



Bisham Church of England Academy
Newsletter 2 - 28th September 2026

Reflection

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What a wonderful few weeks of adventures the children have enjoyed! We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, curiosity and resilience the children have shown during the range of exciting experiences beyond the classroom.

Most recently, our school residential was a particular highlight. The children embraced every opportunity to learn about World War 2 and to try something new, challenge themselves and work together. From enjoying new activities to sharing new experiences such as being in the trenches, with their friends, the residential provided wonderful opportunities for children to develop their independence. There was plenty of laughter during the trip and it was fantastic to see the children supporting and encouraging one another. A huge thank you must go to the staff who made this residential possible for our year 5 and 6 children.

Our visit to St.Albans Verulamium brought history to life. The year 3 and 4 children had the opportunity to explore the remains of the Roman city and to develop their understanding of what life was like during Roman times. Seeing historical sites and artefacts first hand helped to make their classroom learning meaningful and memorable. The children asked thoughtful questions and showed great interest in discovering the past. I was delighted when a member of staff came to tell me that she was impressed with how well behaved the children were!

There was also a wonderful experiential trip for the year 1 and 2 children where they enjoyed a seaside workshop where they immersed themselves in what it was like to take an old-fashioned seaside holiday.

Experiences such as these are an important part of school life. They provide opportunities for children to learn outside the classroom, develop independence, build friendships and create memories that they will treasure. Most importantly, they help our children to become confident, curious and enthusiastic learners.

A huge well done to all of the children for making the most of these wonderful experiences. We are very proud of them!

Mrs Brookman

Head of School

Parent Agreement

At Bisham, we believe that the parent school partnership can have a positive impact on the outcomes for the children. Our parent agreement provides parents and carers with a list of ways we would like you to support us.

Building positive parental relationships is an aspect of school life that we, at Bisham, feel is incredibly important. Working in partnership with the school will enable your child to achieve their full potential. We hope that you will find the Parental Agreement useful in supporting this relationship.

Parent Agreement:

- As a parent/s of a pupil at Bisham Church of England Primary School , I/we will:
- Make sure that my child arrives at school by 8.50am, properly dressed and equipped.
- Make sure my child attends every day and notify the school of the reasons for any absence through ill-health.
- Not take my child out of school for family holidays during term time.
- Make arrangements for my child's safe return home at the appropriate time.
- Support my child's learning, ensuring completion of homework set and their participation in any school trips and visits.
- Support the school's policies and guidelines for learning, attendance, equality, discipline and good behaviour.
- Let the school know about any concerns that might affect my child's work or behaviour.
- Read all the information sent home as this gives me important details of meetings, workshops, activities and other school information.
- Attend parents' evenings as well as other meetings about my child's progress.

Important dates for your diary



- Monday 28th September 2026 - My First Class Photograph by the Maidenhead Advertiser for Foundation.
- Wednesday 7th October 2026 - AHMAT Curriculum Presentation 6pm at White Waltham CofE Academy. All parents and carers are welcome.
- Monday 12th October 2026 - Parents' Evening 3.30-6pm. Appointments available to book through Arbor.
- Tuesday 13th October 2026 - Open Morning at 11am for prospective parents.
- Thursday 15th October 2026 - PTA Pumpkin Patch 3.30pm-4.30pm.
- Monday 19th October 2026 - Flu Vaccine.
- Monday 19th October 2026 - Parents' Evening 3.30-6pm. Appointments available to book through Arbor.
- Friday 23rd October 2026 - Harvest Festival Collective Worship presented by the Green Team, in church, at 9am. Children are invited to bring a non-perishable item of food which will be donated to Foodshare. Complimentary tea and coffee will be served by the PTA for parents and carers.
- Friday 23rd October 2026 - End of term.
- Monday 2nd November 2026 - Back to school. Term Starts.
- Tuesday 3rd November 2026 - Year 5 and 6 trip to Blenheim Palace.
- Thursday 5th November 2026 - PTA Bonfire Bake Sale 3.30-4.30pm.

- Wednesday 11th November 2026 - Year 5 Remembrance Service at 10.45am, in church. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.
- Tuesday 17th November 2026 - Heights and Weights check.
- Wednesday 18th November 2026 - Open Morning at 11am for prospective parents.
- Thursday 26th November 2026 - Open Afternoon at 1.30pm for prospective parents.
- Friday 4th December 2026 - PJ's and cosy clothes own clothes day for a voluntary contribution of a gift for Elfridges.
- Monday 14th December 2026 - PTA 'Elfridges' 3.30-4.30pm.
- Thursday 17th December 2026 - Christmas lunch and own clothes day. Children are invited to wear their own clothes and a Christmas jumper.
- Friday 18th December 2026 - Year 1 and 2 Christingle Collective Worship, in church, at 9am. Complimentary tea and coffee will be served by the PTA for parents and carers.
- Friday 18th December 2026 - End of Term. School closes at 1pm.
- Monday 4th January 2027 - INSET day.
- Tuesday 5th January 2027 - Back to school. Term starts.

