

Bisham Church of England Academy Newsletter 3- 13th October 2026

Reflection

13th October 2026

The curriculum presentation for parents was held on Wednesday and provided an opportunity to meet the curriculum lead, Mrs Mitchell, and to strengthen the partnership between home and school through sharing our vision, intent and aspirations for the curriculum we offer our pupils. It enabled us to communicate not only what children learn, but also why they learn it and how we intend to equip them with the knowledge, skills and experiences they need to succeed.

The intention of our curriculum is to provide a broad, balanced, ambitious and engaging learning experience that develops pupils' knowledge, skills, understanding and curiosity about the world around them. Mrs Mitchell explained how we aim to ensure that learning is carefully sequenced, builds progressively on prior knowledge and provides opportunities for all pupils to achieve their full potential. Alongside academic achievement, our curriculum promotes creativity, independence, resilience, critical thinking and a love of learning, preparing pupils for the next stage of their education and for life beyond school.

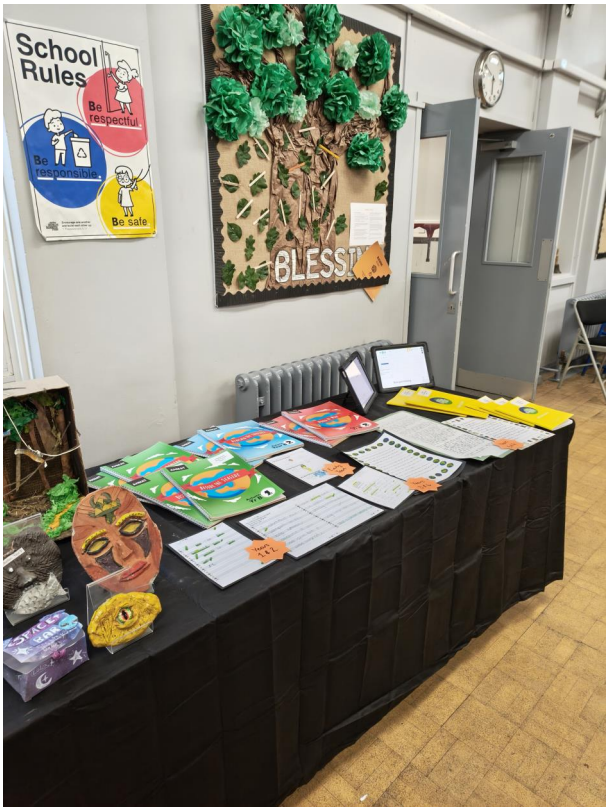
A key aspect of our curriculum is the importance we place on making learning immersive, meaningful and memorable. During the presentation, we highlighted the wide range of educational visits, trips and enrichment opportunities that are carefully linked to curriculum themes and learning objectives. These experiences bring learning to life beyond the classroom, allowing pupils to explore new environments, encounter real-life examples of their learning and make meaningful connections between classroom knowledge and the wider world. Whether visiting historical sites, museums, cultural venues, places of geographical interest or engaging in outdoor learning experiences, these opportunities help to deepen understanding, stimulate curiosity and create lasting memories. A big thank you to Mrs Mitchell for delivering such an informative presentation of the curriculum.

Mrs Brookman

Head of School


Hooke Court
On to VICTORY


WARNING
FIRE
SHUTTER
CLOSING
Sustainability Week


School Rules
Be respectful.
Be responsible.
Be safe.


Hooke Court



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



- 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 with 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 with 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



2nd October 2026

Stars of the Week:

Foundation - Alys and Amelia

Year 1 and 2 - Rosie and Khloe

Year 3 - Jacob and Eisa

Year 4 - Jenson and Olivia

Year 5 - Elodie and Ethan

Year 6 - Grace and Elijah

Dojo winners :

Foundation - Cassian

Year 1 - Rosie

Year 2 - Chloe

Year 3 - Ari

Year 4 - Albie

Year 5 - Hunter

Year 6 - Aryana

Playtime Award - Olivia

Headteachers Award - Freddie

9th October 2026

Stars of the Week:

Foundation - Effie and Macie

Year 1 - Jack and Croia

Year 2 - Jesse and Maya D

Year 3 - Paige and Arthur

Year 4 - Kaylan and Mae

Year 5 - Sienna and Jack

Year 6 - Sam and Naiyana

Dojo winners:

