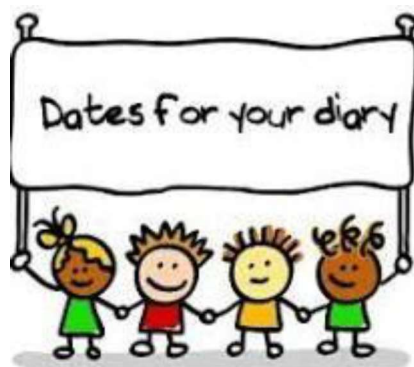




Bishop Wilson Newsletter - May 2026

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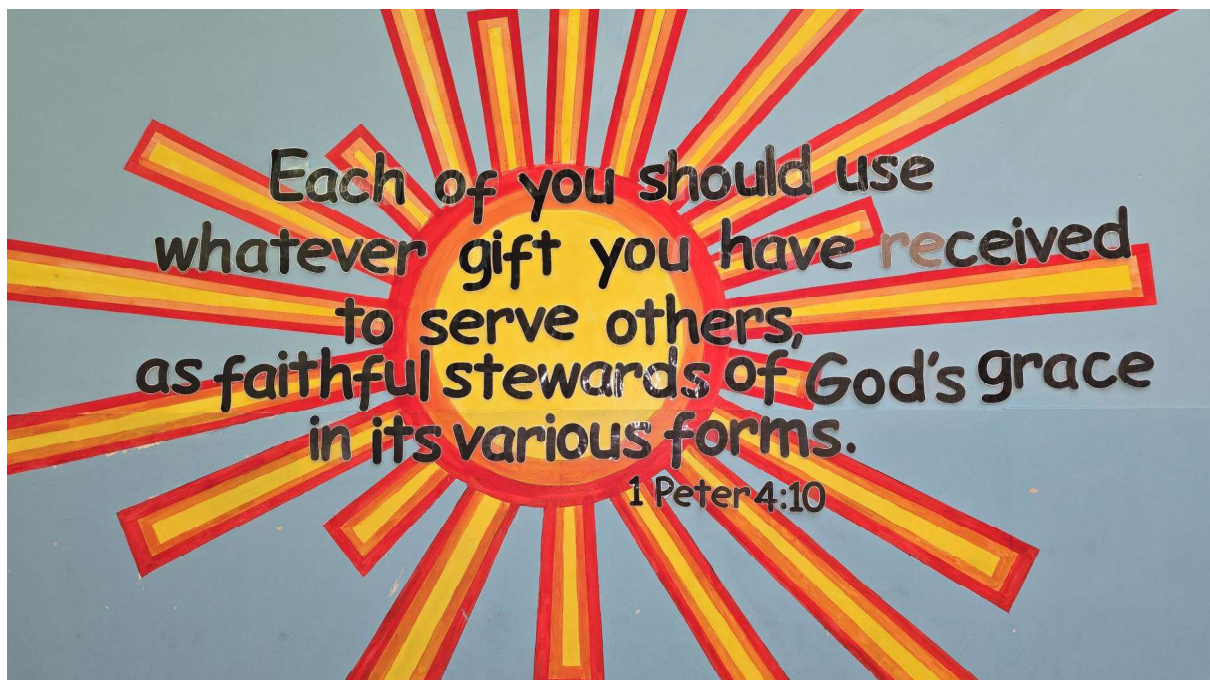
1 Peter 4:10



- **Monday 1st June - Children return to School**
- Monday 1st - Friday 19th June - Year 4 Multiplication Check
- Monday 8th - Friday 12th June - Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
- Tuesday 9th June - Year 2 visit to Warwick Castle
- Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th June - Year 1 trip to Manor Farm
- Wednesday 17th June - Year 3 trip to Cadbury World
- Wednesday 17th June - Year 5 trip to Warwick University

