



Bishop Wilson C of E Primary School

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

“Be the change that you wish to see in the world.”

Mahatma Gandhi



The Easter break felt like two lovely, long weeks and everyone has come back well rested and ready for the craziness of the summer term. There is still plenty of learning for the children to take on and with residentials and other events planned it is bound to be a very busy term.

May I take this opportunity to remind you all about the Spring Celebration at St Michael's Church, Shotwick on

Saturday 4th May, from 10am until 4pm. The children have been producing work that will be exhibited and there will also be plenty of interesting things to do – please see the flyer.

We very much value the relationship we have with parents and know how crucial this is in supporting the best outcomes for the children. Over the last few months, we have been writing a Parent Code of Conduct, through consultation with other schools in the area and CWAC HR. We are launching the Code of Conduct this week and would appreciate all parents and carers taking the time to read through the document and becoming acquainted with it.

As we head towards the main statutory assessment windows, attendance continues to be a priority for the pupils. We do understand that, at times, children will be poorly and that you as parents are best placed to make the decision if they are well enough to attend school. Please adhere to restrictions for infectious diseases and the 48-hour rule, to prevent stomach bugs from spreading. Please can we make sure that children arrive at school on time (8.45am). In the event that pupils arrive late, please can parents use the 'signing in' system in the school foyer to sign their child in, giving a reason for the late arrival.

A big thank you to the PTA for organising and running the disco last Friday evening. The children had a great time, there was lots of fun and dancing, and even some super dance moves from the staff! A big thank you to DJ Orford who did a wonderful job organising the music and competitions. A lovely evening was had by all.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Freda



Dear Lord

Thank you for Spring and the hope of warmer, longer, brighter days. Thank you for the coming of growth and life and birth.

Amen

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 16th April to Tuesday 21st May 3.15 – 4.15– Vara Sports Club – Athletics Year 3,4 and 5

Tuesday 5th March – Tuesday 21st May – KS2 Gardening Club at lunchtime.

Tuesday 16th April – Tuesday 21st May Judo Education (This is a 5 week course – **no club will run on 14th May due to year 6 sats**) – Information on how to book has been emailed out.

Wednesday 17th April – Eagles summer term swimming starts – **please make sure payment has been made in school spider.**

Monday 6th May – School closed Bank Holiday

Wednesday 8th May – Robins school trip to Hayrack Farm – **Please make sure payment has been made in school spider and form c has been completed.**

Monday 13th – Thursday 16th May – Year 6 KS2 SATS

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO JUDO CLUB OR SWIMMING SATS WEEK

Friday 24th May - School Closes for Half Term. 3.10pm finish for EYFS & KS1 and 3.15pm for KS2.

Monday 3rd June – INSET DAY

Tuesday 4th June – 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 1st 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

If you think, you may be entitled to free school meals, please go to **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 or pop a written note into the office. Thankyou

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TALK ABOUT SERVICE TOGETHER...

Jesus was called the 'servant king'; his mission was to **serve** God and to **serve** all those people he met, through his teaching, his example and the way he led his life.

Who are the unsung heroes who **serve** us?

- at school
- at home
- in our clubs

How do you **serve** others?

- at school
- at home
- in your clubs

THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"There is more happiness
in giving than receiving"

*The words of Jesus recorded in
Acts 20:35 - The Good News Bible*



READ TOGETHER...

Queen Esther serves her people

When King Xerxes, the ruler of the mighty land of Persia, was looking for a wife, Mordecai immediately thought of his cousin, the wise and beautiful Esther. Mordecai's family was Jewish, but he warned Esther not to tell anyone about this as he knew that there were powerful people in the land who hated Jews. Mordecai took Esther to the palace gates to be presented to the king, and, sure enough, as soon as King Xerxes saw Esther he fell in love with her, and the humble Jewish girl became a queen.

Mordecai often sat by the palace gates hoping to hear snippets of news about his cousin. For some time, all seemed well. But Haman, a wicked and powerful man in the court of King Xerxes, became angry with Mordecai because he would not bow down and honour him. Haman hatched a cunning plan. He began to tell the King bad things about the Jews living in his land and eventually he persuaded Xerxes that all the Jews should be killed. Queen Esther was beside herself with grief. She loved her people very much but felt powerless to help them.