Foundation - Amelie

Year 1 - Maya D

Year 2 - Jesse

Year 3 - Ivy

Year 4 - Hazel and Olivia

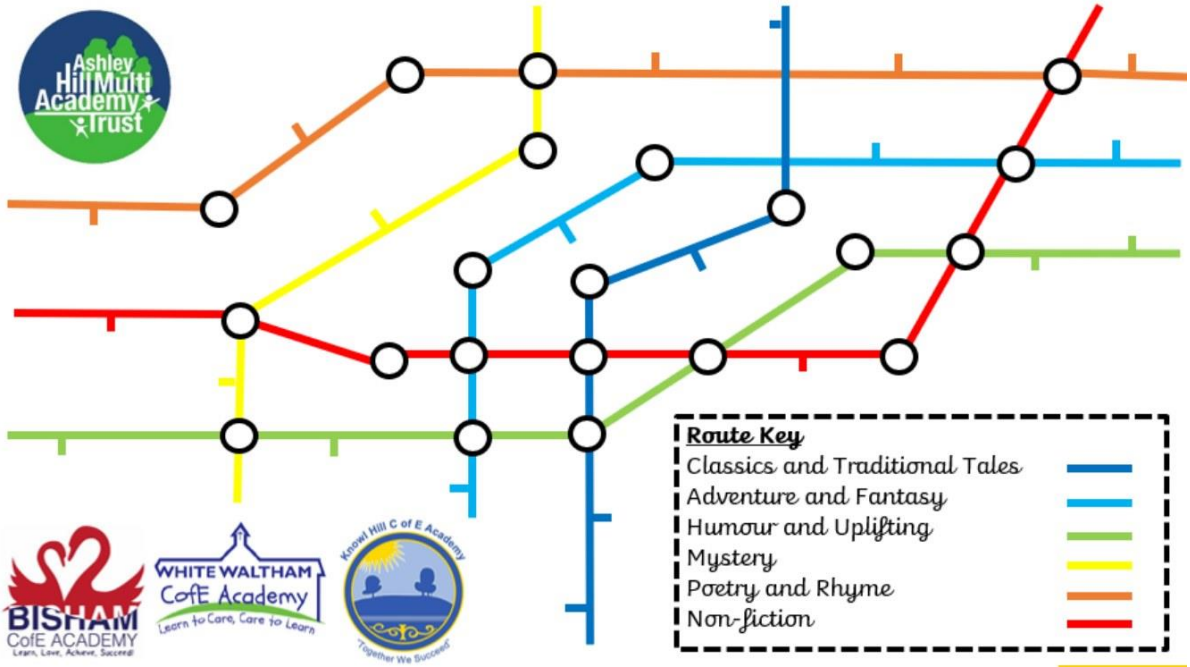
Year 5 - Jacob

Year 6 - Alice

Playtime Award - Lilly Anna

Headteachers Award - Annabelle

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.

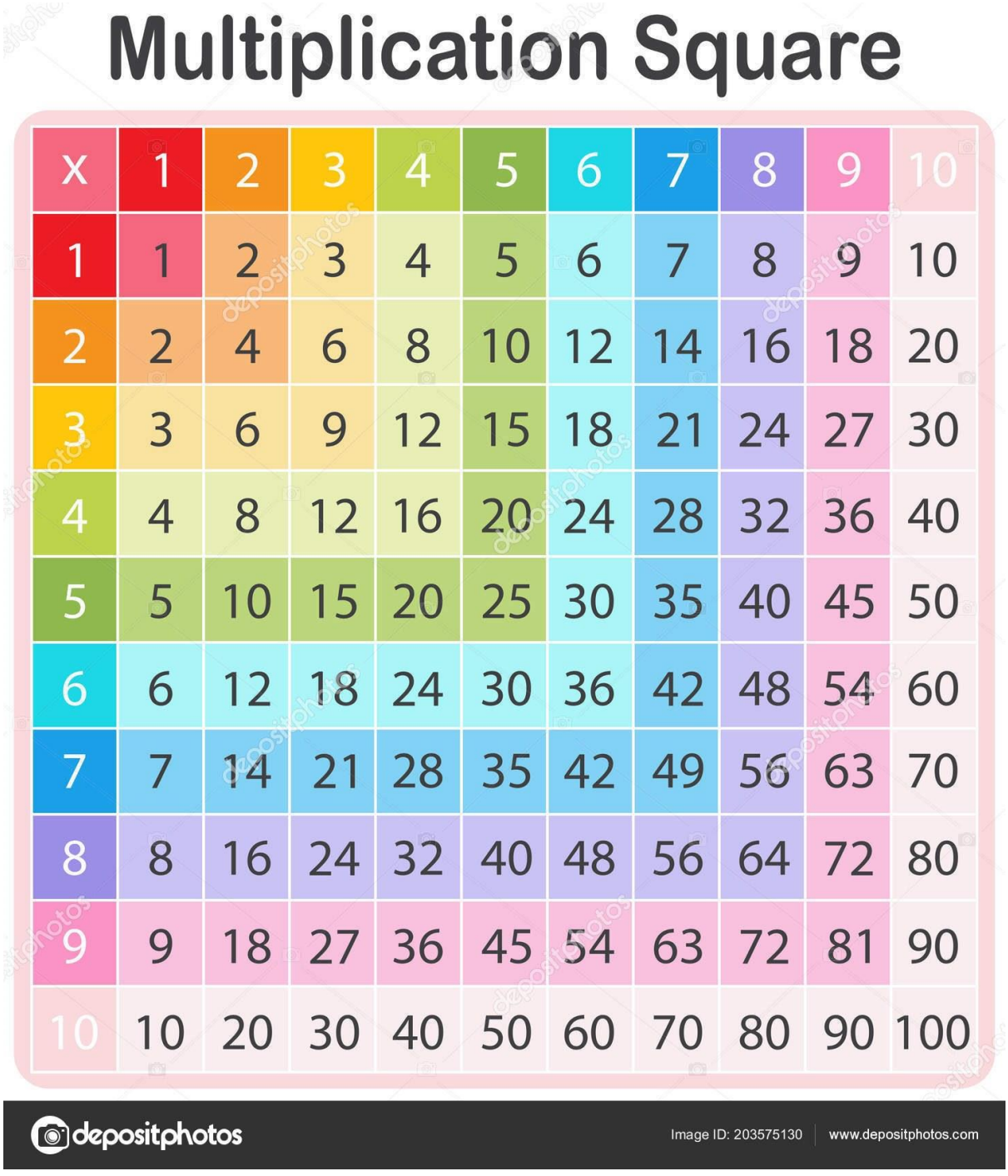
At school, we have shelves stocked with specially selected books for pupils to loan out and begin reading.