- Wednesday 17th June 09.20am - Team Sharp (Reception 1) and Nursery Sports Day
- Wednesday 17th June 2pm - Team Doherty (Reception 2) and Nursery Sports Day
- Thursday 18th June 10am - New to Reception (Sept 2026) Parents/Carers Meeting
- Thursday 18th June 2.30pm - New to Nursery (Sept 2026) Parents/Carers Meeting
- Tuesday 23rd June 2pm - KS1 Sports Day
- Thursday 25th June 9am - Class Photographs
- Monday 29th June 2pm - KS2 Sports Day

School Vision



On May 31st some Anglican churches celebrate when Mary, the mother of Jesus, goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth. This is recorded in the **Gospel of Luke**. After learning she will bear the Son of God, a pregnant Mary travels to the "hill country of Judea" to assist her cousin Elizabeth, who is pregnant with John the Baptist.

Filled with joy, Mary offers a beautiful hymn of praise and humility, glorifying God:

"My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me—

holy is his name.

His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation.

He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble.

He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever,

just as he promised our ancestors.”

Luke 1: 46-55



As you will know, Bishop Wilson is a Church of England School. It is important to know, however, that we are not a 'faith school'. Our role is to serve all of our community in the same way that, in the Bible, Jesus served everyone who came to him.

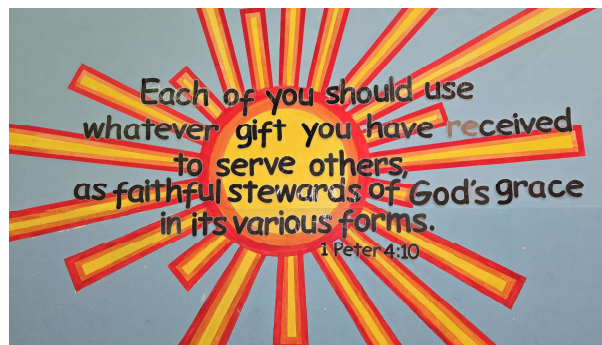
With this in mind, our school vision, taken from the Bible, is about service:

'Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.'

This is taken from the fourth chapter of the Book of Peter in the New Testament.

As with many church schools, most of our families are not regular church attenders. Furthermore, our staff hold a range of beliefs and belong to different faiths or adhere to no specific belief system. In this context, service is a universal concept. It can be seen through the lens of faith or simply as a way of expressing the desire to give something back to society.

For the children at the school, we hope our vision will help them to understand that each and every one of them has something valuable to offer to others and learn to appreciate what others do for them.



Attendance and Punctuality



This year we are working really hard to improve children's attendance and punctuality.

Our aim is to have every child in school at least 95% of the school year. This means that each child will be absent for no more than 10 days.

Solihull Local Authority's guidance on leave during term time and the law around school attendance:

A holiday or family event is not a good enough reason for your child to miss out on school. You need to seek permission from the school prior to taking any leave of absence. Any absences that are not authorised by the school may be referred to the Attendance

Enforcement Team for a fine or prosecution. The trigger for a fine is 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a 10-week rolling period. This could be a mixture of unauthorised holiday as well as other unauthorised absences. Late arrival to school in certain circumstances may also be included.

A fine is £160. The first fine is reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days. A second fine within 3 years will be charged at £160 with no reduced rate. A 3rd fine will not be issued within 3 years and further unauthorised absences may result in prosecution. They are issued to both parents/carers for each child and must be paid in full, we will not accept part payment of the amount. Not paying the fine could lead to prosecution.

The Attendance Enforcement Team may decide to go straight to prosecution if they do not feel a fine is appropriate.

Prosecution can lead to:

- Up to £1000 fine and a criminal record

In certain circumstances the Attendance Enforcement Team may decide to prosecute you for a more serious offence. This can be:

- A fine of up to £2,500 per parent per child
- A Community Order or custodial sentence
- A criminal record

For further information please go to:

<https://www.solihull.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-attendance>

Attendance Support

Chloe and Liz will be completing weekly drop in sessions in the north and south of Solihull. They will be offering attendance advice, support and guidance.

