



Friday 25th September 2026

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a **quieter, and slightly less exciting (!)**, start to the week here at Bishopstone, when compared to last Monday! But sometimes during the ordinary days we are reminded of the special things that make our school such a wonderful place to learn, grow and belong.

This week in Dragonfly Class, the children have been learning about the spread of Christianity and the Anglo-Saxons, understanding how prayer helps Jewish people connect to God, as well as using number lines in maths and writing diary entries.

This week in Acorn class, the children have been writing events in order from the story of Beegu, building and sequencing sentences, as well as finding out how Helen Keller made a difference in the world and what would happen if one of our senses didn't work. Their sense of smell was working on Wednesday when groups of children came sniffing up the stairs on their senses walk.

Today we celebrated our wonderful Teaching Assistants. Not only because they are all amazing human beings, but also because it is **National Teaching Assistant Day**.

Our fabulous team is instrumental to the life of our school, and it is impossible to imagine Bishopstone without them. They are not simply teaching assistants. They are *reading enablers, confidence builders, mood lifters, playground enthusiasts, problem solvers, listening ears and trusted adults* (to name just a few on their long list of job titles). Every day they go above and beyond to support our children, staff and families in countless ways. Schools thrive because of the dedication, care and commitment of people like them, and we are incredibly fortunate to have three such outstanding individuals on our team.

During our church worship and celebration service this morning, each of our Teaching Assistants were presented with a bouquet of flowers, receiving rapturous applause from the children, staff and parents gathered in the church. It was a small gesture of thanks for the enormous contribution they make to school life every single day. The school simply would not be the same without them.

ClassDojo Communication Reminder. Thank you to all families who have already joined ClassDojo and engaged with the communications sent out. ClassDojo is a valuable platform for sharing important class updates, celebrating achievements, and keeping you further informed about school life. If you have not yet joined via the link, please check the information sent home and sign up as soon as possible to ensure you receive all school communications. If you need any support accessing your account, please contact the school office.

We are looking to further develop our **Thankfulness Thursday Assemblies** by inviting parents and carers to share their careers and experiences with the children. Hearing about the wide range of jobs and opportunities within our school community helps to inspire and broaden children's understanding of the world of work. If you would be willing to come in and talk about your role or profession, we would love to hear from you. Please let us know via the school office.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Smith

Unmissable events coming up

September

27th – Swindon Half Marathon

28th – Swimming Year 5/6

30th – Governor's meeting

October

2nd – Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church 9.15am

13th – FOBS AGM 6.15pm in school.