King Xerxes noticed how terribly sad his queen had become, and begged her to tell him why she was so upset. Esther said she would explain if he and Haman would come to a feast that she prepared the following evening. When the grand banquet was over King Xerxes asked once again. "My dear Esther, you promised to tell me the reason for your sorrow." Esther summoned all her courage in what might be her last act of **service**. She told the King about Haman's plan to kill all of the Jews, which would include herself. King Xerxes was furious at the prospect of losing his beloved and beautiful Esther and ordered Haman to be arrested.

And so it was that Esther's name will be forever be remembered for her willingness to risk everything in the **service** of her people.

Bible story based on Book of Esther



QUIZ Word Fit

ESTHER	FEAST
XERXES	GATES
HAMAN	KING
MORDECAI	QUEEN
JEWS	SERVICE
PERSIA	SORROW
CUNNING	WISE





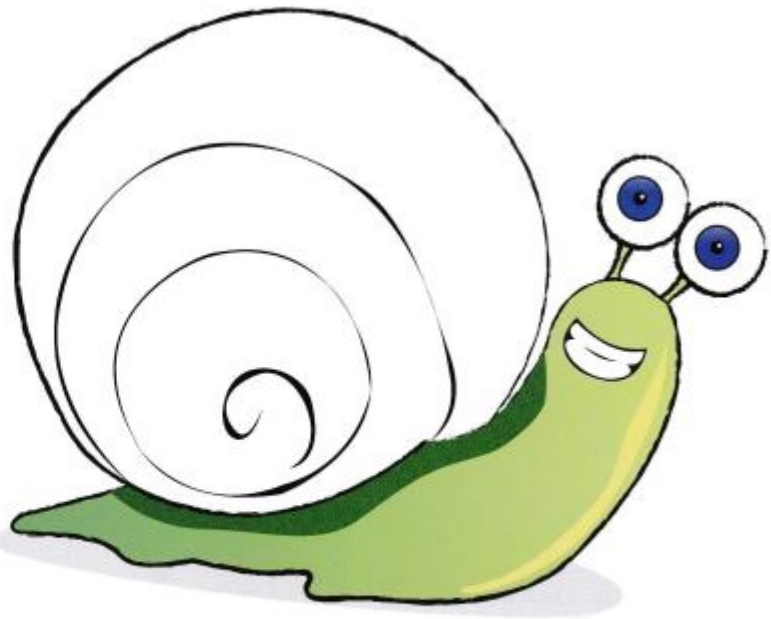
FAMILY FOCUS

Service with a smile

Complete a 'service snail'.

Living a life of **service** is about keeping your eyes open and looking out for ways to make others smile.

Draw a large smiley snail. Can you fill in the spirals on the snail's shell with ways in which as a family you serve each other in one week? When the snail shell is full take it to school to display in the Challenge Gallery.

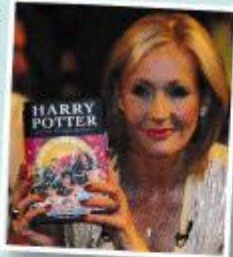


HALL OF FAME

JK Rowling OBE

Joanne K Rowling is best known for writing the series of fictional novels about Harry Potter, stories which captured the imagination of children across the world. She was awarded the OBE for her "**services** to children's literature".

JK Rowling wanted to use some of the money she had earned from her books to help orphaned children in Eastern Europe, she founded The Lumos Foundation and funded work to transform the lives of disadvantaged children living in huge, poorly funded orphanages. With her help beautiful, well equipped homes have been established, run by foster parents who love and care for young children.



FASCINATING FACTS

OBE Award

The OBE, Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, is an honour and medal awarded to people who have **served** their country or local community, often as volunteers.

