

# Bishop Stopford School

Week Ending: 26th June 2026

NEWSLETTER



## Events all Week

Year 10 English Speaking Assessments  
MFL Mock Speaking Exams

## Monday 29th June

Year 9 Collective Worship  
Year 11 into 12 Induction Day

## Tuesday 30th June

Year 10 Collective Worship  
Year 12 Art Mock

## Wednesday 1st July

Year 12 Collective Worship

## Thursday 2 July

Year 8 Collective Worship  
Celebration of the Arts Rehearsals

## Friday 3 July

Year 7 Collective Worship  
Year 13 Prom

Next week:

Week B

Assembly Theme:

Super Curricular week

## Isles of Scilly

#BestOfBishop

As the sun sets tonight, we reflect on this year's Isles of Scilly adventures. Our 59th annual Year 8 residential to this tropical island paradise began on Thursday 4th June. After months of planning, the Scillonian ferry set sail on its journey to the Isles, and the trepidation of the much-anticipated crossing was a distant memory as the students disembarked at the quay on St Mary's.

Whilst staff and students encountered some windy and unsettled weather during Camp One, it did not dampen their spirits. The students settled into robust canvas 'homes' for the week at their base on the Garrison Campsite and tucked into a lunch delivery of mouth-watering, homemade Cornish pasties straight from a local café. Next stop: exploring! The Garrison has a history spanning 350 years and forms one of the most impressive coastal defence systems in England. The islands are a wealth of ancient history dating back to the Bronze Age and have been raided by Vikings, pirates and Spanish invaders - all perfect ingredients to fire up a child's imagination!

Across the four camps, highlights included boat visits to all four inhabited islands – Bryher, St Agnes, St Martin's and Tresco. Students enjoyed delicious homemade ice cream, Mediterranean-like tropical gardens, puffin and seal watching, and the thrill of sailing alongside the famous, inter-island gig-racers. They were also treated to incredible sweeping sea views, unique flora and fauna, clean air, and warm, sunny weather, albeit with a little rain here and there. Most importantly, students experienced the novelty of simpler times with friends: quality, phone-free playtime on the most beautiful beaches.

As I write, the last camp has packed up and the students are preparing for the long journey home. Hearts are full from the lasting friendships formed, and memories will be taken home to last a lifetime - after they've re-entered the reality of mainland England with a supper stop at almost every child's favourite diner: McDonald's!

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our wonderful students and the dedicated staff who give their time to make trips like this possible. Without their enthusiasm and commitment, these experiences simply could not happen. I am also deeply grateful to our parents for the trust they place in our school to care for and support their children. Thank you.

Miss Duffy



IT IS GOOD TO PRAISE THE LORD  
AND MAKE MUSIC TO YOUR  
NAME, O MOST HIGH,  
PROCLAIMING YOUR LOVE IN THE  
MORNING  
AND YOUR FAITHFULNESS AT  
NIGHT,  
TO THE MUSIC OF THE TEN-STRINGED  
LYRE  
AND THE MELODY OF THE HARP.

PSALM 92 VERSES 1-3

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR MUSICIANS THIS  
WEEK.



## A psalm. A song.

*'It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High, proclaiming your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night, to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp. For you make me glad by your deeds, Lord; I sing for joy at what your hands have done.'* (Psalm 92: 1-4, The Bible)

This week has been a celebration of music across the school. We have delighted in students performing in assemblies a 'hallelujah' of voices and the power and joy of the piano, accordion, clarinet, drums and guitar. But more than this, we have seen students working together, being courageous and willing to stand up at the front and blessing the rest of the school - both teachers and students - with the gifts that God has given them. "It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High."

*I just wanted to say what a beautiful assembly it was today: loved the range of musicians celebrating their talents and the messages about the language of music! Mrs Fletton, Head of Expressive Arts and Literacy Lead*

Kettering  
**Food  
bank**

SUMMER COLLECTION  
in school this month

Faith in Action

*Thank you*



TINNED GOODS (ANY)

Meat, beans, vegetables, soup, tomatoes,  
rice pudding, custard, fruit

DRINKS Tea, Coffee, Squash, long-life milk

DRY PASTA rice, noodles, packet meals

TOILETRIES and baby items

PET FOOD

**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.

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**



## Safe Space – Social media ban and TikTok trends

The government's recent decision to ban under 16s from social media has sparked a range of responses. Over the next year, schools, families and communities will be working to manage this new reality.

In the meantime, millions of young people will remain online, and therefore we will continue to teach our students how to stay safe, how to recognise risk and how to manage negative or damaging content or contact if it arises.

At the moment, we are seeing two significant trends on the social media platform, TikTok. One of which is having a profound impact on students in other local schools is a trend for young people cutting their faces. While we have not seen the same reaction in our school community, we are conscious of the speed at which trends can be adopted and are alert to these.

The other trend is for 'shipping and dipping', where users can express their opinions about romantic compatibility. If a user thinks a couple is 'cute', they can 'ship' them, while couples not deemed to be compatible are 'dipped'. Originally born out of fandom, this has now been adopted by school age users to comment on their peers.