Drop in session details:

Tuesday 12-1.30pm @ Elmwood Place

Wednesday 9.30-11.30am @ Monkspath Juniors and Infants School
Located in the bungalow next to the school building.

There is no need to make an appointment. Just drop in during the drop in times above.

Does your child worry about going to school?

Do you feel you have tried everything to ensure your child attends school but nothing seems to be working?

Do you feel there has been a relationship breakdown with your child's school?

Do you have general questions around school attendance?

Then please attend one of our drop in sessions for attendance support.

Elmwood Place
37 Burtons Way,
Birmingham
B36 0UG



Monkspath Juniors and Infants
5 Farmhouse Way,
Shirley,
Solihull,
B90 4EH

If you have any questions please email attendanceenquiries@solihull.gov.uk

Introducing the Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) program

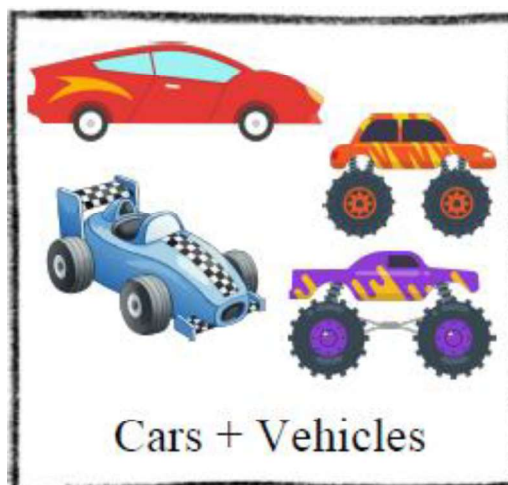
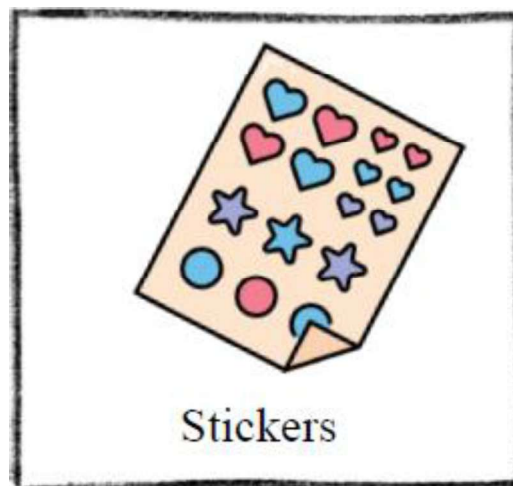


The school is looking to introduce a new approach to outdoor play at lunchtimes. The Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) program will enhance lunchtimes at Bishop Wilson, leading to more high-quality, active play. It will make lunchtimes more enjoyable, inclusive, and creative by providing a range of diverse activities, resulting in better physical health, social skills, and reduced behavioural incidents.

We will be introducing several activities across the playground, MUGA, and field that children will have access to, supervised by staff specifically trained in the OPAL approach.

The intention is to fully launch OPAL in September; however, we will look to introduce elements of it over the summer term.

We are asking for help with donations of the following items. If you are able to donate any of the below, please bring them in to the school office.





Dressing Up



Water Play



Pots & Pans



Strainers



Kitchen Tools

Nature or Mud Kitchen



Lego



Animals



Dinosaurs



Spacehoppers



Loom Bands



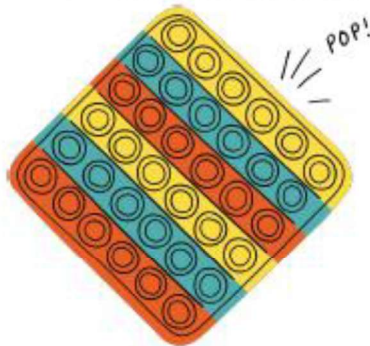
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Small Worlds



