



Bishop John Robinson CofE Primary School Spring 1 2026 Newsletter

Our School Vision

Be the best we can. Join in learning, play and prayer. Remember God's word.



Theme: People Jesus Meets

Bible Verse: "A light to bring hope to everyone." Luke 2:32

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the Spring 1 term, I want to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful progress our children have made. It is truly heartening to see our school motto, "*Be the best we can,*" being lived out daily in our classrooms, the playground and the wider community.

This term has been a season of discovery. From the fantastic geographical enquiries in Key Stage 1 and 2 to the wonderful creative writing emerging across the school, the children have truly "Joined in Learning." I have been particularly impressed with the significant progress in Reading this term, with many children moving through our reading scheme levels as they develop greater fluency and confidence. The children's "can-do" attitude is a testament to the supportive environment you help us build from home.

Our Collective Worship focus this term, 'People Jesus Meets,' has provided a beautiful framework for our school community to reflect on our core Christian values. By exploring these biblical encounters, the children have deepened their understanding of hope, community, joy, and dignity, seeing how the compassion of Jesus transformed the lives of everyone he touched, regardless of their status. These stories have sparked thoughtful discussions in our classrooms, encouraging our pupils to recognise the inherent dignity in one another and to find joy in our shared school community. It has been inspiring to watch the children apply these lessons on the playground and in their learning, demonstrating how we can all be a source of hope and kindness to those we meet every day.

As we bring this productive and rewarding half-term to a close, I wish you all a safe, restful and happy half-term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for Spring 2 on the 23rd of February 2026 as we begin our journey toward the Easter season.

Thank you for your continued support and for being such an integral part of the Bishop John Robinson family.

Kind regards,
Ms Sarah Biney
Headteacher





Our Term Dates

Fri 13 th Feb	School Closes at 3:15pm
Mon 16 th Feb – Fri 20 th Feb	Half Term
Mon 23 rd Feb	Pupils Return
Fri 27 th Mar	School Closes at 1:40pm
Mon 30 th Mar – Fri 10 th Apr	Easter Holidays
Mon 13 th Apr	Pupils Return
Mon 4 th May	Early May Bank Holiday
Fri 22 nd May	School Closes at 3:15pm
Mon 25 th May – Fri 29 th May	Half Term
Mon 1 st Jun	Pupils Return
Fri 17 th Jul	School Closes at 1:40pm
Mon 20 th Jul	Inset Day
Tue 21 st Jul – Fri 28 th Aug	Summer Holidays

Easter Food Bank

Spreading Hope in Our Community

As we approach the Easter season—a time of new life, reflection, and looking out for one another—we are launching a special food bank collection to support families in our local area. At Bishop John Robinson, we believe that "let all that you do be done in love," and your incredible generosity always shines through during these appeals.

From **Monday 23rd February 2026** to **Friday 13th March 2026**, we will be collecting items to help ensure everyone in our community can enjoy a happy and comfortable Easter break.

What we are looking for:

While all non-perishable donations are welcome, the food bank has highlighted a particular need for:

Easter Treats: Chocolate eggs, bunnies, or small multipacks of treats to bring a smile to a child's face.

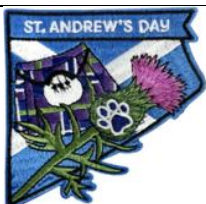
Store-Cupboard Essentials: Tinned meat/fish, UHT milk, long-life fruit juice, and pasta sauces.

Toiletries: Deodorant, shampoo, and toothpaste.

Every single tin or treat makes a real difference. Thank you for your continued kindness and for helping our pupils understand the power of compassion in action.



Our Houses



Total House Points for Spring 1 = 4152

Head of House
Mrs Townsend



Total House Points for Spring 1 = 4968

Head of House
Miss Broad



Total House Points for Spring 1 = 4177

Head of House
Mrs Linge



Total House Points for Spring 1 = 4310

Head of House
Mrs Newsham

The winning house for Spring 1 with 4968 points is...
St David's House!

School Opening and Closing Times

Polite Reminder: The gate times for pupils will continue to be as follows:

8:40am – Front gate will open

8:50am – Front gate will close. Children arriving after this time must come to the school office.

11:40am – Morning session Nursery dismissal (via the EYFS gate)

12:10pm – Afternoon session Nursery arrival (via the EYFS gate)

3:10pm – EYFS and KS1 dismissal

3:15pm – KS2 dismissal

In line with our school values, we want every child to have the best possible start to their day. Lateness is detrimental to learning and disrupts the whole class. To avoid the need for formal attendance meetings or fixed penalty notices, please ensure your child arrives promptly each morning.



BJR PTA

We are delighted to announce that our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) has now been officially formed! This is a fantastic milestone for our school community, providing a dedicated space for parents and staff to work together to enhance our children's educational experience.

Our very first meeting took place on 13th February, where we began discussing our mission to

- Build a Stronger Community: Fostering closer links between home and school life.
- Support Learning: Raising vital funds for resources and "extras" that fall outside the standard school budget.
- Organise Fun Events: Creating lasting memories for our pupils through engaging activities and celebrations.

