



Bishopton Bugle



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What's on this week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school	BASH (7.50-8.50am)				
Activities during the school day	Y5 Swimming Rock Steady	Forest School Yr 2P Year 5 A Group D to KES	Forest School Y 2M	Forest School YR Busy Bees Year 6 Trip Mary Arden's Tudor day	
Lunchtime		Choir			
After school	BASH (3.15-5.30pm) Y4-6 Drama	Y1,2 Dance	Girls football	Year 4—6 Football	Year 1—3 Football

Our values this half term: **RESPECT** and **PRIDE**

WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON IN YEAR 4N

In 4N, we have recently been doing lots of work on poetry. The children immersed themselves into creating blackout poems based around the theme of Remembrance. The artwork they created to accompany their work looked fantastic.

In our new Geography topic, 'Interconnected World', the children have been developing their map skills. We have practised using 4-figure and 6-figure grid references and progressed onto using world maps to locate countries around the tropics and also in North and South America. In Art, we have been exploring colour mixing and really enjoyed creating a colour wheel to experiment with different colour tones.

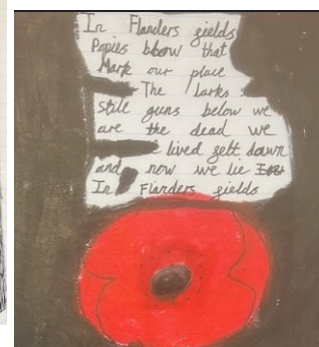


GOLD AWARD:

Well done to these children who have been awarded Gold Awards this week. These are celebrated during our Friday morning 'Gold Award' Assembly:

- Reception Busy Bees: Navi
- Reception Butterflies: Eric
- Year 1R: Olivia
- Year 1EW: Scarlett
- Year 2M: Liberty
- Year 2P: Isla
- Year 3C: Theo
- Year 3A: Nika
- Year 4N: Harry
- Year 4BH: Oskar
- Year 5SB: Emmanuel
- Year 5C: Daisy
- Year 6G: George
- Year 6CJ: Ammara

Keep up the great work everyone!





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Important Dates:

8th December Rock steady concert.

29th November Cross country competition

Christmas Concerts

8th December 2.30pm, Year 2 in School.

9th December 9.30am Year 3 at Shottery church
10.30 am Year 4 at Shottery church
2.30pm Year 1 in School

10th December 9.30am Year 5 at Shottery church
10.30 am Year 6 at Shottery church
2pm Drama Club performance

11th December 2pm Drama Club performance

16th December 2.30pm Reception in School

19th December School finishes at 1.30pm

Calling all girls in Years 3 to 6

Girls' Football Training
Session every Monday from
3:30 to 4:15pm.



CROSS COUNTRY

Our next cross country competition is
29th November at Stratford School. If you would like to take part, please contact Mr Paterson.
year2p@welearn365.com



Smart Tags

Tracking devices like AirTags and SmartTags were designed to help people find lost belongings, but they've also opened the door to worrying forms of misuse. Their compact size and subtle design make them easy to hide, which can lead to the unwanted tracking of people without their knowledge. From stalking and bullying to potential misuse by peers, these gadgets bring a range of risks that trusted adults must stay aware of. The guide attached examines the growing popularity of Bluetooth trackers, the most common ways they're being misused, and how to spot signs that a child may be affected. With practical tips on detecting hidden devices, using the right apps, and starting important conversations, it's a vital read for parents, carers and educators looking to stay ahead of a fast-moving issue.

Dear Parents,



Wednesday for staff, was a very difficult and emotional day—marking the birthday of the dearly loved Mrs Righton. And I would like to thank you all, for making it such a special day. The sea of purple throughout the school was a fitting tribute to an exceptional teacher, who touched the lives of so many at Bishopton. Tim, Mrs Righton's husband and Nan, visited the school and were truly moved to know such a tribute had been paid. We have now ordered two benches and two reading chairs, following the generous donations and hope to install these very soon.