Awards



18th September 2026

Stars of the Week:

Foundation - Cassian and Jia

Year 1 - Caiden and Chloe

Year 2 - Callie and Imogen

Year 3 - Ivy and Paige

Year 4 - Olive and Victoria

Year 5 - Fran and Annabelle

Year 6 - Eva and Aryana

Dojo winners :

Foundation - Nooh

Year 1 - Jack

Year 2 - Luca

Year 3 - Jesse

Year 4 - Orlaith

Year 5 - Hunter

Year 6 - Bethan

Playtime Award - Albie

Headteachers Award - Alfie

25th September 2026

Stars of the Week:

Foundation - Teddie and Effie

Year 1 - Conor and Lilly-Anna

Year 2 - Mia and Luca

Year 3 - Harbour and Arthur

Year 4 - Orlaith and Hazel

Year 5 - all of Year 5

Dojo winners:

Foundation - Alys

Year 1 - Chloe

Year 2 - Jesse

Year 3 - Ivy

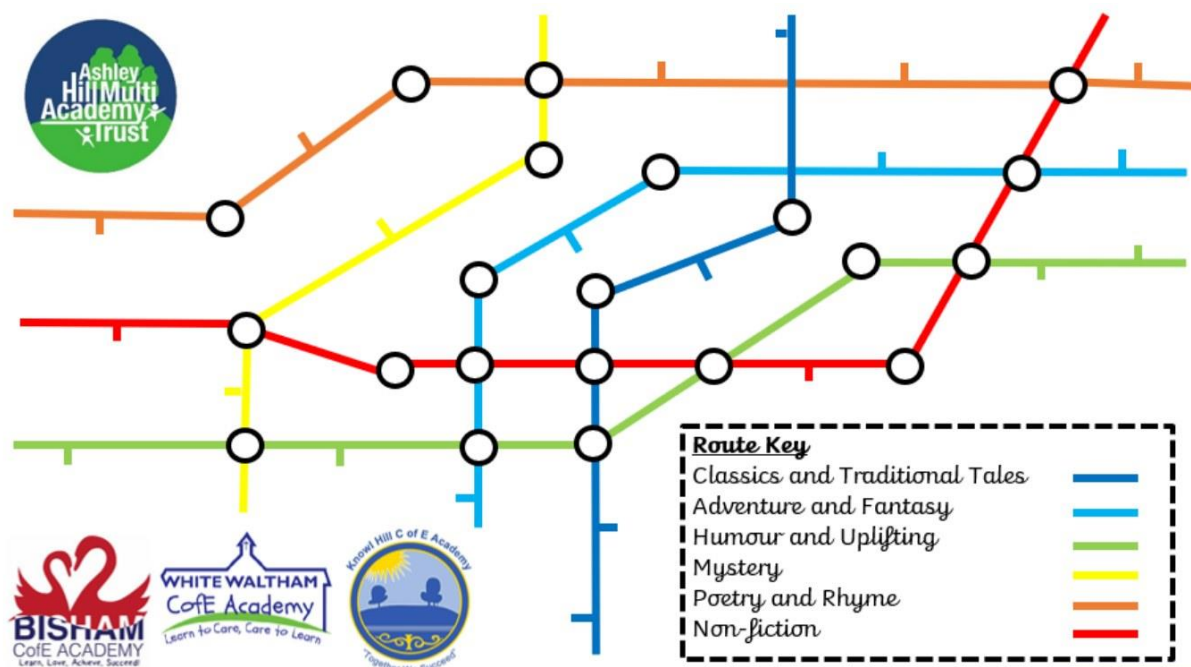
Year 4 - Victoria and Freddie

Year 5 - Annabelle

Playtime Award - Ari and Georgia

Headteachers Award - Rose

Reading Routes Awards



Our 'reading routes' challenge is inspired by the underground and making journeys to read books across a range of genres.

Each coloured line on the reading routes map corresponds to a different genre.

At school, we have shelves stocked with specially selected books for pupils to loan out and begin reading.

When each pupil has read a book, this must be written in their reading record and they will have their reading routes ticket 'punched' when the book is completed, just like a real train ticket!

If a pupil has a book they would particularly like to read from outside of school, this can also be matched up to a genre and will contribute towards the challenge.