Magnets +
Magnatiles



Fidgets



Blocks



Guttering

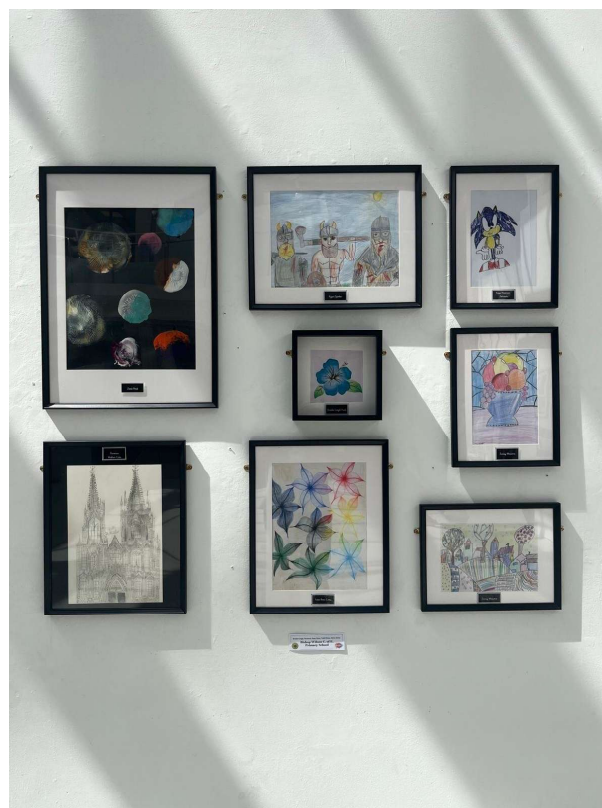


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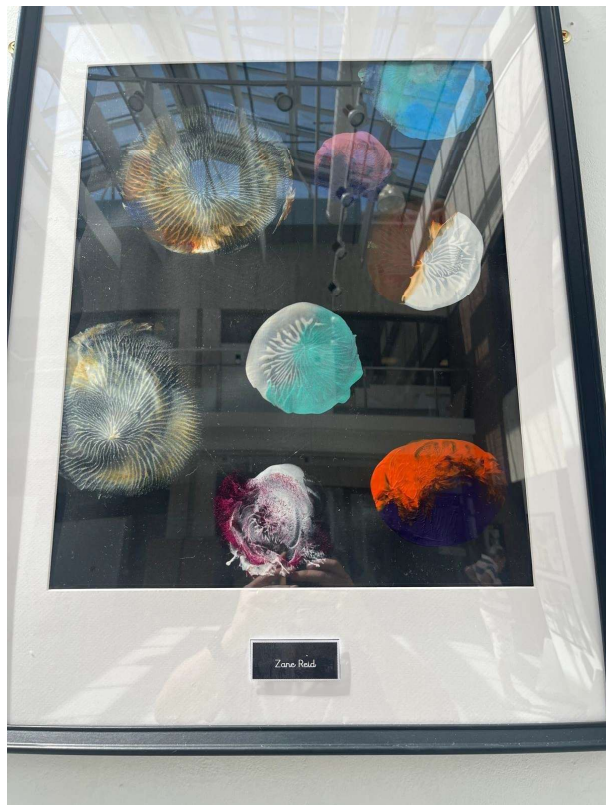
Gallery Exhibition

We are delighted that Bishop Wilson will be taking part in this year's CEP Gallery Exhibition, which will be on display from 19th May to 8th June at The Courtyard Gallery in The Core Theatre. This wonderful borough-wide exhibition celebrates the creativity and talent of young people, within Solihull schools showcasing a selection of artwork for the community to enjoy. Participation is free, and we are proud to have our pupils' work displayed alongside that of other local schools.











Ukulele Group

We have been learning the ukulele after school on Thursdays for 8 weeks.

