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1.	<p>Form Time Program</p>  <p><i>Discover the Joy of Reading: The 'Reading for Pleasure' session will take us into the rich world of Chinese literature, exploring stories that resonate with the theme of Chinese New Year.</i></p>
2	<p style="text-align: center;">Lunch Time clubs</p> <p>Hair Care Club Exciting News! A brand-new after-school Hair Care Club is launching at Bishop's! This club is all about celebrating and caring for Afro-Caribbean hair while learning how to create stunning styles. Each student will receive a head mannequin and all the tools needed, including a hair dryer and styling equipment. If you're interested in joining, let your form tutor know today! There are limited spaces.</p> <p>Film Club (Tuesday Lunchtime, E18) Movies showing during the month of January/February:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kung Fu Panda 2. Mulan 3. Over the Moon 4. The Monkey King 5. Abominable



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	<p>6. Wish Dragon</p> <p>Contact Ms Prempah for more information.</p> <p>Art Club (Thursday Lunchtime, Art Room)</p> <p>The Art Club will be exploring elements of Chinese New Year. For more information please contact Mr Keating.</p> <p>Bishop's Bakes (Week 1 Wednesday Lunchtime, E7)</p> <p>You will be cooking up a storm in E7 with some egg noodle Stir Fry! Speak to Ms Asongafeh for more information</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">What's Cooking in The Pantry?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday - Kung Pao Chicken & Egg Fried Rice</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday - Katsu Curry Stir Fry Vegetables with Steamed Rice</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday - Vietnamese Chicken Noodles, Steamed Vegetable & Prawn Crackers</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday - Teriyaki Chicken, Vegetable Chow Mien</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday - Sweet & Sour Chicken, Salt and Pepper Chips</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Chinese New Year</p> <p>The Chinese new year will start in the new year of 2025. This will be hosted on Wednesday, January 29th 2025 and will conclude on February 2nd 2025. This will be the year of the snake. The colour for 2025 will be a deep, ruby red that adds warmth and a rich allure.</p> <p>The theme for Chinese New Year will be introspection, strategic planning and personal growth.</p> <p>Here's a look at some of the key foods central to Lunar New Year feasts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Noodles: To Live Long and Prosper ● Citrus Fruits: For Luck and Prosperity ● Sweet Rice Balls for Unity ● Golden Spring Rolls for Prosperity ● Fish: For Abundance ● Bánh Chung: Connection Between Heaven and Earth ● Dumplings: Pockets of Prosperity



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	<p>On Chinese New Year people wear a red Qipao dress with a dragon or embroidery or a dragon Pankou (a dragon dress).</p> <p>What clothing will you wear to celebrate this year's Chinese new year ?</p> <p>By Neti Tuti Kimbondo (Y8)</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ramadan</p> <p>Ramadan will start in the evening of Friday, 28 Feb 2025. Ramadan, the ninth month of the Muslim calendar, is one of the most sacred times for Muslims. It is the month in which it is believed that the Holy Qur'an was sent down from heaven "as a guidance for men and women, a declaration of direction, and a means of salvation."</p> <p>Essential times of prayer:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. After the first light and before sunrise. (Fajr) 2. Between the sun reaching its zenith and mid-afternoon (Dhuhr) 3. Between mid-afternoon and sunset (Asr) 4. After the full setting of the sun (Maghrib) 5. In the dark of the night (Isha) <p>by Cagla Yamin (Y11)</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Prosperity Hunt</p> <p>During the 29th January and the 2nd February, we will be having a Chinese New Year Prosperity Hunt. During one of these days, red envelopes will be placed around the school with chocolate coins inside.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Will you be lucky enough to find one?</p> <p>During Lunar New Year, it's very common for Chinese people to give the gift of a red envelope (known as 红包, hóngbāo in Mandarin, or 利是, lai-see in Cantonese) to friends and family. These long, narrow envelopes are filled with money and symbolise good wishes and luck for the new year ahead. While hóngbāo is used in Chinese-speaking communities, "hangpao" is common in Southeast Asian countries like Malaysia, Singapore, and the Philippines.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Why do people give red envelopes during Chinese New Year?</p> <p>The custom of giving red envelopes originates from another Chinese New Year legend about a demon named 'Sui'. The mythical monster would come and pat children's heads while they were sleeping, resulting in the children being scared and developing a high fever. This led to parents trying to keep their children awake all night on New Year's Eve</p>

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	<p>to protect them from Sui. Legend has it that in one particular year, a child was given eight coins to play with to keep him awake throughout the night. He eventually fell asleep with the coins resting on his pillow. However, when Sui appeared and tried to pat the child's head, the coins produced a powerful light that frightened the monster away.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Sending out a massive thank you to Ambassadors Mr Keating and Mr Winter who worked really hard on our diversity display which is now up in the Maths Corridor.</p> 
<p>8.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1 Corinthians 12:12-27</p> <p style="text-align: center;">One Body with Many Members</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body”</p>