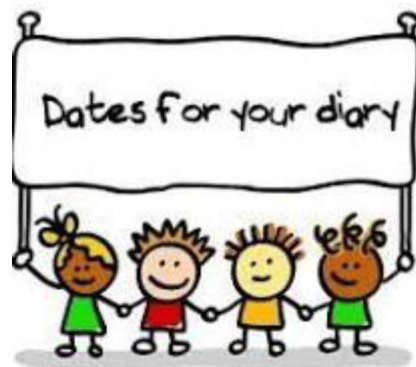




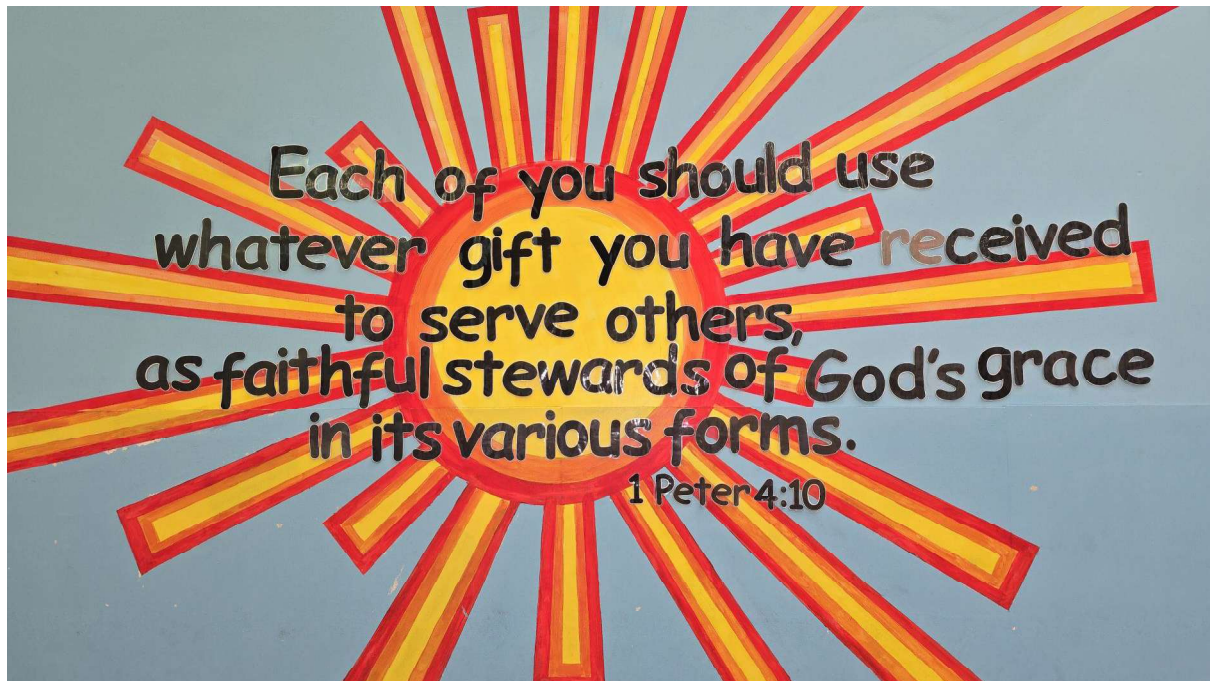
Bishop Wilson Newsletter - March 2026

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

1 Peter 4:10



- **Monday 30th March - 10th April - Easter Holiday**
- Monday 13th April - Children return to school
- Monday 27th April - Friday 1st May - Year 5 Bikeability Training
- **Monday 4th May - May Day Bank Holiday**



Dame Sarah Mullally has been enthroned as the first female Archbishop of Canterbury, marking a historic moment for the Church of England and the global Anglican Communion. Born in 1962 in Woking, southwest of London, she spent more than three decades in Britain's National Health Service, rising to become chief nursing officer for England at the age of 37. Her appointment as the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury is a significant milestone in the church's gradual move towards gender inclusion, as she is the first woman to lead the Church of England and the global Anglican Communion in the role's 1,400-year history. The ceremony was attended by around 2,000 guests, including the Prince and Princess of Wales, Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer, and other religious leaders. Dame Sarah's first sermon as archbishop was a prayer for peace in war-ravaged parts of the world.