We have learnt the names for the different parts of the ukulele, how to hold the ukulele correctly, how to strum and how to place our left-hand fingers to make chords. We have learned the chords of C, C7, F, G, G7, Am, Am7 and Dm. We have practised playing together by following a beat. We have been trying to move from one chord to another but this is quite tricky and we're still working it.

There have been sore fingers but everyone has persevered. Mrs Jackson is very proud that they performed for the school in Singing Assembly today (Friday 22nd May) - Well Done!



Year 3 - Roman Visitor

Year 3 were visited by a Roman soldier. We learnt about Roman fighting strategy, including testudo and orbis. The children tried grapes, olives and tasty onion and garlic. The children got to explore some artefacts from the Roman era and were disgusted with how they washed their bottoms.

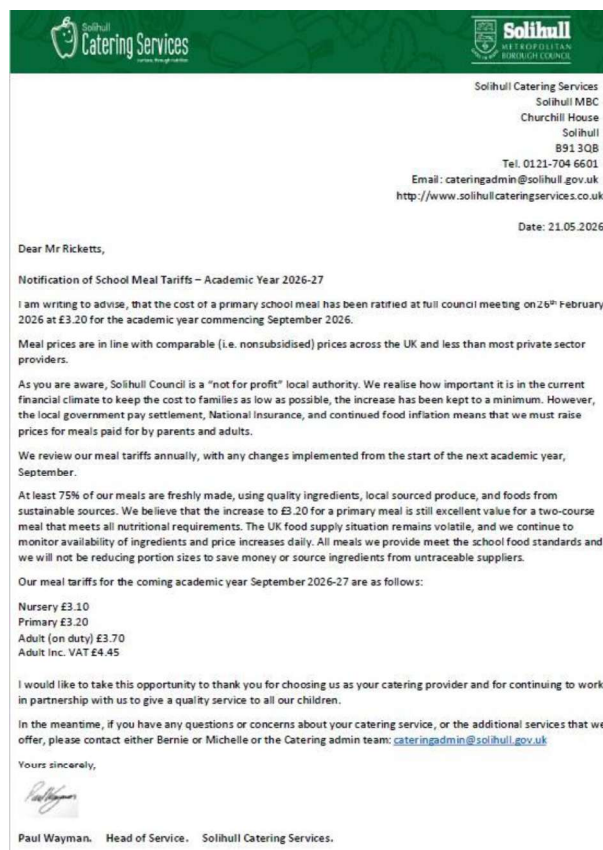








Solihull Council - Changes to School Meal Prices and Free School Meal Eligibility



Please see below letter from Solihull Catering Services regarding the school meal prices from **September 2026**.

- All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be entitled to universal infant free meals.
- Children in Nursery, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 from September will be charged the amended prices. **Nursery £3.10 per day. Primary school children £3.20 per day.**

Regardless of year group, if you haven't already done so, and believe you may be entitled to benefits related free school meals please make your application at [Free School Meals and Universal Infant Free School Meals | Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council](#) If eligible, your child may then be entitled to a place on HAF schemes and receive pupil premium funding in school.

Please also note the information below from the Solihull Council Website regarding an update to free school meal eligibility that may affect your current eligibility status:

Changes to Free School Meals from September 2026

FSM Protection will end for **all children** on 1st September 2026.

From September 2026 Free school meal entitlement will be split under 2 categories:

Targeted

1. Eligible under the existing benefits criteria with threshold of annual household income needing to be below £7400 for Universal Credit claimants.
2. Children will be entitled to a Free School Meal, Holiday Activities and Food Programme place (HAF), Pupil Premium and School Transport support if appropriate.

Expanded

1. Eligible due to being in receipt of Universal Credit but over the existing annual household income threshold of £7400.
2. Will **only** be entitled to a Free School Meal.

Solihull council will be rechecking all currently eligible children over the summer and parents and schools will be notified on any changes to eligibility before the start of the new academic year in September 2026.