Get involved

A proactive PTA is the "heart of the school". It gives parents a voice in school improvements and can improve student performance by increasing parental engagement.

Whether you can lead a project, an assembly or simply spare half an hour to help at a stall, your contribution makes a massive difference. If you would like to join us or learn more, please contact Mr Elegbede via the school office.

Parking with Care: Living Our Values

As a school, we pride ourselves on our Christian values, and we ask that the values of Trust, Compassion, and Community are kept in mind during the busy drop-off and pick-up periods.

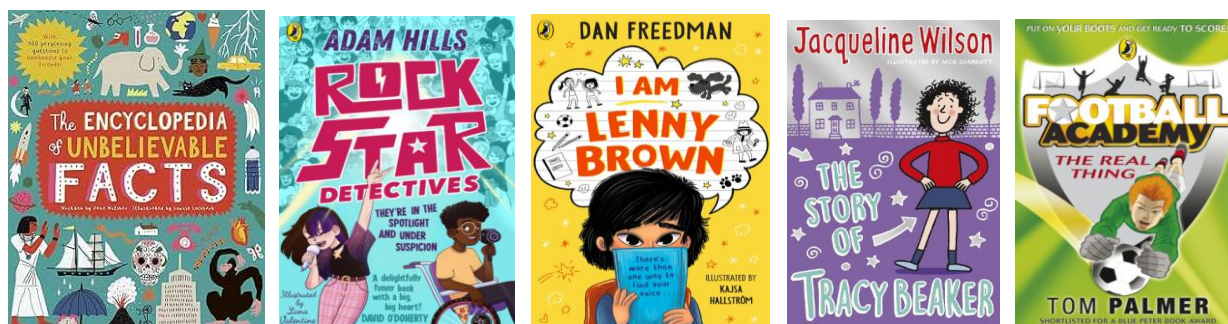
To show Compassion for our local residents, please ensure that driveways are never blocked and that pavements remain clear for pedestrians and prams. By following road markings and parking safely, we maintain the Trust of our neighbours and, most importantly, ensure the safety of every child in our community. Let us work together to make the school run a positive experience for everyone!



Spring 2 Books

Our Monday Collective Worship would not be the same without our tradition of diving into a brand-new book! This weekly highlight continues to be a cornerstone of our school life, where we gather to explore a new blurb and uncover the powerful messages hidden within the pages.

It is always a joy to hear our pupils' insightful reflections on how these stories link to their own lives and our shared values. Below are the wonderful titles that have been capturing our imaginations and inspiring our school community throughout this term!



Through our weekly book introductions, we have seen a surge in reading enthusiasm. These sessions are vital for developing communication skills and helping pupils see our school values reflected in the literature they enjoy.

Key Dates for Spring 2

Trips and other key dates will be sent to you once confirmed

Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Competition	25 th February 2026
Year 5 Science Event at Woolwich Polytechnic	26 th February 2026
Year 4 Trip to Tump 53	27 th February 2026
Year 5 Robotics (Computing) at Woolwich Polytechnic Girls'	4 th March 2026
Year 2 Cutty Sark Trip	5 th March 2026
World Book Day	6 th March 2026
Year 5 Food Technology	6 th March 2026
Year 1 Science Museum Trip	16 th March 2026
St Patrick's Day	17 th March 2026
Parents' Evening	17 th March 2026
Year 5 Robotics (Computing) at Woolwich Polytechnic Girls'	18 th March 2026
Year 5 Food Technology	20 th March 2026
Easter Parties	26 th March 2026
Easter Ball	26 th March 2026
Easter Service	27 th March 2026
Last Day	27 th March 2026 (school ends at 1:40)





School Uniform

Please ensure your child attends school each day with the correct uniform:

- All pupils in EYFS and Key Stage 1 must wear a white polo shirt and jumper / cardigan with the school logo.
- Children in EYFS or Key Stage 1 should not wear a school tie.
- Pupils in Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) must wear either a polo shirt or a collared blouse or shirt with school tie.
- Pupils are allowed to wear grey trousers or shorts, a grey skirt or checked summer dress.
- **PE Kit for all pupils (Years 1-6) is black jogging bottoms with a white t-shirt / polo shirt and black plimsolls / trainers**
- Year 1-6 black school shoes.
- EYFS children black trainers (at all times).
- **Please ensure all uniform is clearly labelled to avoid loss of clothing.**

Looking After Our School Kit

At Bishop John Robinson, we want to help our pupils take pride in their uniform and look after their belongings. We regularly chat with the children during Collective Worship and in class about the importance of being responsible—reminding them to always hang their coats and jumpers back on their pegs if they take them off during a busy playtime.

Our team does a daily sweep of the playground after play and any "homeless" items are taken to Lost Property. Please do check there if something has gone missing. Lost property is cleared out at the end of every half term.

A Friendly Reminder on Brands

While we take great care to help children manage their things, items are brought to school at the owner's risk. We kindly suggest that high-end designer brands are kept for home use. This helps prevent any upset or "tummy flips" for the children if a favourite item gets misplaced or accidentally swapped during the day. Our goal is to keep everyone's focus on learning and play!