We do not have a TikTok account. Therefore anything posted on TikTok, even if it uses our name or logo, will not have been created by the Bishop Stopford School. If parents or students come across groups like this, where the content is not appropriate and could, at times, be hurtful, they should report it to TikTok who can take it down.

In previous Safe Space articles, we've shared key links about how to use parental controls, which can be placed on phones for a wide variety of apps. Alongside open conversations and clarity about what to do if things go wrong, these controls can support your child as they navigate social media. The NSPCC's guide can be found here: [Use Parental Controls to Keep Your Child Safe | NSPCC](#)

If you have any concerns about social media, TikTok or your child's use of these apps, please contact their Form Tutor or Head of Year.

**Mrs Smith**

## Summer Exam Results

Exam results will be issued to students on

A levels - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August

GCSE/BTEC - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August

Full details confirming the results day arrangements and post results services will be issued to students and parents before the end of the summer term.

If any student is on holiday outside of the UK on their results day, they will be unable to access their school email and will need to inform the exams office of a personal email which they can access abroad. This must be sent by **Wednesday 15th July 2026**.

**Mrs Thomson**

## Twenty Eight Youth Development

We are excited to be welcoming Ruebyn Ricardo into school on Tuesday 30th June 2026. Ruebyn is a youth mentor and founder of a development programme which supports young people with their resilience, wellbeing, and life skills. He shares his own powerful life story, including growing up in care, and how he overcame challenges to build a positive future.

Alongside his mentoring work, Ruebyn is also an English Championship and Premier League referee, having recently been the fourth official for the Manchester United vs Brighton match. His journey is both inspiring and relatable, showing students what can be achieved through hard work and determination.

Ruebyn will be delivering assemblies during Periods 1 and 2, and this opportunity will be available to Year 7 and Year 9 students.

**Mr Raghoo**



## Key Stage 3 Homework Club and Key Stage 4 Study Club

For the remainder of the term both clubs are held in the library,

Homework Club – Monday Friday 3:30pm -5:00pm

Study Club - Tuesday to Friday 3:15pm -4:45pm

Places at both clubs are booked on [SchoolCloud - Bishop Stopford School](#)

Please note the following dates when clubs will not run:

Monday 29th June, Monday 6th July, Monday 20th July or Friday 24th July.

Please note: From September 2026, both clubs will run Monday to Friday, with a unified time of 3:15–4:30pm for both.

Further information and the booking schedule for next year has been emailed to parents/carers.

For enquiries or more information, please contact [HomeworkAndStudyClub@bishopstopford.com](mailto:HomeworkAndStudyClub@bishopstopford.com)

**Miss Wood**

## Music News

Congratulations to the following students:

Miya Phillip (9W) for passing Grade 5 singing with Distinction.

Maya Clarke (9E) for achieving Merit for Grade 5 Theory.

### Music Ensembles

If your child/ren would like to be part of or remain in one or more of our Musical Ensembles at school, please fill in the following form: [BSS Music Ensembles 2026/2027](#)

**Mrs Armstrong**



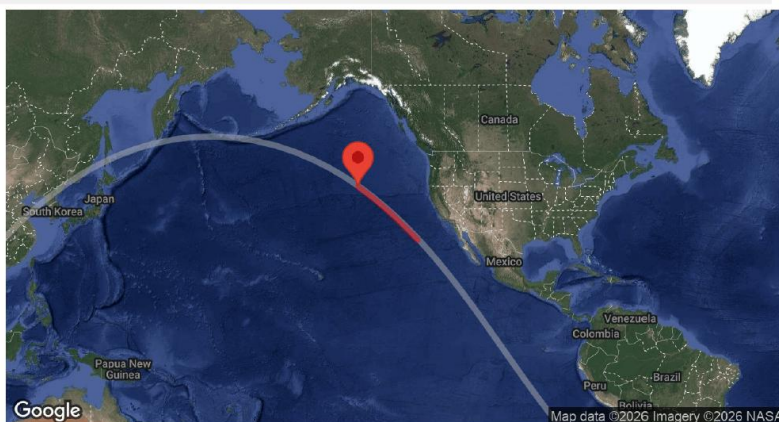
## Astro Pi Challenge

Congratulations to Raiyan, Ahmed, Aryan, Adrain, Apostol and Damisola for taking part and completing the "European Astro Pi Challenge". The students were challenged to write a program for a device on the International Space Station which would use the devices onboard sensors and a camera to predict the speed at which the station was travelling.

Their program ran live on the International Space Station on the 1st of May for ten minutes and produced a result that was only 0.3668 kilometres per second different from the actual speed.

Your program ran at the following coordinates:

41.9392,-144.8648



It ran from 2026-05-01 15:23:04 to 2026-05-01 15:26:02

Mr Reilly

## UK Maths Challenge

This year was a first for Bishop Stopford taking part in a "design a poster" competition for the UK Maths Challenge. Key Stage 3 students were given the chance to design a poster under the theme "Maths is Magic". The idea of the design is to promote the Maths Challenges which run throughout the year. We received quite a few entries which will be sent away to be judged, if successful, they will be used by UKMT and rolled out nationally. A big well done to those students who submitted entries and took part.



