



Bishop Stopford School

Week Ending: 24 October 2025

NEWSLETTER



**Half Term
School Re-opens
on Monday 10 November
Week A**

Monday 10 November
Year 11 Collective Worship
7E and 7P: Govilon

Tuesday 11 November
Year 10 Collective Worship
Remembrance Day Service
Year 13 Progress review

Wednesday 12 November
Year 12 Collective Worship
Schools' Debating Competition

Thursday 13 November
Year 7 Collective Worship
GCSE Music Solo Recordings

Friday 14 November
Year 8 Communion
GCSE Music Solo Recordings

**Next week:
Week A**

**Assembly Theme:
Anti Bullying Week**

Black History Month

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Standing together in power and pride.

October marks Black History Month in the UK; a time dedicated to recognising and celebrating the contributions, achievements and experiences of black people throughout history. This year's theme reminds us of the importance of celebrating a shared heritage which is woven into the very fabric of our nation's story.

An understanding of the importance of Black History Month is vital for all members of our school community. It allows us to learn about remarkable individuals whose stories may have been overlooked – from Mary Seacole's pioneering work in nursing, to the Windrush Generation who helped rebuild post-war Britain. For many students, Black History Month is a celebration which affirms their identity and belonging. For all students, learning about black history develops empathy, challenges stereotypes and prepares them to be informed citizens in a multicultural society.

We are particularly proud that, this week, a group of sixth form students have organised and delivered assemblies to all year groups, presenting a range of influential figures from black history and their role in the ongoing journey to equality. These assemblies demonstrate the leadership, creativity and commitment of our students to making our inclusive school a place where everyone's story matters.

We are enjoying ending the half term by giving everyone at school the opportunity to celebrate themselves, their teachers and their peers at our annual Culture Day.

Mrs Smith



G.I.R.L. Group Girls in Real Life

The Chapel

- October 16th Where do I belong?
- December 4th Hopes & Expectations
- January 29th Self Worth

What does God say?



This week, we gathered in the Chapel to consider **Belonging**. Sixth form students led our Girl Group in a helpful, encouraging and gentle discussion. They drew on personal experience and opened their Bibles to share those Scriptures which have helped them in the past, or in the present.

We thought about what it means to be Children of God and part of his family, that we are known by Him and loved by Him. We also considered that Jesus knew what it was like to feel marginalised: 'He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.' (Isaiah 53:3)

Even in a strong and welcoming community like our school, it can be hard sometimes to find our place, especially in times of change.

It is so reassuring to those in Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 to hear the voices of students just slightly older, who can encourage them on their journey and assure them that 'in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be.' (1 Corinthians 12:18)

Mrs Hutchinson

Core Values

Our Core Values in Action awards recognise students for embodying our school's values in their local communities. We always love to celebrate their contributions which represent our school so well.

The following students receive CViA awards this week:

Sameen Javed, Anyi Mkwenti, Turis-Anna Aidoo, Angelin Sara Jacob, Adah Olanrewaju, Udelle Hopson, Candice Nyatsambo and Michaela Agyeman Bediako for preparing and delivering the Black History Month assembly.

Noah (7G) and Dexter Merrill (11W) participated in an organised litter pick in Barton Seagrave organised by Cllr John Currall.

Holly Gilray (7E), Rosie Anidi (7E), Mollie Lonergan (7E) and Olivia Tucker (7W) stopped to help a year 9 student at lunchtime who was upset and offered for the student to join their group, going out of their way to alert a teacher too.

If you know of a student who may be eligible for a Core Values in Action award, email newsletter@bishopstopford.com

Mrs Peach



Help your Bonfire Night go with a bang! (but a safe one)

At Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service and Northamptonshire Police, we would always say its best attend an organised fireworks display, but for those who are planning to use them at home, there are tips to remember to avoid accident or injury.

Using fireworks... some tips

Firstly, it sounds simple, but read the instructions on your fireworks. Light them at arm's length using a safety firework lighter or fuse wick. Everyone should stand well clear and never return to a lit firework. It's best to keep a bucket of water handy too. Fireworks should always be handled by adults. Sparklers are not suitable for children under five. Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves. Last tip - It can be a frightening time for pets, so keep furry and non-furry companions safe indoors and be mindful of the effects on pets in your neighbourhood.

Fireworks: knowing the law

Unfortunately, people sometimes use this time of year to misuse fireworks. Fireworks may be beautiful to watch but they can also cause devastating injuries to people and damage to property if they are used in the wrong way. Never throw them or store them unsafely, such as in a pocket.

