



Bishop Stopford's School

Brick Lane, Enfield, Middlesex, EN1 3PU

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another busy and rewarding term, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a joyful and peaceful Christmas. This season offers a chance to pause, reflect on our achievements, and celebrate the hard work and growth of our pupils and staff. At its heart, Christmas is about love, peace, and the spirit of giving. As the Bible reminds us, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35), a message that resonates deeply with the values we cherish here at Bishop Stopford's.

Our Christmas meal, enjoyed by all on Wednesday 17th December, was a wonderful occasion with the full works, including delicious stuffing, bringing warmth and festive cheer to the whole school community.

Spreading joy and goodwill, our Christmas Carol Service on 15th December was a joyous event that brought together students from our local primary schools alongside our own choir, whose singing filled the hall with love and festive spirit. Speeches from both staff and students enriched the occasion, culminating in a heartfelt celebration of the season's true meaning.

Our Christmas newsletter will be published on our website this week, highlighting the exciting events and memorable visits that have taken place so far this term. We hope you enjoy reading about the wonderful experiences our students have shared and the festive activities that have made this season so special. Please find the newsletter here: <https://www.bishopstopfords.enfield.sch.uk/news-and-events/newsletters>

In the spirit of giving, Bishop Stopford's is supporting the Jamaica Relief Fund on Friday 19th December. Staff and students who donate £1 on this day will be allowed to wear their trainers to school, though please note that crocs, flip flops, or non-school uniform items are not permitted. This charity event supports the Jamaican Government's Official Hurricane Relief Fund, with all contributions consolidated alongside other schools. We also continue to support Crisis, a major UK charity committed to ending homelessness through direct support in housing, training, and health.

Please remember that you are never alone during the Christmas period and can access support from a range of organisations, details of which are attached to this letter.

Regarding the final day of term on Friday 19th December, all students will attend morning registration and lessons as usual. Selected Year 7 to 13 students will be participating in a rewards breakfast during period 1. All students will be participating in a Christmas quiz in their form groups after break before being dismissed between 12:05pm and 12:20pm.

We ask that all students return refreshed and ready to learn when school resumes **on Monday 5th January 2026 at 8:30am**, beginning with registration and following a week 2 timetable. Please ensure your child arrives on time, in correct uniform, and equipped for learning.

Finally, I would like to wish all of the Bishop Stopford's family, a very merry Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

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Last day of term arrangements; Friday, 19th December

AM Registration	All students in AM registration
Period 1 (8:55am – 9:55am)	All students in their period 1 lessons Except Year 7 – 13 students who are taking part in the rewards breakfast
Period 2 (9:55am – 10:55am)	All students in their Period 2 lessons
Break time – FSM students to get food at break time	
Period 3 (11:15am – 12:15am)	<u>Year 7 to 13</u> All students will be in their form groups Christmas Quiz for form groups to complete

End of term leaving times

- Students will be released to go home in year groups: -
 - 12:05pm – Year 9
 - 12:10pm – Year 10
 - 12:15pm – Year 7 & 8
 - 12:15pm – Years 12 & 13
 - 12:20pm – Year 11

Spring Term Arrangements

We look forward to our return to school in the New Year on **Monday 5th January 2026 at 8.30am**.

Students **will arrive at 8.30am** and attend registration with their form tutors. We will be returning to a **week 2 timetable**. Please do ensure that your child arrives on time and that they are well prepared for the year ahead with correct uniform and the required equipment to facilitate learning.

Food Banks

Listed below is some useful information on food banks within the Enfield Area: -

North Enfield Food Bank

Address: 2, Jubilee Central, Lumina Way, Enfield EN1 1FS

Phone: [07826 542119](tel:07826542119)

Solidarity Food Point

Address: Great Cambridge Rd, London N9 9LE

Phone: [020 8245 8482](tel:02082458482)

The Trussell Trust Food Bank

Address: 2 Lumina Way, Enfield EN1 1FS

Phone: [07826 542119](tel:07826542119)

<https://www.itsgoodtwotalk.co.uk>

<https://www.childline.co.uk>

<https://www.kooth.com>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/>

<http://www.bishopstopfords.enfield.sch.uk/well-being-2/>