



Bishopswood School Newsletter -
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As we head into the penultimate week of the school year, it's hard to believe how quickly the time has flown!

Despite the hot weather, we've made the most of it with plenty of water play, dancing through the sprinklers, and finding fun ways to keep cool. Many of us started the week a little bleary-eyed after staying up to watch the football, but it was certainly worth it and we're all looking forward to tomorrow's game! Fingers crossed!!!

Next week marks our final week in school, and we have lots of exciting events to celebrate another fantastic year together. On Monday we'll be cheering each other on at Sports Day, followed by the Year 11 Leavers' Assembly on Tuesday. Thursday brings our Year 6 Leavers' Assembly as we say farewell to another wonderful group of pupils, and we'll round off the year on Friday with class parties, corridor discos, and plenty of smiles as we celebrate all we've achieved together.

Here's to a fun-filled final week and making some wonderful last memories before the summer holidays!



Parent Survey results

A huge thank you to everyone who completed our Parent Survey. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us celebrate what we do well and identify where we can continue to improve. We

were especially pleased to receive our highest ever response rate, with 45 families taking part.

We've carefully considered all of your comments and suggestions and have shared them with staff, governors and leaders. Below you'll find our "You Said... We Did..." summary, showing how your feedback is shaping our priorities and the actions we will be taking over the coming year.

You Said... We Did...

Your feedback helps us grow, learn and make our school even better for your children.



Thank you for taking the time to complete our Parent Survey. Your feedback helps us celebrate what we do well and identify where we can continue to improve. We have carefully considered your comments and have identified five key priorities for the year ahead.

1



You said...

"Keep improving communication and help us understand our child's learning."

- Better communication with school
- More evidence of learning
- More opportunities to speak with leaders
- Timely updates

We will...

- Continue embedding Evidence for Learning (EFL). We recognise there has been some inconsistency whilst we have been training new staff to use the platform confidently. This will be a key focus from September to ensure all families receive regular, high-quality updates.
- Continue our popular parent coffee mornings, workshops and newsletters throughout the year.
- Review opportunities for more informal parent engagement, including drop-in sessions with leaders.
- Reinstate 1:1 catch-up sessions with the Headteacher, providing families with regular opportunities to discuss any questions or concerns.



2



You said...

"We'd like more trips, enrichment and wider experiences for our children."

- Trips and outings
- Enrichment opportunities
- Clubs and wider experiences

We will...

- This has already been a major area of development this year.
- Every class now takes part in half-termly curriculum-linked educational visits.
- Pupils regularly access the local community to develop travel training, independence and life skills.
- We've welcomed exciting visitors into school, including the visiting farm and ZooLab, and pupils have enjoyed watching ducklings and chicks hatch.
- We will continue to expand enrichment opportunities so pupils experience a broad, engaging and memorable curriculum.



3



You said...

"Continue developing independence, communication and life skills."

- Greater independence
- Communication skills
- Preparation for adulthood

We will...

- Introduce the Skills Builder Framework across the school from the next academic year, helping pupils develop essential life and employability skills.
- Continue to develop communication so every pupil has the tools they need to express their wants, needs and choices.
- Provide regular opportunities for pupils to access the community and apply their independence skills in real-life situations.
- Continue working closely with our therapy teams to support communication and personal development.



4



You said...

"The learning environment and secondary site remain important."

- The secondary site
- Learning environment
- Space
- Safety

We will...

- Continue to make improving our secondary provision one of our highest strategic priorities.
- Work with the Local Authority to pursue opportunities for a larger, more suitable learning environment for our older pupils.
- Continue making improvements to our existing sites to ensure they remain safe, welcoming and purposeful places to learn.



5



You said...

"We really value our caring, supportive staff."

- Caring relationships
- Professionalism
- Individual support
- Staff going above and beyond

We will...

- Continue investing in our staff through high-quality professional development.
- Further develop leadership across the school so we continue to build capacity for the future.
- Invest in the training and development of our teaching assistants and support staff, ensuring every child continues to receive the highest quality support.
- Continue to build a culture where staff feel valued, supported and able to provide the very best outcomes for our pupils.



We were delighted that 45 parents completed this year's survey, making it our highest response rate to date.



Thank you for your continued support.
Your feedback is invaluable in helping us shape the future of Bishopswood, and we look forward to continuing to work together to provide the very best education for every child.



Staff Information

This term we will be saying a fond farewell to Richard, our Behaviour Lead, who is moving on to take up a SENCO position in a mainstream school. Although we will miss his commitment and sense of humour, we are delighted to see him progressing in his career. We wish him every happiness and success in this well-deserved next chapter.

Holiday clubs

We know that many families have been asking for the return of our holiday clubs, and we appreciate your patience. We have been carefully reviewing how we can provide a high-quality, safe and engaging holiday provision that reflects the standards we expect for all of our pupils. Unfortunately, the essential roofing works at our primary site meant we were unable to launch the provision this summer. We are now working towards relaunching holiday clubs during the new academic year and look forward to sharing more details with you soon.



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