The laws state:

- You can't buy fireworks if you're under 18.
- Fireworks cannot be set off between 11pm and 7am, except for Bonfire Night, when the cut off is midnight. On New Year's Eve, Diwali and Chinese New Year, the cut off is 1am.
- You must not set off or throw fireworks (including sparklers) in the street or other public places.
- You should only buy fireworks from registered dealers or licensed shops
- You can be fined an unlimited amount and imprisoned for up to six months for selling or using fireworks illegally. You could also get an on-the-spot fine of £90.

Bonfires - the safe way

Fireworks may often be the main feature of a seasonal display, but bonfires are also a major attraction.

- Before lighting a bonfire, always check the structure is sound and there are no small children or animals hiding inside.
- Position a bonfire away from sheds, fences and trees to avoid flames spreading.
- Never use petrol or paraffin to light a fire. A safer way is to use paper and solid firelighters in two or three places to ensure an even burn.
- Never burn dangerous rubbish such as foam-filled furniture, rubber, aerosols, tins of paint, pressurised gas cylinders, tyres and bottles.
- Have one person responsible for lighting the fire. That person, and any helpers, should wear suitable clothing such as a substantial outer garment made of wool or other low flammable material and strong boots or shoes.
- Never leave a bonfire unattended.

We hope you found our safety tips interesting and that you remember them when you have your celebrations. From everyone at NFRS and Northamptonshire Police, have a happy and safe Halloween and Bonfire Night.



Mrs Smith

Remembrance Service

Our Service will be led by staff and students and will be live streamed into all classrooms

November 11th
10:45 – 11:15

11th hour
11th day
11th month



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We will remember Together



GCSE Performance Summer 2025

Last week, the Department for Education published national data on performance at GCSE this summer. [Compare the performance of schools and colleges in England - GOV.UK](#)

We are delighted to let you know that in North Northants, Bishop Stopford School came top in all the performance measures. Not only that, we topped the tables in 3 of the measures for the whole of Northamptonshire and were either second or third for the remaining 3.

These outcomes are incredible – and really do reinforce the consistently high performance at our school. What is really important to remember, though, is that these results are the product of the whole 'Bishop' experience. I'm sure you would like me to thank staff on your behalf for all that they do to provide such a great 'all round' education which results in these incredible outcomes.

Miss Silverthorne

Relationship and Sex Education Policy

We invite parents and carers to share any feedback on our Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) policy for 2025-26. Your input is greatly valued and will help ensure our approach supports all pupils effectively.

A copy of the draft policy is available on the Edulink noticeboard.

Please send any comments to Laura Wood lwood@bishopstopford.com by Monday 10th November 2025.

Mr Smith

Councillor Emily Visits

Last week, Bishop Stopford School was delighted to welcome Councillor Emily Federowycz from Kettering and North Northamptonshire Council. Her visit sparked meaningful conversations with our Civil Society about how the Council can support youth-led initiatives and strengthen community ties within our school.

A key focus was **youth involvement in environmental action**—from improving recycling efforts at school to reimagining Kettering's town centre as a vibrant social space for the community. Emily shared how the Council is prioritising youth voices this year and encouraged students to take an active role in shaping the area.

As part of our commitment to kindness and civic spirit, we're inviting all students and staff to take part in our **micro action of the month**: *holding doors open for one another*. It's a small gesture with a big impact—reminding us that civil society begins with everyday respect.

Sophia and the Civil Society



Careers Fair

We held a Post-16 options morning for Year 11 to inform students about possibilities in Key Stage 5. Students engaged with our Sixth Form, local colleges and employers. All visitors commented on the exceptional behaviour of Year 11 students and were impressed by the questions and conversations they had.

We would also like to thank Bishop Alumnus, Lloyd Canfield, for his time and input about careers in journalism. If you would like to be part of the Careers Fair next year, contact cthurlby@bishopstopford.com



Miss Thurlby

Carol Service 2025 invitation



Our Carol Service is a highlight of our year as a Church of England school. We invite all parents to join us on Monday 1st December at our parish church, Ss Peter and Paul to reflect on advent and to anticipate the birth of Christ.

A wonderful part of the service is our staff and student choir who this year will sing the simple but beautiful Sussex Carol. Please encourage your children to join the choir for this occasion. We look forward to hearing them in December.

Rehearsals for students:

Thursday 20th Nov 3.30pm – 4.00pm in MU1

Tuesday 25th Nov 3.30pm – 4.00pm in MU1

Mrs Armstrong

Non-Uniform Day

A non-uniform Day for **Children in Need** and a local charity is being held on Friday 14th November. A minimum donation of £1.00 per student is suggested. We will be sending a link to pay via ParentPay in the new term.



