



# Bishop Wilson C of E Primary School

“The joy of the lord is your strength” Nehemiah 8:10

**“Be joyful, keep the faith, and do the little things that you have heard and see me do.”**

## **Final words of St David – Patron Saint of Wales**



As we continue galloping through this term there are many things to celebrate such as World Book Day (Thursday 7th March) and we have a range of different cluster sport events coming up at St Oswald's and here at Bishop Wilson. I'm not sure what the weather

wants to do but please make sure the children are armed for all eventualities – I'm positive on some days that spring is on the way, but then we are faced with an incredibly cold morning – coats, hats and gloves are definitely still needed.

I would like to thank parents for the improvement in the parking situation in the car park and for those maintaining the 20mph voluntary speed limit through the village. The children will be completing speed awareness posters for the BRA competition, this will be judged in due course and then we will be able to announce the winners.

It is really important that illness and absences are reported to school either by the absence line or through School Spider. If we do not hear from parents, staff or the police may need to call at the family home to complete a safe and well check, this is part of our Safeguarding procedure.

I met with the PTA just before we broke up and they are planning some Easter activities for the final week of the term. Please do what you can to support these fabulous events that create lovely activities and memories for the children.

I want to thank parents who have completed the parent voice survey. The comments made are very useful for our marketing campaign and school self-evaluation. If you have not yet completed your survey, please take a couple of minutes to share your views about our lovely school.

Have a lovely weekend and thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,  
Freda



Dear Lord

Thank you for the life of Saint David. Thank you for giving him such courage and wisdom. Help us to remember all the remarkable things he did in his life and help us all to do the 'little things' that make a really big difference.

Amen

## **Dates for your diary:**

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Jan – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March After School – Ensemble Performing Arts Club

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb to Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 3.15 – 4.15– Vara Sports Club – Gymnastics Year 4-6

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Fencing Club 8.00 – 8.45 am. Year 1-6. Information on booking has been emailed out.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May – KS2 Gardening Club at lunchtime.

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evening. Appointments open for booking in school spider on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 6.00 pm and close on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 12.00 pm.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day. Own Clothes Day/Wear something red. Children will decorate biscuits in school. Cash donations will be taken on the day.

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March - All classes will be visiting St Nicholas Church for Easter activities. This will be during the school day and the children will be back in time for home time.

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March - School Closes for Easter. 3.10pm finish for EYFS & KS1 and 3.15pm for KS2.

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Inset Day

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – School Re-Opens

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**Holidays in term time will incur a fixed penalty notice. For more information please see our website, the CWAC website also has information regarding attendance & you can download future cwac holiday dates that we follow (apart from 5 INSET dates that need to be set)**

**Please complete a leave of absence request form from the school office and return for any requests with 14 days notice**

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**SCHOOL DINNERS** – From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 dinners are **£3.00 per day, £15.00 per week** for KS2 (Years 3-6) **and should be paid through school spider in advance.**

If you need a login **please email Mrs Johnson**  
**[admin@bishopwilson.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bishopwilson.cheshire.sch.uk)**

If you think, you may be entitled to free school meals, please go to **[www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)** , Schools & Education, and then Free School Meals where you can apply on-line.

Any questions please let the school office know.

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**Have you moved house, changed mobile number or other contact details, please do not forget to let us know in writing. Either email [admin@bishopwilson.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bishopwilson.cheshire.sch.uk) or pop a written note into the office. Thankyou**

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### TALK ABOUT COMPASSION TOGETHER...

**Compassion** is about 'standing in someone else's shoes' when they are having a hard time. In other words, trying to understand how they might be feeling and doing our best to try to help.

Talk together about:

- how we can show **compassion** and kindness to one another at home
- recognising when friends at school need us to listen and act with **compassion**
- stories in the news demonstrating how strangers show **compassion** in times of natural disasters
- how nations show **compassion** to other nations at times of disaster or need by sending money or volunteers to help



### THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

*Aesop*



### READ TOGETHER...

#### The good Samaritan

When someone asked Jesus the question, "Who is my neighbour?" he told a story that surprised everyone who heard it. The hero was from Samaria but those listening were mainly Jews. (Jews and Samaritans usually kept well away from each other.)

"A man set out on foot from Jerusalem to a town called Jericho", said Jesus. The crowd murmured and exchanged knowing glances. They knew this was a lonely, dangerous road, a favourite place for robbers to attack travellers. "As the man reached a rocky and desolate place, a gang of robbers leapt out and beat him. They took all that he had and left him bleeding and bruised. To the man's relief, he saw in the distance a priest from the temple. A priest is bound to help me, thought the man. He waited until the priest came a little closer and then called out, 'Thank goodness it is you. Please Sir, take me to safety.' But to his amazement the priest hurried past pretending not to see or hear him.

As the poor, injured man grew weaker and weaker in the burning midday sun, he once again heard footsteps. Looking up he saw a Levite, another of his own people. 'Please Sir, please help me', he called out. Surely this Levite would take pity on him, but to his horror the Levite just kept on walking.

The man had almost given up hope when he felt a gentle touch on his shoulder. A stranger, a Samaritan, had bent down beside him and was bandaging his wounds and giving him sips of water to drink. The Samaritan helped the man on to his own donkey and slowly, carefully took him all the way to an inn. There he paid the innkeeper to look after the man until he was well. The man never forgot the **compassion** and kindness of the Samaritan stranger."

