



# Welcome to Bishop Loveday

We want every child to achieve their full potential by equipping them with a feeling of self-worth, a respectful attitude towards others, an excitement for learning and an enthusiasm for life. Our 'Pledge' to your children explains how they will develop essential skills for learning and for life during their time at Bishop Loveday.

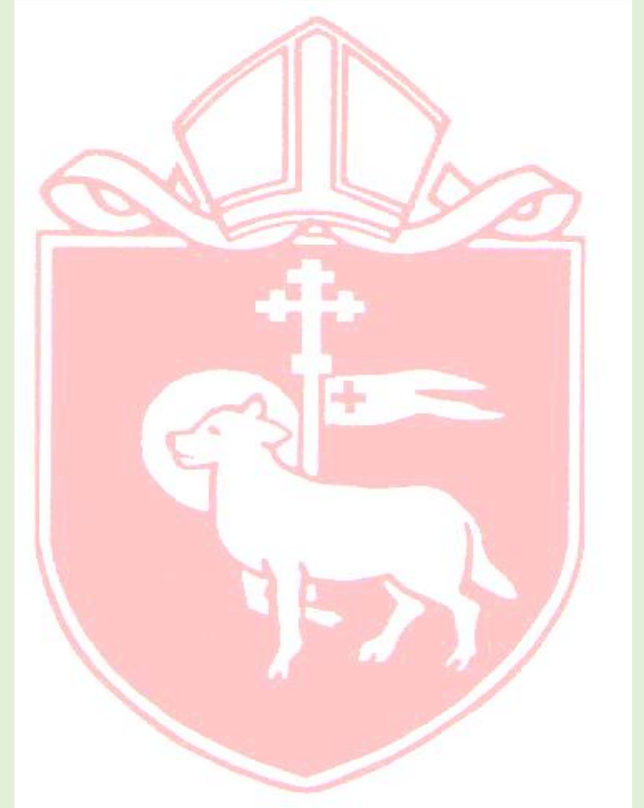
# Meet the Leadership Team



Mrs Ridley is our Headteacher



Mrs Warner is our Deputy Headteacher



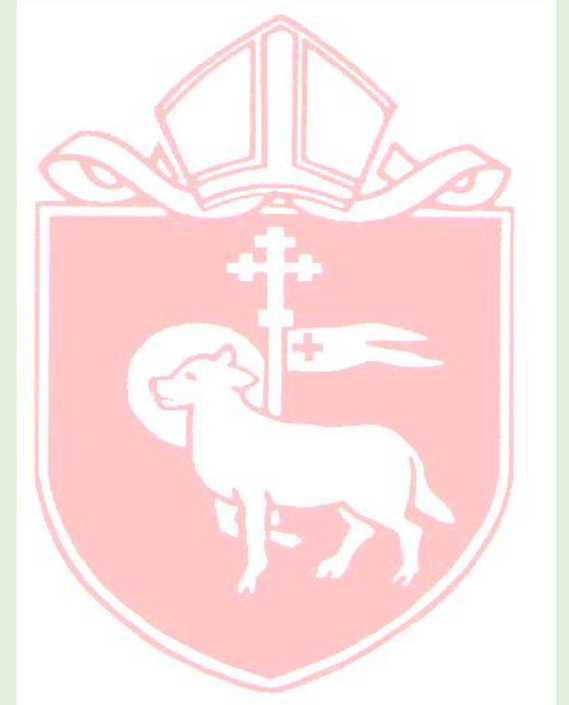
# Message from Mrs Ridley

This is my seventh year at Bishop Loveday and this year, I am seeing my first year group of EYFS children begin their final year, in year 6, at Bishop Loveday. Watching them grow from inquisitive four year olds to confident, respectful and inspiring young people is a real privilege.

Our school motto: Joining Together, Learning for Life, underpins our ethos at Bishop Loveday and it is our intention for every child to leave BLS knowing that they can achieve their ambitions through hardwork, determination and with the support of an outstanding team.