Miss Curchin

National Gallery Art Trip

On Monday, Year 11 and 13 art students visited the National Gallery in London to attend a workshop exploring colour. The guided session began by looking at different aspects of colour theory and how artists apply and use colour in their work to suggest a feeling or mood.

From an initial exercise focusing on creating swatches of colour inspired by the paintings, students developed an abstract composition which explored shape and form. Ideas from the workshop will be further developed in class as part of their coursework module. It was fantastic to see the students engaging with the guide and embracing activities.

Whilst touring the gallery we also got to see first hand some of the most iconic and celebrated artworks from western Europe, including work by Monet, Rembrandt, Van Gogh and Seurat.

Lucy Wilson (11E) said "It was very educating. I got to see the famous *Sunflowers* by Vincent Van Gogh, as well as some new artists to inspire me in my work."

Louise Welland (13D) said "Witnessing these historical paintings up close and so intimately left me awestruck."



Mrs Baker

Figure Skating Success

Congratulations to Esmee Radcliffe (12S2) in her figure skating competition. She came third in her category and exceeded the technical score needed to move up to Level 3, which was an amazing achievement as it was the first time she has skated at Level 2 with a completely new routine.

Mrs Styles

Music Congratulations

Congratulations to Miya Phillip (9W) for an outstanding 74.75 in her grade 4 theory exam.

Mrs Armstrong



Maths Challenge finalists

This year saw a record breaking number of students being able to sit the Senior Maths Challenge. Over 180 students in Year 11, 12 and 13 were entered and sat the challenge on 9th October. We are delighted to share that 55 students secured a Bronze, 28 a Silver and 6 a Gold. These 6 students have made it through to the next round which takes place in November.

12E1 Samuel Baynes
12W2 Raiyan Elahi

13G Danny Atkinson
13E Yousaf Bari

13P Louis Balding
13S Ewan Mitchell

Mr Lewis



Linguist of the Term

7C Albert Albertusiak
7D Hasan Raza
7E Jersey-Bow Wildman
7G Aaryun Kang
7P Sumaiyah Begum
7S Rares Miraute
7W Edward Harker
7Y Senudi Wanshanatha

10E Malarseha Sivesanaraj
10D Elijah Borbor
10W Eli Verity
10S Mawuli Dacosta
10G Ruthann Amoateng
10Y Farron Vonhof-Small
10W Michaela Zongoro
10P Bobby Campbell
10E Caleb Danso

8W Kareem Helal
8C Jonathan Cute Selvakumar
8E Anna Anu
8G Krishna Acharya
8D Evalyn Hogg
8W Nneka Onunkwo-Okodaso
8S Charlotte Leigh
8G Lloyd Brandon
8D Andrei Ierina
8C Reuben Coe
8P Alexa Brett
8G Methuli Munasinghe Balagodage

11P Ava Rogers-Hussey
11E Maya Tinney
11G Matthew Kemp
11C Oliver Stenson

9C Mohamed Helal
9T Thomas Pickford
9S Akua Boateng
9E Daniel Counsell
9D Jacob Batchelor
9Y Anopaishe Nhariswa
9P Beatrice Frost
9G Liya Sujith
9W Katie Hailes
9Y Natania Fredy
9E Liam Adam
9S Indi Deag

11G Lauren Hillman-Gamble
11S Harriet Manning
11Y Millan Montgomery
11P Ayodeji Ajiboluwa
11P Otorvwe Tadafe

Health and Social Care Student of the Term

10E Chloe Perkins
10C Jack Bullivant
10P Eryn Billingham
10C Lily Martin
10Y Celia Taylor
10G Grace Thompson
10C Clarice Whitney

10W Eli Verity
10Y Rayna Shergill
10G Bea Warren
10C Rebecca Bubeer
10G Elliana Kusogbo
10Y Samaa Mansour Ibrahim
10P Alex Mitchell

11S Sam Tomlin
11S Albio Biju
11P Maria Ignat
11C Kalyssa Mullaney
11G Penny Turner
11G Alyssa Leveridge
11Y Imogen Dodds

11S Zak Jones
11S Neha Mathew
11W Rosie McNab
11Y Gagandeep Kaur

English Scholars of the Term

7C Henry Smith
7E Jersey-Bow Wildman
7G Leeroy Jama-Sibanda
7P Masha Zianhirova
7S Francesca Palmiero
7W Matthew Banham-Hall
7Y Alfie Kean

8C Andrew Mlengandale
8C Jennifer Joy
8C Aroush Tahir
8Y Zara Duncan
8G Harleen Johal
8E Annabelle Mitchell
8E Molly Westley
8S Fionn Darby