"Who do you think was a good neighbour?" asked Jesus.

Bible story based on Luke 10:29-37



### QUIZ The Stranger on the road was kind....

Change one letter in the word to answer the next clue.

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| The traveller was attacked as he walked along the                  | ROAD  |
| Watching from the rocks was a small creature like a frog           | _____ |
| The Samaritan _____ the innkeeper to look after the man            | _____ |
| The Samaritan acted with courage. He was _____                     | _____ |
| We sometimes talk about the _____ of friendship (rhymes with pond) | _____ |
| Wrap tightly with a bandage (rhymes with find)                     | _____ |
| The Samaritan in the story was                                     | _____ |





## FAMILY FOCUS

### Random Acts of Kindness

Kindness is often appreciated most when it is offered at unexpected times.

Choose one week this term for your family to have "a random acts of kindness" week, and do something kind for someone each day. Try to do it without telling people it was you!



[www.randomactsofkindness.org](http://www.randomactsofkindness.org)



## HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE



### Helping hands

As well as being kind and showing **compassion** in what we say, it is often what we *do* that other people remember.

Draw and cut out the shape of each person's hand in your family. Decorate it with all the random acts of kindness that they have shown. Mount the hands of each member of your family on some paper so they look fantastic and ready to be displayed.



## FASCINATING FACTS

What a difference **compassion** and kindness can make! Numerous charities help people who have been hurt, are ill or suffer through lack of resources. Below are just 3:

- **World Vision** encourages individuals and groups to 'Sponsor a Child' in an area of the world where food, health and education cannot be taken for granted. For just 75 pence a day the life of a child, in for example Uganda or Bolivia, can be transformed by providing help to grow food, source clean water, improve health services and pay for education.

[www.worldvision.org.uk](http://www.worldvision.org.uk)

- **Help for Heroes** was set up after many British soldiers returned from war zones in Iraq and Afghanistan. By giving to this charity the public show their **compassion** for the soldiers and their families and recognise the service they gave on behalf of us all.

[www.helpforheroes.org.uk](http://www.helpforheroes.org.uk)

- **Help the Hospices.** Sometimes when people become very ill they go to a hospice which will provide them with care and **compassion**. Often hospices are maintained by donations from people who admire and value their service or who have had a relative who has been helped by the hospice.

[www.helpthehospices.org.uk](http://www.helpthehospices.org.uk)



## HALL OF FAME

### A famous bear with a spotty scarf



Pudsey Bear became a national mascot in 1985. He was designed by Joanna Ball and she named him after the small town in Yorkshire where she lived and went to school for many years, Pudsey.

When we see Pudsey Bear we immediately think of Children in Need. This charity has grown enormously since it began and raises millions of pounds every year. Thanks to people all over the country, children in the UK and across the world have come to know real kindness and **compassion**, made possible by generous donations to the charity. [www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey](http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey)



### SCHOOL HOLIDAY CALENDAR – 2023/2024

	DATE OF CLOSING	DATE OF RE-OPENING
Summer 2022	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September
Autumn Half Term 2023	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October
Christmas Holiday 2023/2024	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January
Spring Half Term 2024	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February
Spring Break 2024 (including Easter bank holiday)	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April
May Day Bank Holiday 2024	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May
Summer Half Term 2024	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June
Summer Holiday 2024	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	

**INSET DAYS** (school closed for children):

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024



### SCHOOL HOLIDAY CALENDAR – 2024/2025



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Summer 2024	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024
Autumn Half Term 2024	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024
Christmas Holiday 2024/2025	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
Spring Half Term 2025	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
Spring Break 2025 (including Easter bank holiday)	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2025
May Day Bank Holiday 2025	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2025	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
Summer Half Term 2025	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2025
Summer Holiday 2025	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2025	



#### **INSET DAYS** (school closed for children):

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024  
 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024  
 Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
 Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025  
 Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025

Please see a message below from one of our family's:

I've organised a Family Fundraiser for Saturday 6th April at Gladstone Village Hall. On the day there'll be a charity cricket game, drinks, food, music, and lots of family-friendly entertainment - so ideal for the little ones.

We're doing the event, to raise money for Brain Research UK, after we found out (when I was pregnant with our second) that my husband, Alex, has a brain tumour.

It should be a really great day, and would be lovely to have some locals attending. If you can make it you can get tickets via this website, <https://www.eventcreate.com/e/alex-hind-brain-research-uk>, but there is also a Just Giving page here: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/alex-hind-brain-research-uk>

Alex lives with his family in Burton and is currently undergoing treatment to shrink a benign brain tumour, and hopefully avoid surgery.



In aid of Brain Research UK, he's running the London Marathon and has organised a,

# FAMILY FUNDRAISER



At Gladstone Village Hall, Neston

**SATURDAY 6TH APRIL 2024 12-4PM**

There'll be lots of family-friendly entertainment, a charity cricket game, food, bar and music.



**TICKETS ARE LIMITED & CAN BE BROUGHT VIA:**

[www.eventcreate.com/e/alex-hind-brain-research-uk](https://www.eventcreate.com/e/alex-hind-brain-research-uk)