Meeting our prospective parents and future pupils is one of my favourite times of the year. This year we have also gone 'virtual'. Our House Captains had a lot of fun helping to create some of the film. I hope that I also have the opportunity to meet some of you in person. Please phone the school office if you would like to attend an open session at school.

Before I take you on a tour of the school, I would like to share our Bishop Loveday Pledge!



# Bishop Loveday Pledge

## Joining Together- Learning for Life

At Bishop Loveday School, there is an aspirational vision – for you all to achieve your fullest potential, through a challenging and inspiring curriculum; one which is built upon the foundations of reading, writing and arithmetic and that helps you develop the key skills of confidence, communication and resilience. You will explore the world around you; ask questions, solve problems and find answers. You will experience an extensive range of life experiences, that provide opportunities to develop spiritual awareness, equipping you to be a lifelong learner and empowering you to achieve success in the future.

### Thinking ME

I will work hard to develop the reading skills that enable me to gain knowledge and skills in all areas of the curriculum. I will learn how to reason and solve problems, in maths and across the curriculum, and adapt both individually and with others. I will have the opportunity to be creative in all areas of the curriculum. I will use ambitious and imaginative vocabulary, will develop key skills in writing and will apply them with confidence. I will develop an 'I can' attitude, knowing that using superhero learning skills will help me to develop confidence and ability. I will learn how to take on different leadership roles and give and receive feedback from others.



### Healthy ME

I will understand that physical activity has a positive effect on my mental and physical health. I will understand what healthy life choices are and that drinking lots of water will help keep my brain and body healthy. I will learn how to keep myself safe. I will learn to manage my emotions and will know who to talk to if I am worried about my own safety or the safety of a friend.



### Social ME

I will learn how to work with others, develop communication skills, learning to participate in and contribute to our global society. I will play fairly and show respect to others. I will understand the school's values of respect, unity, love, friendship, courage and forgiveness and will learn how to develop and relate these to my relationships within the communities I belong to.



### Physical ME

I will learn to move safely, with control and fluency, within all areas of the curriculum. I will experience a wide range of different activities and sports and understand what effect physical activity has on my body. I will understand the short and long term benefit of physical activity. I will take part in competitive sport.