Reading Routes certificates : Thomas

Multiplication Square

X	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20
3	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30
4	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40
5	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
6	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60
7	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70
8	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80
9	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90
10	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100

Times tables are a fundamental building block of mathematics, acting as the foundation for both primary and secondary education. Mastering them is crucial for developing "number sense" enabling faster mental arithmetic, and fostering confidence in solving complex mathematical problems. They are essential for advanced topics such as algebra, fractions, long multiplication, and division.

Key Strategies for Learning

- Little and Often: Daily, short practice sessions are more effective than long, infrequent ones.
- Understand, Don't Just Memorize: It is essential for children to understand what multiplication *means* (e.g., repeated addition, arrays) before committing the facts to memory.
- Use Tools: Games, apps, and songs (like Times Tables Rockstars or Hit the Button) are effective tools for practice.
- Learn in Order: Starting with easier tables (2,5,10) and use patterns to learn harder ones (4 is double 2 and 6 is double 3).

The competition will resume next week.

Courageous Advocacy



Children and Young People are integral to building a fairer and more sustainable world for everyone. Courageous Advocacy equips them with the skills, tools, confidence, and opportunity to speak up and take action on issues of justice. Courageous Advocacy is an integral part of the Church of England Education Office's vision for education.

We are keen to hear from our community about anyone who has taken action on issues that are important to them.

Attendance



There is a strong link between attendance and educational outcomes.

Reminders:

- Children are expected to be in school, every day and on time, during term time.
- Registration closes at 8.50am.
- If your child is unable to attend school, please call the office before 8.50am. You must call every day if your child is unable to attend school.
- If you arrive late or leave early, you must sign at the office stating the reason for this.
- Term time holidays require a form to be completed. A fixed penalty notice for term time absence may be incurred.

Something of interest



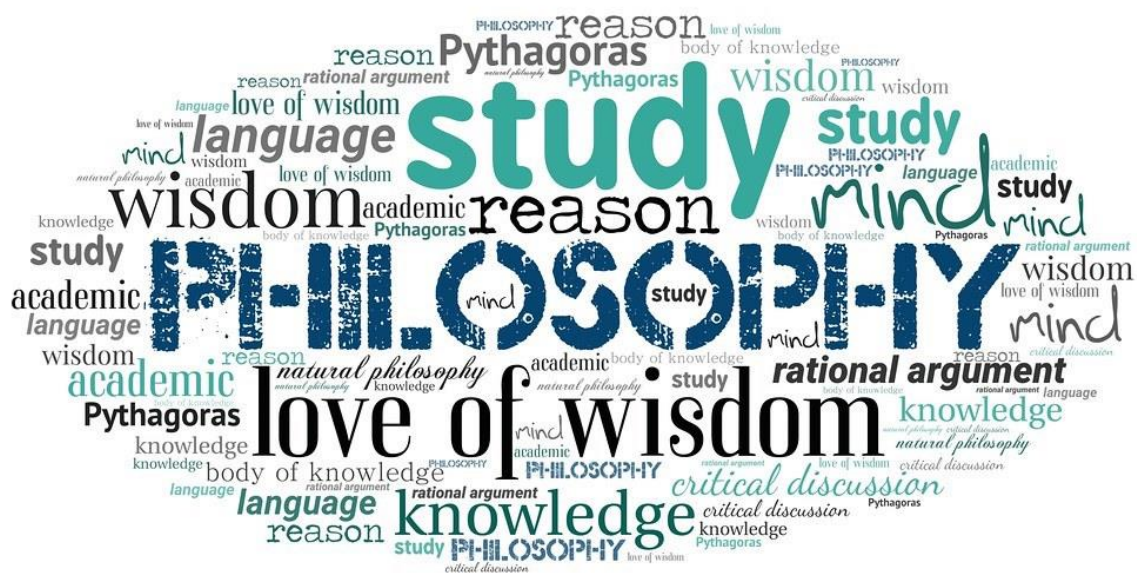
500 Words Competition

500 words is the largest writing competition for children aged 5-11 years old.

Please follow the link below for more details:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>

Talk for Learning



Each week there will a question for you to discuss at home. This is an excellent way for children to develop their ideas, articulate them and appreciate other points of view.

Can you remember a time when someone has been generous to you? How did this make you feel?

How do you feel when you share something or do something nice for someone?

Reminders



- **Reading Books and Reading Records**

Please remember that your child must bring their reading book and reading record book into school every day. We want to hear the children read as much as possible.

Please remember to hear your child read at home every day and sign their reading record book.