Sports News

Girls 7-a-side League

Our girls 7-a-side football team have recently finished their league campaign. Playing 7 matches across 3 nights against schools in the area. They worked hard, played some brilliant football but most importantly played with a smile on their face the whole time. A special mention to Florence for her outstanding goalkeeping, saving numerous shots and 2 penalties! Well done girls!

Quad Kids

Some of our children were selected to represent our school in the Year 4 Quad Kids, an athletics competition with a variety of different events. All children were required to do a 50m sprint, 400m run, javelin throw and long jump. They performed and competed very well, but more importantly their behaviour throughout the competition was outstanding. Well done to all children who took part.

We now look ahead to the rest of the summer term events. A very busy time of year but an exciting one too.

Pop Squad Afterschool Club



The poster is vibrant and colorful, featuring a mix of pink, purple, and teal. At the top, the words 'POP SQUAD' are written in large, bold, pink and yellow letters. Below this, the tagline 'Sing.Dance.Shine!' is written in a smaller font. The main text describes the club as a high-energy class for young singers. The poster is divided into sections: 'WHO'S IT FOR' (Ages: Year 2 upwards, Experience: All Levels Welcome), 'EVENT DETAILS' (Venue: Bishop Wilson School, Time: After school until 4.20pm), and 'WHY SIGN UP?' (Sing Modern Pop Music, Make New Friends, Build Confidence, Have Fun, ONLY 15 SPACES AVAILABLE). There are also images of children singing and dancing, and a 'Pop Voices' logo.

POP SQUAD
Sing.Dance.Shine!

Join our high-energy class where young singers build confidence make friends and have loads of fun

Fun Vocal Warm-ups | Learn Pop Songs | Sing as a Group | Learn fun dance moves

WHO'S IT FOR
Ages: Year 2 upwards
Experience: All Levels Welcome

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WHY SIGN UP?
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Pop Voices

All Pop Voices team members are fully DBS checked

Pop Squad is back for another half term!

All children in Year 2 and above are welcome to join this fun and friendly club run by Pop Voices.

If your child loves singing and dancing, sign them up for a trial session!

When: Tuesdays after school until 4:20pm

To book your place, please follow the registration link. Places are limited and will be given on a first come first served basis. <https://forms.gle/CFGUsk6PGQ4nYkFa7>



Reminder

Nut Free School



We are a nut free school due to allergies. Please do not send your child into school with any food items containing nuts e.g snickers / nutella.

Applications

NURSERY SPACES

We currently have spaces available in Nursery for children over 3-year-olds. We have intakes in January, April and September.

All children are entitled to 15hours a week childcare from the term after they turn 3.

Working parents may be eligible for 30hours childcare for their child

Please contact the school office if you require more information

Collection Passwords

In order to keep your children safe, we need you to provide a unique password which can be used by any adult you send to collect your children from school.

This password can be any memorable word you like. If you haven't already done so, please complete let the school office know what you would like it set up as, and we will make sure that class teacher is aware of it. Then, when you send a different adult to pick up your child, they can give the class teacher your unique password.

WE WILL NOT RELEASE A CHILD TO ANY ADULT WHO IS NOT ON OUR SYSTEM OR WHO DOES NOT KNOW THE PASSWORD.

School Uniform Policy - Make up and Jewellery

School policy is clear that children should not wear make-up or jewellery other than small stud earrings.

Jewellery can be costly and may pose a risk of being lost or damaged during school activities, which can lead to unnecessary distress for both children and parents. The school cannot take responsibility for this if items worn do not comply with school policy. In light of this can you please ensure that your child does not wear makeup or jewellery while at school.

PE Kit



Please can we remind you that our school P.E. kit is **plain** white t-shirt with **plain** navy blue or black shorts/ leggings/ joggers and a jumper.

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct P.E. Kit for their P.E. lessons. We do have spare P.E. kit in school which is cleaned after every use for children who are wearing the incorrect kit.

Contact Details



Have you moved home recently? Have you changed your mobile number?

In an emergency, the school may have to contact parents or carers urgently.

Please make sure that the school has your up to date contact details.