- the first honours were awarded by George V in 1917 to people who had **served** their country in World War 1 but were not soldiers
- over 800 OBEs are now given each year
- OBEs are awarded for **service** such as:
 - o helping disabled children and their families
 - o working on nature conservation projects
 - o bringing relief to carers of very sick relatives
 - o protecting and caring for our country's important buildings
 - o providing animal welfare





SCHOOL HOLIDAY CALENDAR – 2023/2024

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

INSET DAYS (school closed for children):

Monday 4th September 2023

Friday 20th October 2023

Monday 30th October 2023

Thursday 28th March 2024

Monday 3rd June 2024



SCHOOL HOLIDAY CALENDAR – 2024/2025



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



INSET DAYS (school closed for children):

Monday 2nd September 2024
 Friday 20th December 2024
 Monday 6th January 2025
 Monday 24th February 2025
 Monday 2nd June 2025

Spring Celebration

St Michael's Church, Shotwick CH1 6HX

Saturday 4th May 2024 10 am – 4 pm. (Free entry)

All welcome. Come and explore this unique Village the original crossing place across the Dee into North Wales for Edward 1st and full of history.

Primary School Spring-themed art and science work on display from :

**Bishop Wilson School Christchurch School,
Capenhurst School St Oswald's School**

Free Workshops in: metal detecting; bell ringing; moth and bird ID, organ playing. Wonderful home-made cakes (not free!). Book on arrival as places are limited.

- 10.00-10.20 Ringing demonstration/chance to ring a bell/metal detecting
- 10.20-11.00 Trip up tower/identifying birds and moths
- 10.30-11.00 Handbells/metal detection
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- 11.20-12.00 Trip up tower/identifying birds and moths
- 11.30-12.00 Handbells/metal detection
- 12.30-1.30 LUNCH for viewing displays
- 1.30-4.00 Organ playing Workshop and Village History tours
(book over lunch)



Caught on camera



SATURDAY 27TH APRIL 2024



JOSEPH MEETS THE KING!!

FIND OUT MORE -

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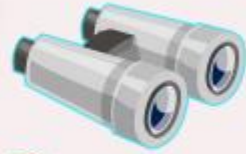
GLADSTONE VILLAGE HALL

CRAFTS, GAMES AND LOTS OF FUN!!

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HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

SPY SCHOOL

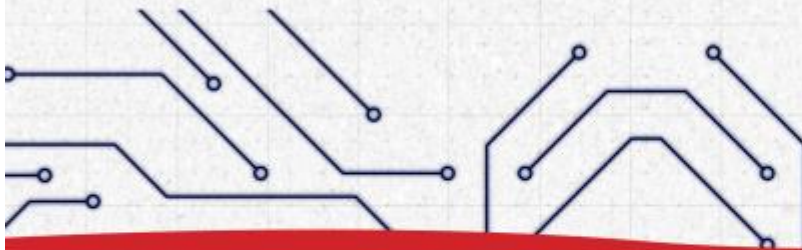


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DATES, VENUES & PRICES

28TH - 31ST MAY

THE FIRS (CH2 2HJ): PLAYScheme
MICKLE TRAFFORD (CH2 4EF): PLAYScheme + PRESCHOOL
(MICKLE TRAFFORD PRESCHOOL IS 0-4 YRS & £62)
HUNTINGTON (CH3 6EA): PLAYScheme + PRESCHOOL
(HUNTINGTON PRESCHOOL CHILDREN CAN ATTEND 3YRS +)
WHITBY HEATH (CH65 6RJ): PLAYScheme + PRESCHOOL
BISHOP WILSON (CH64 5SE): PLAYScheme + PRESCHOOL
ST PETERS (CH60 4SA): PLAYScheme + PRESCHOOL
(ST PETERS PRESCHOOL CHILDREN CAN ATTEND 3YRS +)

OPEN 8AM - 6PM

PLAYSCHEMES
£35.00

RECEPTION - YEAR 6

OPEN 8AM - 6PM

PRESCHOOLS
£59.00

2-4 YEAR OLDS

SORRY NO DISCOUNT FOR PRESCHOOL BOOKINGS

How To Book

1. Login at s4yc.ipalbookings.com, select 'Book'. Under the **Holiday Club** tile, click book now.
2. Follow the booking flow - Child > School > Activity > Dates.
3. Click create booking and select payment method - If paying by childcare voucher you will need to log on to the voucher providers account and make the payment manually to S4YC. These can take up to 10 days to be verified.
4. Receive Confirmation Email - This may go into junk, please mark it as safe for future emails.


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