



## Reach Higher, Think Deeper, Love Wider

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It gives us joy to say- Happy Spring everyone! These warmer and brighter days have put a spring in our step and we hope it continues over the Easter holiday. As we end this half term, we would like to feedback and share the joy of some of the achievements that have occurred at Bishop Pursglove.

**Lots has been happening over the last few weeks:**

### Funding Achieved- Reach Higher

The school has been successful in obtaining a £2000 grant from Peak National Park Foundation. These vital funds will be used to improve our outdoor pond area to make an inspiring and ecological educational space. A huge thank you to our fantastic parents and friends of Tideswell who have cleared and improved this outdoor area this term. Now we can see the frog life teeming in the water and the children are already fascinated.



### The Hockey and Dance Festival- Reach Higher



Y5/6 represented the school in a local hockey tournament that was hosted at school and won second place in the final. They played well and showed great sportsmanship throughout the day, despite the awful weather! Well done Y5/6! Y3/4 got to stay in the warm and took part in the dance festival on the same afternoon. We were so impressed with their team spirit and they represented the school so well! They were awarded the 'Passion' trophy, which was a very proud moment.

### KS1 assessments

This Summer we are opting out of students sitting the KS1 SATs. The children will be assessed in school using our standard methods which are thorough and accurate.

## The National Year of Reading



### National Year of Reading 2026

At Bishop Pursglove we are embracing the year of reading. Each month we are enjoying a special event that promotes the enjoyment of reading. So far this year we have:

- January- Enjoyed a reading café in our lovely library area.
- February- National Storytelling Week, thank you greatly to all the parents and carers who came into school to read to the children.
- March- World Book Day, thank you for supporting the

children to dress up as a fabulous word! We had fun with a vocabulary parade and enjoying books all day. Our special assembly featured a 'masked reader' book quiz. The potato book characters were amazing! Thank you for entering.

Please stay posted for our next reading activities. Happy reading everyone!

## Children's Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week takes place every February. It started in 2015 to give a voice to all children and young people and to raise awareness of children and young people's mental health. This year we focused on discussing our sense of belonging as individuals, in our friendships, in school, and in communities. We reflected on how this plays a vital role in our mental health and wellbeing.



## KS2 Trip to Derby Open Centre



This trip to Derby was fascinating. Our junior classes enjoyed following up their RE world religions studies by visiting real places of worship of other religions. Throughout the day we visited a Sikh Gurdwara, a Hindu temple and a mosque. The students asked inciteful questions and learned so much about different faiths. This knowledge will broaden their minds and support their empathy for others. All the students behaved well and showed respect and manners to all the people they met on the trip.

## The Archbishop Young Leader Award

Our Y3/4 class are currently undertaking a very special leadership challenge. Throughout this year, the children are learning that young people can create a difference in this world. The Archbishop Young Leaders Award supports pupils in supporting in growing in leadership and character, putting what they have learnt in the classroom into action through taking part in action projects that can impact:

- home
- school
- the local community



## Easter Celebrations

This is such a special time for us as a Church school as we reflect on how and why we celebrate Easter. There are some fun activities going on in the final week of term. Please decorate an egg and bring it into school on Friday. On 27<sup>th</sup> March we are having an Easter Service in church at 9:15

am, Easter egg hunt in the morning and we are also officially opening our outdoor classroom in the afternoon, all welcome.

Have a wonderful Easter holiday! If you have concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes,

Sarah Craig- Executive Headteacher

Fiona Hall- Head of School

### **Dates for the Diary:**

- 27/3/26 -Finish for Easter
- 13/4/26 Start back Summer term 1
- 14/4/26- World Autism Day
- 23/4/26- World Book Night
- 23/4/26 Class photos
- 2/5/26 -Tideswell Food Festival (further information to follow)
- 11/5/26-14/5/26 year 6 SATs
- 22/5/26 Finish Summer term 1
- 1/6/26 Start back Summer term 2
- Multiplication check year 4 -taken during the first 2 weeks of this term
- 8/6/26 year 1 phonics & year 2 resits
- 17-19/6/26 Whitehall year 5 & 6
- Transition day year 6 lady manners school 24/6/26
- 26/6/26 & 29/6/26 Inset days
- Taster day year 6 Lady manners school 1/7/26
- Hope Valley Transition Day 02/07/2026
- 10/7/26 Colour run event (more information to follow)
- 21/7/26 School disco
- 23/7/26 Finish for Summer