9D Daanveer Basra
9Y Elma Owiredo
9W Ava Balding
9S Matthew Olupitan
9S Benjamin Hodges
9E Daniel Counsell
9E Beatrice Cooper

10C Daniel Pearson
10C Emma Banham-Hall
10Y Miley McGowan
10D Conor Smith
10E Alana Hollwey
10S Isla Gray
10E Jai Singh
10E Eliana Sowah-Adjete

11C Chloe Partidge
11E George Mears
11C Emily Barritt
11E Georgia Masiri
11S Euan Templeman
11Y Carmelo Chowanski
11W Sofia Scioli Rodrigues
Dos Santos
11Y Ruby Arthur

12E1 Gabriel Chiriack
12N2 Sophie Banks
13C Riya Mathew
13Y Angelin Jacob



Sixth Form Open Evening



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Sixth Form Open Evening



Tuesday 18th November 2025
5.30pm – 8.00pm

Presentation: 5.45pm, repeated at 6.30pm

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Headlands, Kettering,
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www.bishopstopford.com

Limited parking available on school site.
Alternative **Free Parking** at Cornmarket Hall
London Road, Kettering, NN15 7QA (10-minute walk)

Bishop Stopford Sixth Form Open Evening

- **Tuesday 18 November 5:30pm - 8pm**

Moulton College Open Days

- **Saturday 11 October, Sunday 15 November, Saturday 24 January, Saturday 14 March, Saturday 13 June 9am – 1pm**

Northampton College Open Day and Evening

- **Saturday 4 November 10am – 1pm**
- **Wednesday 8 November 5pm – 7:30pm**

Tresham College Open Evening

- **Thursday 23 October 5pm – 8pm**

Kindly review the websites of local schools to identify additional Sixth Form open evenings



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We currently have the following exciting opportunity for an outstanding and ambitious individual:

Senior Science Technician

The successful candidate will work alongside colleagues, senior staff and governors and will contribute to unlocking students' unique potential.

We hope you are excited by the opportunity to work with us. We look forward to hearing from you.

















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WEEK 3

Week Commencing: 20/10/2025 10/11/2025 01/12/2025 22/12/2025 12/01/2026
02/02/2026 23/02/2026 16/03/2026 06/04/2026

CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY

CLASSIC MAIN MEALS

VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS

MONDAY

BBQ Chicken Served with Salt & Peppers Wedges, Garden Peas

TUESDAY

Chicken Arrabbiata Pasta Bake

WEDNESDAY

Roast Shoulder of Pork, Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables & House Gravy

THURSDAY

Chicken Korma with Pilau Rice & Coriander Salad

FRIDAY

Chip Shop 'Fryday' Fish, Pizza or Fishcake & Chips with Peas and Tartare Sauce

MONDAY

Chipotle Quorn Dippers with Salt & Pepper Wedges & Garden Peas (V)

TUESDAY

Crunchy Topped Macaroni Cheese and House Salad (V)

WEDNESDAY

Cheesy Roasted Squash & Parsnip Crumble. Served with Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy (V)

THURSDAY

Cauliflower Bhaji with Pilau Rice & Mint Yogurt (V)

FRIDAY

Crispy Onion Pakora Burger Served with Mango Slaw, Chips & Peas (VE)

DESSERTS

MONDAY

Sticky Lemon Sponge

TUESDAY

Mixed Berry & Apple Crumble

WEDNESDAY

Jam Roly Poly & Custard

THURSDAY

Banana Pudding & Custard

FRIDAY

Hot Chocolate Rocky Road

Fruit and Jelly Pots Available Daily

HOMEMADE SOUP & FRESHLY BAKED BREAD Available Daily

JACKET POTATOES Topped with a Choice of: Cheese, Tuna or Beans Available Daily

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Switch up your flavours with our street food-inspired range, available Tuesday to Thursday. With weekly rotating choices, there's always something tasty.

Choose a base, add protein, and top it your way!

Visit the restaurant to check out what's on offer each week

NATURALLY

MONDAY

Buffalo Cauliflower Wings, Served with Salt & Pepper Wedges (V)

TUESDAY

Vegan Singapore Noodles (V)

WEDNESDAY

Hot Falafel Buddha Bowl (V)

THURSDAY

Onion Bhaji Skewer with Bombay Potatoes (VE)

FRIDAY

Garlic & Chilli Noodles (VE)

TRATTORIA

MONDAY

Tomato & Basil Pasta

TUESDAY

Pasta in a Cheese Sauce

WEDNESDAY

Margherita or Pepperoni Pizza

THURSDAY

Creamy Pesto Pasta

FRIDAY

Margherita Pizza

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