Benjamin Fernando

9E Edward Cetara Pathirana

Arachchilage

9S Akua Boateng

9P Esha Joseph

9D Jacob Laskey

9W Zahra Kayani

9C Grace Metutu

10S Ava Connolly

10E Malarseha Sivesanaraj

10E Alvana Boateng

10S Ewan McGillivray

10C Chrissy Peter

10Y Rayna Shergill

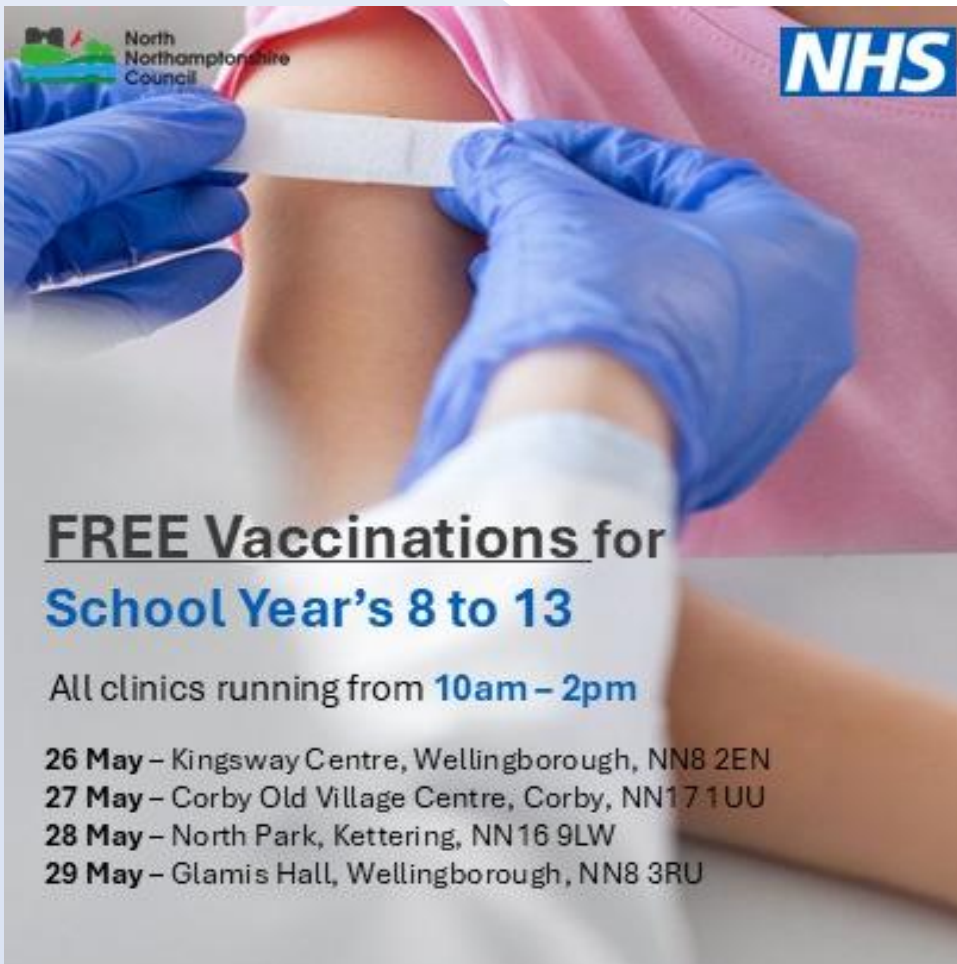
10Y Celia Taylor

10W Niv Patel

12 N2 Layla Palmer

12 E2 Charlotte Revell

Vaccination Information



North Northamptonshire Council

NHS

**FREE Vaccinations for
School Year's 8 to 13**

All clinics running from **10am – 2pm**

26 May – Kingsway Centre, Wellingborough, NN8 2EN
27 May – Corby Old Village Centre, Corby, NN17 1UU
28 May – North Park, Kettering, NN16 9LW
29 May – Glamis Hall, Wellingborough, NN8 3RU

Recruitment

We do not have any current vacancies.
Please see the following link to find out of any upcoming roles:

[Current Vacancies - Bishop Stopford School](#)

We look forward to hearing from you.

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WEEK 2

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

CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY

CLASSIC MAIN MEALS

MONDAY

Pork Sausage (Beef Casing) & Mashed Potatoes with Onion Gravy

TUESDAY

Cajun Chicken, Tomato & Sweetcorn Wholewheat Pasta Bake with House Salad

WEDNESDAY

Roast Breast of Turkey, Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables & Roast House Gravy

THURSDAY

Sweet & Sour Chicken with Carrot Rice

FRIDAY

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

VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS

MONDAY

Vegan BBQ Boston Bean Sausage Casserole & Mash (VE)

TUESDAY

Lentil & Chickpea Dahl with Roasted Tikka Cauliflower & Steamed Rice (V)

WEDNESDAY

Cheese & Potato Pie with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Roast House Gravy (V)

THURSDAY

Crunchy French Onion & Leek Macaroni Cheese with House Salad (V)

FRIDAY

Vegan Moroccan Spiced Butternut Squash Pasty with Chips & Peas (VE)

DESSERTS

MONDAY

Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce

TUESDAY

Pear & Apple Orchard Crumble

WEDNESDAY

Cocoa Bread & Butter Pudding

THURSDAY

Jam & Coconut Sponge

FRIDAY

Apple Traybake

Fruit and Jelly Pots 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

Garlic and Chilli Noodles (VE)

TUESDAY

Singapore Fried Rice (VE)

WEDNESDAY

Lentil & Chickpea Dahl with Crispy Bombay Potatoes (VE)

THURSDAY

The Big Plant Burger (VE)

FRIDAY

Vegan Singapore Noodles (VE)

TRATTORIA

MONDAY

Pasta in Cheese Sauce

TUESDAY

Tomato & Basil Pasta

WEDNESDAY

Margherita or Pepperoni Pizza

THURSDAY

Creamy Pesto Pasta

FRIDAY

Margherita Pizza