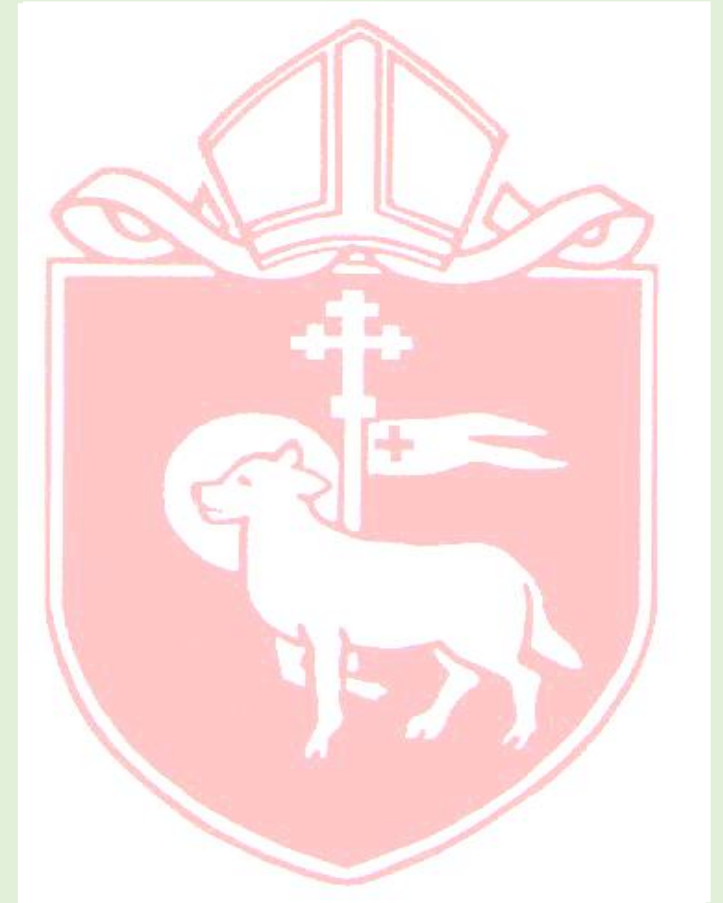
# Meet the Office Team



Melanie Hammond  
Office Administrator



Catherine Burch-Harwood School  
Finance & HR Manager



# Meet the Early Years Foundation Stage' Team



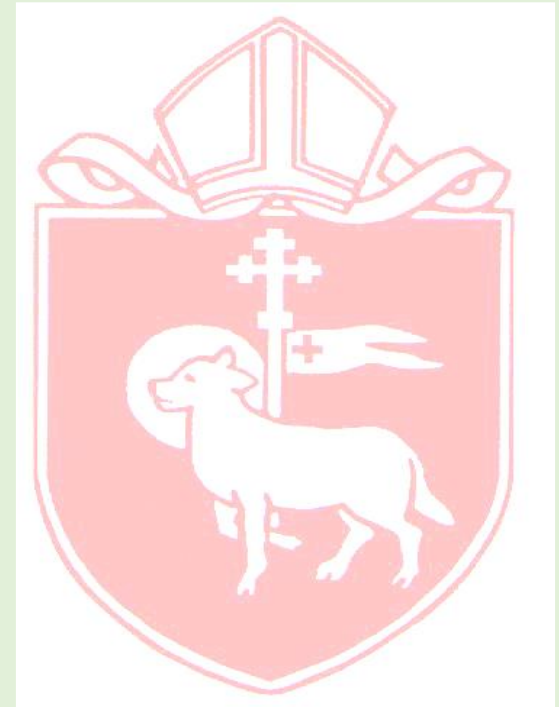
Mrs Ferguson is our EYFS leader. This year, Mrs Ferguson has been on maternity leave - she has a beautiful baby girl! Mrs Ferguson will be returning in September 2021!



Miss Thom and Mrs Cullup have been leading EYFS this year and teach in Rainbow Room



Mrs Wheeler, Mrs Wyeth and Mrs Rakela are our EYFS teaching assistants





# Transition to 'Big School'

Our EYFS team will visit every child joining us in September (Covid restrictions allowing), either at their pre-school setting or at a child-minders or at home, if they do not attend a pre-school setting. This provides an opportunity to begin to get to know your child and to ensure that there is a familiar face when they first visit school. We will find out what your child particular likes to do, what helps to comfort them when they are upset and if there is any additional support that could put in place for your child.

During July, we offer your child a 'come and play' session in school, providing an opportunity for you to accompany your child to Early Years. This will enable your child to begin to familiarise themselves with the classrooms and outside spaces and meet the whole of the Early Years team.

Also during the summer term, we will invite parents to an information evening, where we will provide everything you need to know before your child starts Bishop Loveday. This is also an opportunity to meet other parents; to ask any questions you may have about starting school and to share any additional information about your child.

We ask you and your child to complete our 'All about Me' booklet. This tells us about who your child lives with, who else is important in their lives, what they like to play with and lots more!

All children will attend a 'settling in' session during the first two days of school. There will be half the children in each class, for each session and the session will end at lunchtime. Following this, children will attend full time.

# A day in the life of an Early Years' pupil at Bishop Loveday

Children begin the school day with a welcome song and the register.

During the morning, children will take part in a phonics session and a maths session. At other times they will either be learning through play or by taking part in adult initiated activities, with a focus on developing their learning. During the week, there are challenges that all the children are encouraged to complete. The indoor and outdoor area will have activities set up to encourage children to explore and learn within all the areas of the Foundation Stage curriculum. Whilst children are encouraged to independently choose where to play and explore, children will also be encouraged to visit areas that they may not naturally gravitate towards, ensuring they experience a broad and balanced curriculum.

Children will tidy up the classroom before lunch and eat their lunch in the hall. This is followed by time in the outside play areas, supported by our Early Years' lunchtime team.