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 : Eisa, Arthur, Jesse

Times Tables



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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 Memorise: 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).

Awards: Kaylan, Olive, Alana, Josh, Arthur, Eisa, Hunter, Jacob, Eva, Charlie, Jack, Kaylan, Pera, Esther

Class Winner 2nd October 2026: Year 4

Class Winner 9th October 2026: Year 3

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



Department for Education Advice on Screen Time

Juggling family life and raising children in a digital world can be challenging. Find out more about how to support healthy screen habits for children under 5.

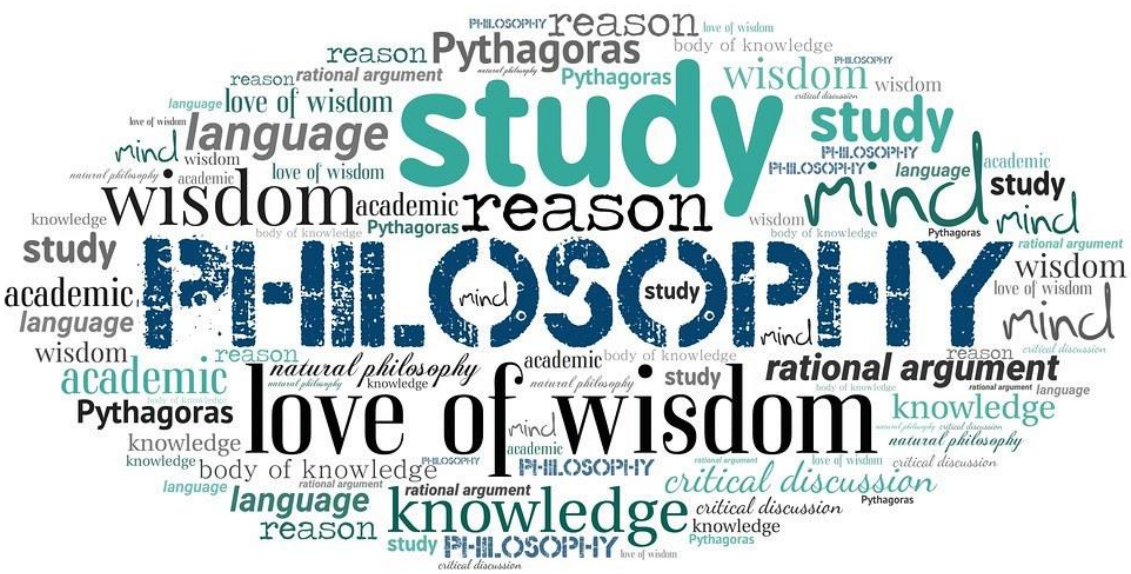
Please follow the link below for more information:

https://beststartinlife.gov.uk/screen-time-under-5s/?utm_source=Master+Audience&utm_campaign=36c0dd038a-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2024_10_25_09_57_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-1e2b793773-52432871

Host Families for Bethel University Students

In January 2027, we will be welcoming students from Bethel University to our school and other local schools. This is such an important part of teaching and life experience for these students and we are looking for families to host them while they stay here. Host families will be provided with funding to support the students stay. In the past, students have thoroughly enjoyed their time with families and some have made life long friendships with the hosts. If you would like to know more about this please contact Mrs Brookman for more details.

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.

If you could be any character from a book, who would you be and why?

Reminders



- **Labelling belongings**

Please remember to label all of your child's belongings. We already have a box full of lost property!

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

I pray for a friend who is kind, understanding and shares the same values as me. Help me to be a good friend in return and always show love and kindness.

Amen

All Saints Church, Bisham

Pews News

Would you like to receive Pews News? This news provides lots of information about what the church is involved in and how it supports the community. If you would like to be added to the mailing list please let Mrs Brookman know.

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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