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.

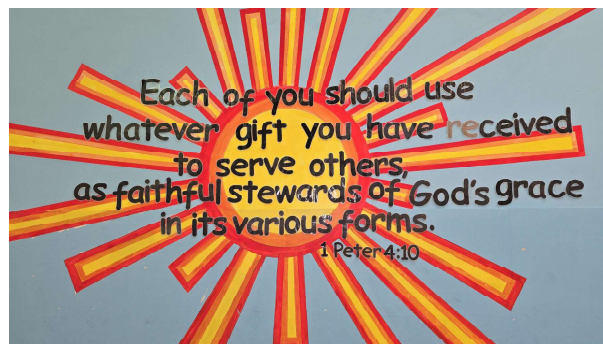
With this in mind, our school vision, taken from the Bible, is about service:

'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.



World Book Day

We had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day at school, with children coming dressed as their favourite book characters. It was wonderful to see such a wide range of costumes, bringing many much-loved stories to life.

We were also delighted with the number of entries for our Wooden Spoon Competition. The effort and imagination shown in creating the characters were truly impressive. A winner from each year group was selected by an external visitor, with each receiving a £10 book voucher. All children who took part were awarded a bookmark as a thank you for their fantastic efforts.

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who participated in our World Book Day activities. We look forward to showcasing the Wooden Spoon characters in a special display around the school.



Easter Activities at Bishop Wilson

Easter Bonnet Parade

We were delighted to see our Nursery, Reception, and Year 1 children take part in this year's Easter Bonnet Parade. The creativity and effort that went into designing and making the bonnets were wonderful; with a fantastic range of colours, themes, and imaginative ideas on display.

The children wore their bonnets with great pride and thoroughly enjoyed parading them for everyone to see.























Easter Bonnet Parade at Chelmunds Court Care Home

A small group of our Year 1 children had the opportunity to visit a local care home to share their Easter bonnets with the residents.

The visit brought smiles to the faces of both the children and the residents. We are very proud of how well the children represented our school. Well done to all involved.





Egg Decorating Competition - Years 2-6

We recently held our annual Egg Decorating Competition for Years 2–6, with entries showcasing fantastic creativity and imagination.

One of our school governors took on the challenging role of judging our competition. Well done to all of our winners, and a big thank you to every child who took part and shared their wonderful designs. All entrants received a chocolate treat for taking part.





Easter Service at St Andrew's Church - Year 4 Parents/Carers only

Our Year 4 children delivered a wonderful Easter service to pupils and parents/carers.

Well done to all of the children for their fantastic efforts in learning and confidently performing their lines, it was a great performance enjoyed by all.

















Sponsored Danceathon

We are delighted to share the success of our recent Danceathon, where pupils showed incredible enthusiasm, energy, and teamwork throughout the day. It was wonderful to see everyone taking part with such joy.

Thanks to the children's fantastic efforts and your generous support we raised an impressive amount of money. These funds will go towards enriching school outdoor play resources and supporting future activities for all our pupils.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all parents and carers for your encouragement, sponsorship, and continued support.

Year 2 Mother's Day Assembly





The Year 2 children were delighted to celebrate this year's Mother's Day with a truly special assembly. They worked incredibly hard to prepare a heartfelt performance dedicated to all the important women in their lives.

We are so proud of Year 2 for their confidence, teamwork, and kindness in putting together such a memorable celebration. Thank you to all the families who joined us—it was a lovely occasion enjoyed by everyone. We hope you had a lovely Mother's Day!

School Visitors

Year 1 had a very exciting visit from a special guest—Toothless the bearded dragon—who came to support them with their non-chronological report writing. The children were fascinated and thoroughly enjoyed the experience, which inspired some fantastic work.









Years 1 and 2 recently enjoyed a visit from a theatre company, bringing learning to life through engaging performances. Year 1 took part in an interactive session focused on road safety, while Year 2 were delighted by storytelling inspired by Roald Dahl.