Wishing you all a great weekend.
Mrs Charman



"Share a book with your child and make their day"





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Wow! What a day was had by
KS2 –Our school rock stars, really
did **Rock their maths!**



Is your child a
COMPETENT
swimmer?



Start your swim lesson journey with us at
www.everyoneactive.com/swim-lessons

IS YOUR CHILD COMPETENT IN THE WATER OR SIMPLY CONFIDENT?

Water competency is often mistaken for a child being able to jump into a swimming pool or put their face in the water. This is water confidence. Competency involves skills learnt during the Swim England Learn to Swim Framework lessons at your local Everyone Active pool.

So, when can you be sure that a child is water competent, rather than just showing confidence in the water?

Swim England's minimum water competency standards give parents and guardians a clear set of skills that children should achieve before a child stops swimming lessons. The four competencies are:

- Perform a star float for at least 60 seconds
- Tread water for at least 30 seconds
- Have experience of swimming in clothing
- Swim at least 100 metres with ease and without stopping

These are achieved at stage 7.

Start your swim lesson journey today at your local Everyone Active pool and give your child the skills needed to be a competent swimmer.



Find out more today at
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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about TRACKING DEVICES

Bluetooth tracking devices like Apple's AirTag and Samsung's SmartTags have exploded in popularity, with millions sold each year. These small tools help people locate their lost items, but their discreet design has also made them attractive for more sinister purposes. From stalking to bullying, tracking devices present unique risks that trusted adults need to understand and address.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

STALKING AND HARASSMENT

Because of their tiny size and unassuming appearance, tracking devices can easily be hidden in bags or clothing. They've been used to monitor individuals without their knowledge, with a lawsuit in the US labelling AirTags "the weapon of choice of stalkers and abusers". In the UK, use of tracking devices in coercive control and stalking cases reportedly rose by 317 percent between 2018 and 2023.

INVASION OF PRIVACY

These devices are designed to share location data with the user via other people's phones, which can unintentionally broadcast someone's movements without their consent. This makes them vulnerable to being monitored by strangers without realising.

TOOLS FOR BULLYING

Tracking devices could allow bullies to follow or locate their targets even outside of school. This makes it difficult for children to find refuge, potentially extending the trauma of bullying into spaces – like home – that should feel safe and secure.

FALSE ACCUSATIONS

Because tracking devices are linked to user accounts, they could be misused to 'prove' ownership of someone else's possessions. Someone could, for example, plant a tracker on another person's belongings to falsely claim them as their own.

DIFFICULT TO DETECT

Many tracking devices are designed to be discreet, but that also means they're easy to hide. Without proactive checking or the right tech to detect them, children and young people might not realise they're being tracked.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WATCH FOR WARNING SIGNS

If a child's peers always seem to know their location – whether in person or hinted at online – it could be worth checking for tracking devices. Some, like AirTags, will eventually make a noise if separated from their owner. Listen out for a chirping sound.

USE DETECTION APPS

Apple devices running iOS 14.5 or later will notify users of unknown AirTags nearby. Android users can install Apple's "Tracker Detect" or the third-party app "AirGuard" to scan for tracking devices from various manufacturers.

CHECK LIKELY HIDING SPOTS

Common places where trackers may be planted include jacket linings, bag seams, pockets, or under bike seats. If you find one, take a photo of the serial number before disposing of it – this could help police trace the account it's linked to.

HAVE THE CONVERSATION

Talk to your child about what tracking devices are, what signs to look out for, and how they might be misused. Emphasise the legal consequences of using them to prank, harass, or monitor someone.

Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is a seasoned technology journalist with bylines in Wired, TechRadar, The Guardian, The Evening Standard, The Telegraph, and The New Statesman. He specialises in consumer tech, online safety, and emerging risks in the digital landscape.

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