PTA

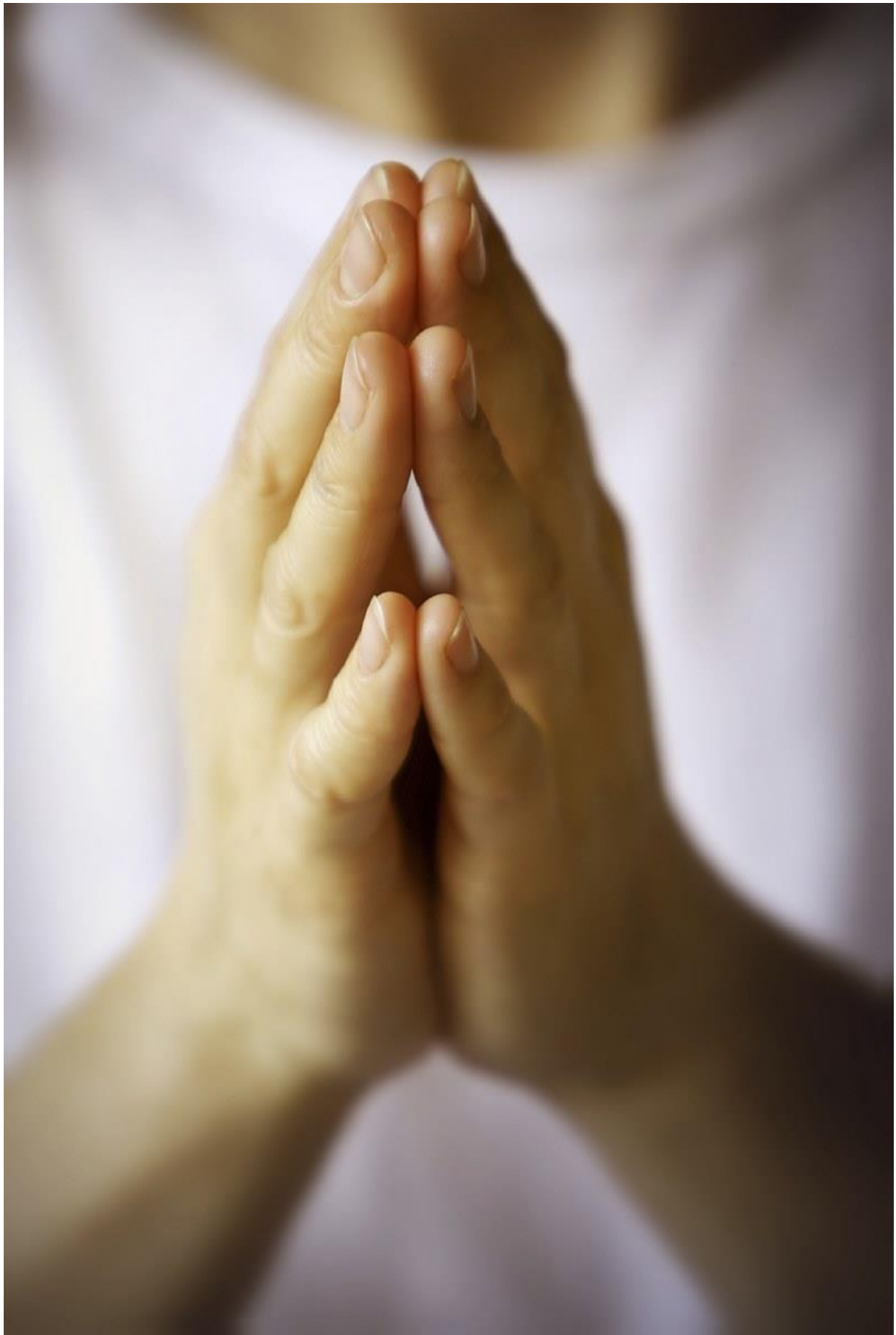


Our PTA raise important funds for the school whilst holding fun and creative events for all families to participate in.

If you have any questions about forthcoming events or how you could support the PTA , please email PTA@bisham.org.

To keep up to date with PTA events, please follow us on Facebook: Bisham C of E Academy Parents/Carers Group.

A prayer for the children



Dear God

You have given me so much.

Everything I have has been by You.

You are the giver of every good and perfect gift.

Your generosity knows no bounds.

Help me to be more like You.

Amen

[All Saints Church, Bisham](#)

Alpha

Come and join our first Alpha course at All Saints Bisham.

Alpha is a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. Everyone is welcome. Perhaps you have questions about your faith or maybe you are simply curious to find out more.

Following on from our wonderful Thursday Bible Study Group meetings, we plan to get together every other Thursday morning from 10am to 11.30am. Our first discussion will be 8th October - followed by 22nd Oct, 5th Nov, 19th Nov, 3rd Dec and finally 17th December. Please speak to Reverend Carol Cooper if you are interested or just want to find out a little bit more about what we shall be talking about or how it all works. You will be with friends and there is no pressure on anyone to say anything. Just coffee, cake and shared conversations.

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