Year 1 also participated in a workshop led by Birmingham Royal Ballet. The session was a wonderful experience for all, and some children were even selected to take part in a further workshop alongside pupils from across Birmingham.

Year 6 Workshop

Year 6 recently took part in an exciting and informative workshop all about sustainability and the importance of renewable energy. During the session, they learned how their everyday choices can have a positive impact on the environment. They explored ways to reduce waste, conserve energy, and make more environmentally friendly decisions both at school and at home.

Inspired by what they learned, Year 6 worked together to set themselves some important targets. These include reducing single-use plastics by using reusable containers, saving energy by turning off lights and devices when not needed, and travelling more sustainably where possible.

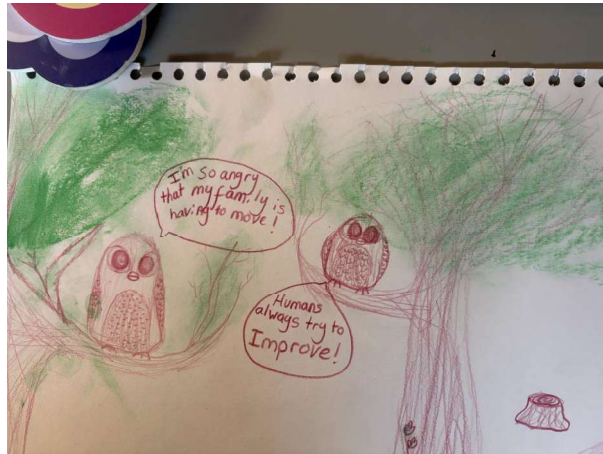
School Eco-Council

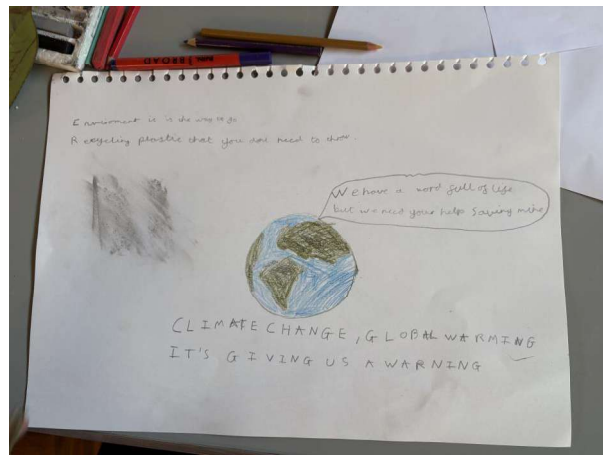
As part of the Your Future Chelmsley Wood Project, the Eco-Council attended a half-day workshop on Thursday 19th March at the Three Trees Community Centre.

Pupils from a number of local primary schools attended and explored their ideas and thoughts about nature, their local green spaces and active travel.

The session was led by artist Jaime Jackson, and the children participated in a number of activities and created artwork that will be turned into an animation.

We look forward to the next workshop to add to our ideas and artwork!





Pop Squad

Pop Squad will be starting on Tuesday 21st April.

If your child would be interested in these classes and has not yet signed up; please use the google form link below to express your interest:

<https://forms.gle/CFGUsk6PGQ4nYkFa7>

If you have any questions about the class, you are very welcome to email the company directly on info@pop-voices.co.uk.



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
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WHO'S IT FOR
Ages: Year 3 upwards
Experience: All Levels Welcome

EVENT DETAILS
DATE: TUESDAY 21st APRIL
TIME: UNTIL 4.30PM
VENUE: BISHOP WILSON SCHOOL
PRICE: £5 PER SESSION

WHY SIGN UP?
Sing Modern Pop Music
Make New Friends
Build Confidence
Have Fun
ONLY 20 SPACES AVAILABLE

POP VOICES

All Pop Voices team members are fully DBS checked

Sports News

We are now approaching a busy period for our sports teams as competitions and events come thick and fast over the next few weeks. Children are now practicing for those events coming up in both after-school clubs and P.E sessions.