During the afternoon, children will continue with their playing, exploring and EYFS challenges. Each week, children will enjoy a forest school session and an indoor PE session.





# Early reading and writing



We use Read Write Inc. Phonics, which teaches children to read accurately and fluently with good comprehension. They learn to form each letter, spell correctly and compose their ideas, step-by-step.



Click on the image to the left, to watch an EYFS phonic session. As the year progresses, children will begin to apply their phonic knowledge to reading and writing and will enjoy taking their reading books home to share their with parents.

# Maths in the Early Years



Learning is through the use of manipulatives (objects that help with our learning) and is very hands-on and practical. Maths play involves problem solving and reasoning. We also learn our numbers 1 – 5 first, then to 10 and 20 and how to place them in order and say which number is one more and one less than a given number. We solve problems involving subtraction and addition, doubling, halving and sharing.

We learn about 2D and 3D shapes and use everyday language to describe their properties. We learn to make patterns and sequences of patterns.

We learn about time and how to sequence events

We learn how to use everyday language to talk about size, weight, capacity, position, distance, time and money. We also compare quantities and objects to solve problems.





# Forest School Fun!

The children have a weekly forest school session. They enjoy playing and exploring in the forest school area. Children also learn how to use tools and build fires safely and then enjoy roasting a marshmallow or two! The outside classroom provides a great space to enjoy an 'end of session hot chocolate' in the warm and dry!





# More Fun in EYFS!



# Wrap Around Care

We have a breakfast club, that runs from 8am to 8:55am every morning.

Children from the reception class to year 6 are able to have breakfast together and play together. We have a member of the EYFS team in breakfast club every day, to make sure that there is a familiar face for our youngest children.

We have an after-school club, that runs from 3:15pm to 6pm every afternoon. Children play together and enjoy a meal together. The older children really enjoy playing with and supporting the younger children.



## Extra-curricular clubs

At Bishop Loveday, pupils enjoy a range of extra-curricular clubs, including: netball, hockey, football, dance, Karate, Spanish and choir.



**Extra-curricular activities include opportunities for residential visits and to take part in sports, science and the arts**



BLS end of year concert



Science week at Bishop Loveday



Year 4 residential visit to Woodlands



Budding engineers at the STEM  
Lego competition



Year 6 residential to Stackpole, Wales



North Oxfordshire Schools Sport  
Partnership hockey tournament



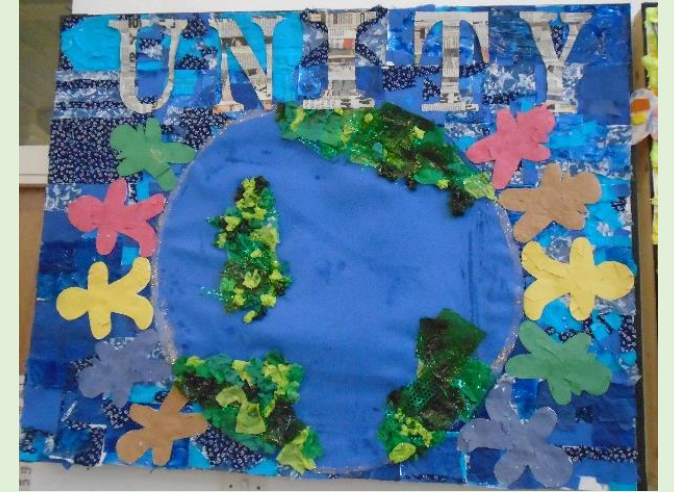
We have six houses: Sun, Ice, Forest, Waterfalls, Oceans and Fire

Our House Captains would like to introduce themselves to you – click on the image below!





**Our school, Christian values of respect, unity, courage, love, friendship and forgiveness guide us in our lives.**





We are a growth-mindset school, developing an 'I can' attitude towards our learning. Our superheroes encourage us to develop superhero learning powers!

We work towards achieving a Superhero Learning Certificate and are really proud to receive them.





Thank you for taking a virtual tour of Bishop Loveday. We would love to show you around our school. Please contact the school office if you would like to join us on our open day on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2020.