Mr Lewis



# Sports Update

## Gold School Games Mark

We are very proud to announce that we have been awarded the **Gold School Games** mark for the third year running. This recognises sporting provision, opportunity, inclusiveness across the PE Curriculum and extra-curricular sport

## Cricket

Girls' cricket continues to go from strength to strength with good performances at the recent District Tournaments for both U13 and U15 girls held at KTCC

The U13 boys continue their go form in the JR66 competition and look forward to a place in the finals over the coming weeks.

U15 boys also have won a number of games in their JR66 competition and have a few qualification games still remaining.

## Tennis

Both U13 and U15 team tennis squads have been in action in the County League with a win for the U15s and a loss for the U13s v NSB. Both squads have matches v Northampton School forthcoming.

## Athletics

Congratulations to the following students who competed for North Northants at the recent County Schools Track & Field Championships at Corby:

Lily Lloyd Uzogebu: 300m 1<sup>st</sup> Place (Inter Girls)

Charlotte McGill: 80m Hurdles 3<sup>rd</sup> Place (Junior Girls)

Megan Turner: 1500m 6<sup>th</sup> Place (Junior Girls)

Olivia Humphrey: 100m 4<sup>th</sup> Place (Inter Girls)

## Rugby

A number of students were recognised in the KRFC end of season presentation over the weekend:

James Ansaloni won the HITREDS award which recognises the core values of Rugby (Honesty, Integrity, Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship). James consistently showed these traits throughout the season as well as showing significant player improvement.

## Will Webster (U16)

Will was awarded the chairperson's award for commitment to rugby. This is the biggest award for dedication to the sport, and his name will be added to a very talented group of sportsmen over the years.

In his last day in the junior section of rugby, he was really shocked to be recognised.

Congratulations to both Will and James



Mr Young

## The Big Future



Students are still invited to take part in a national survey, The Big Future. The Children's Commissioner is seeking to hear from young people about their priorities, concerns and hopes for the future. We encourage students to take part: <http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

Miss Silverthorne

## Healthy Lives Survey

Use the QR code to take part...

*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.

This survey closes at 23.59pm on 31st July 2026

North Northamptonshire Council

Healthy Schools North Northamptonshire





**Bishop Stafford School**  
*faith | justice | responsibility | truth | compassion*

## Important Dates

- 22 - 26 JUNE**  
Year 12 Mocks
- 26 JUNE**  
Year 13 Prom
- 29 JUNE**  
Year 11 into 12 Induction Day
- 30 JUNE**  
Year 10 Progress Review
- 2 JULY**  
Celebration of the Arts Evening
- 6 & 7 JULY**  
Year 6 into 7 Induction Days
- 7 JULY**  
Year 6 into 7 Parents Evening
- 14 - 17 JULY**  
Super Curricular Week

## Cucina

**WEEK 3** Cucina

Week Commencing: 27/04/26 18/05/26 08/06/26 29/06/26 20/07/26


### CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY

| CLASSIC MAIN MEALS  |   | VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS   |  |
|---|---|---|--|
| <b>MONDAY</b><br>Mexican Beef Nacho Pasta Bake  | <b>MONDAY</b><br>No Waste Cauliflower Cheese Pasta Bake (V)   | <b>TUESDAY</b><br>BBQ Chicken with Salt 'n' Pepper Wedges, Asian Slaw & Garden Peas | <b>TUESDAY</b><br>Chipotle Quorn Dippers with Salt 'n' Pepper Wedges, Asian Slaw & Garden Peas (V) |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b><br>Roast Pork, Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables & Roast House Gravy         | <b>WEDNESDAY</b><br>Roasted Vegetable & Chickpea Pastry Roll with Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables & Roast House Gravy (V) | <b>THURSDAY</b><br>Fragrant Lemon & Herb Chicken with Spicy Rice                    | <b>THURSDAY</b><br>Hot Maple & Cajun Quorn Fillet with Spicy Rice (V)                              |
| <b>FRIDAY</b><br>Chip Shop 'Fryday' Fish, Pizza or Fishcake & Chips with Peas and Tartare Sauce | <b>FRIDAY</b><br>Crispy Chickpea & Vegetable Pakora Burger with Mango Slaw, Chips & Peas (V)                                  | <b>DESSERTS</b>   |  |
| <b>MONDAY</b><br>Sticky Lemon Sponge  | <b>TUESDAY</b><br>Mixed Berry & Apple Crumble   | <b>WEDNESDAY</b><br>Chocolate & Whole Banana Puff Pastry Pinwheel                   | <b>THURSDAY</b><br>Nut Free Bakewell Sponge  |
|   |   | <b>FRIDAY</b><br>Hot Chocolate Rocky Road & Custard                                 |  |

Fruit and Jelly Pots Available Daily

### JACKET POTATOES

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



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**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                       |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|--|--|------------------------------|
| Vegan Singapore Noodles (VE) | The Big Plant Burger (VE) | Pesto Pasta with Roasted Tomatoes (VE) | Onion Bhaji Skewer with Bombay Potatoes (VE) | Garlic & Chilli Noodles (VE) |

### TRATTORIA

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