Netball Skills

Last week our netball team made up of 2 boys and 7 girls took part in the North Solihull Netball Skills Competition, an event they had been practicing hard for. The event consists of completing a netball routine including passing, footwork, shooting etc whilst being timed;

with the fastest team being crowned the champions. Our school has a big reputation for their impressive record in this event having won the event 3 times and being runners up 3 times in the past 6 years. Their hard work, determination, teamwork and fantastic netball skills were displayed as they got through to the final with ease. In the final the opposition produced a great display and gave our team a challenge, however our boys and girls rose to it and recorded not only the fastest score of the competition but the fastest score in the history of the netball skills, a competition that has been going for 25+ years! This secured the gold medal, the shield and a place in the record books as the fastest ever netball skills team. A huge well done to all involved, thoroughly deserved champions!

4-a-side League

Since September, our A teams and B teams have been taking part in the 4-a-side Football League, this is a prestigious competition and one that all schools look to do well in. Our B teams got better each week, having played some tricky matches they ended up finishing their campaigns strongly and the boys B team finished 9th narrowly missing out on the top 8 and the girls B team finished 13th.

Our A teams have both had strong campaigns this year. The league consists of 16 teams and the goal is to try and finish in the top 8 places to qualify for the Saturday Finals comp in April. Our boys won 3 of their last 3 matches finishing 5th overall and cementing their place in the top 8.

Our girls A team, consisting of 5 dedicated and committed players have worked brilliantly as a team and also individuals. They went into their last 3 games knowing 3 wins would secure the league title. They won their 3 remaining games and won the league, meaning our girls have now won the girls 4-a-side league 2 years in a row, a remarkable effort! They will officially be crowned champions on Saturday 18th April when they compete in the Saturday Finals. Our attention now goes to preparing for that competition coming up after half-term. Well done to all 4-a-side teams on a successful season all round.





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.

Attendance and Punctuality



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

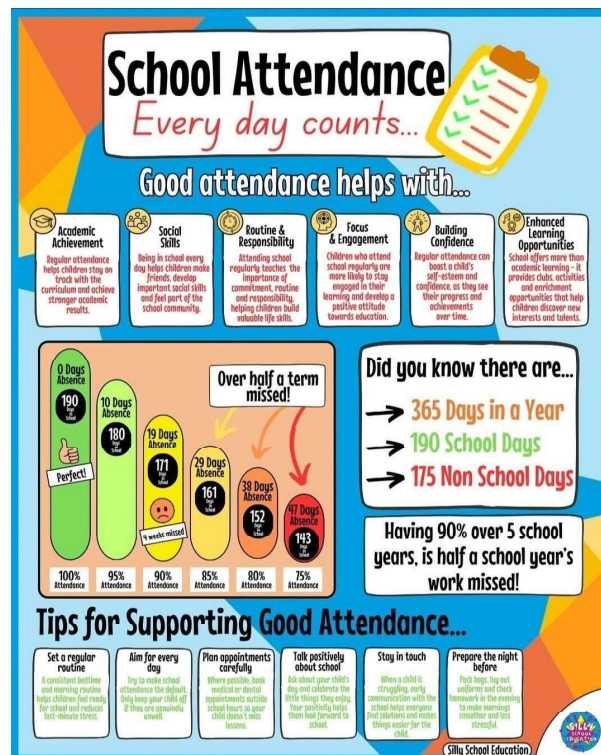
Our aim is to have every child in school at least 95% of the school year.

This means that each child will be absent for no more than 10 days.

Children being in school every day and on time is really important. Obviously, it will help with their learning, however being in school also supports the development of social skills, routines and responsibilities, focus and engagement, and building confidence.

Children who are regularly absent or late for school miss important learning which can make them feel anxious when they are behind in their lessons. As parents ourselves, we know that you would not want your child to feel anxious about their learning if it can be helped, and regular attendance helps children develop confidence in their lessons.

- If children are genuinely ill it is important that they are kept off school until they recover, however, if children are regularly late, frequently missing odd days of school here or there, or going on holidays in term time, this undermines their ability to engage well with their learning. It also leaves parents and carers open to the possibility of being fined.
- If you have any issues getting your child to school, please contact Miss Downs or Miss Rambini who will be happy to offer advice and support.



Applications

RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2026

If you have applied for a reception place for your child, offers will be sent by Solihull Council on 16th April 2026

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.