



**Be kind, be honest and have courage to live
'life in all its fullness' (John 10:10)**



Bishop Loveday CE Primary School

Prospectus 2025 - 26

WELCOME

Our vision is to ensure pupils and adults experience growth and have a sense of self-worth, the confidence to be who they are and the resilience to persevere and overcome challenges. We aim for all members of our school community to feel inspired and be inspiring, making a positive contribution to the life of others.

Jane Ridley – Executive Headteacher

At Bishop Loveday, we are all strongly committed to creating a community within which every individual knows that they are truly valued. By doing this, we develop happy, confident children who are fully supported to fulfil their potential both academically and personally.

I hope that as you explore our prospectus, you get a flavour of this unique culture and feel that our school is one where your child can flourish. I have had the pleasure and privilege of leading Bishop Loveday for a number of years, both in my previous role as Headteacher and more recently as Executive Headteacher. I know that Bishop Loveday will continue to grow and thrive under the leadership of our Head of School, Mrs Loader.



Dee Loader – Head of School

I am the Head of School at Bishop Loveday CE Primary school (since September 2021) and love working in partnership with the staff and parents to create the best learning environment for all of our children.



As a music specialist, I have a real passion for raising the status of the arts within a school and at Bishop Loveday we try to give our children opportunities to flourish across all areas of the curriculum. I believe you never stop learning and it is this belief that led me to complete Masters in Education and Educational Research. At Bishop Loveday, we truly believe that there should be no glass ceiling when it comes to children's learning and that the values instilled in them at a primary level set them up for life. If you think that this may be the school for your child, then please do pay us a visit. I can give you a tour of our wonderful school and explain to you, in detail, the ethos of our school. I look forward to meeting you soon.

We hope you find this A – Z guide helpful in finding out all about Bishop Loveday CE Primary School.

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Our school, located in the village of Bodicote, is a popular voluntary-aided Church of England school with approximately 420 children. We want to help every child 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 aim is for every child at Bishop Loveday to flourish academically (within core subjects and the arts and sport), socially and personally through our challenging and engaging curriculum. Bishop Loveday has a strong ethos of equality, supporting children to understand diversity and celebrate similarities and differences. Children's wellbeing is at the heart of everything we do. Our curriculum has a very positive impact on all pupils' behaviour, and contributes very well to pupils' academic achievement, their physical well-being, and their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. Our curriculum is informed by research and deliberately designed to enable all of our children to have equal access to knowledge, to value the pursuit of that knowledge and to be able to use that knowledge for good.

We work within a Christian environment and have strong links with our village Church, St John the Baptist. Our Christian values of Kindness, Honesty and Courage underpin everything that we do and are reflected in our children's behaviours and respect towards each other.

Bishop Loveday is proud to be part of The Warriner Multi-Academy Trust, and as such we are able to offer 4–18 education, with our pupils being guaranteed a place at The Warriner School to continue their education as a secondary pupil.



BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Breakfast Club:

Full session from 7.45am – 8.45am at a cost of £5.25 per session. The children have breakfast, which can be cereal, toast, yoghurt and fruit juice, with a hot option on a Friday. There is also the option to use the 'drop off' session from 8:30am at a cost of £1.00 per session.

After School Club:

Early session runs from 3.15pm – 4.15pm at a cost of £4.75 per session. A biscuit is provided along with access to organised games and outdoor play.

Late Session runs from 3.15pm – 6.00pm at a cost of £12.25 per session. The children have access to organised games, art activities and outdoor play. They also have a light meal ie. pasta, filled wrap, pizza, and salad is provided.

This club started out as our Wrap Around Care. The initials WAC were on the folder. When talking with the children about an official 'name' for the club, they announced that it already had one, 'WACKY CLUB'. It has been fondly called WAC ever since!

Places on any of the above childcare provisions have to be booked in advance and paid via Arbor. We do also accept payment via childcare vouchers.

We hold a waiting list if sessions are full.

BEHAVIOUR

We expect a high standard of behaviour. We believe children who behave well are more likely to make the best of their educational opportunities. If you would like more information, please see our Relationships policy.

[Policies - Bishop Loveday CofE Primary \(bishop-loveday.oxon.sch.uk\)](https://bishop-loveday.oxon.sch.uk/policies)

CHILD PROTECTION

If any member of staff is concerned about the welfare of a child, the school is obliged to contact other relevant agencies. The designated member of staff who will liaise on behalf of the school is Mrs Loader. Please see our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy.

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CHILDREN'S ABSENCE

To ensure children make the most of their skills, talents and opportunities, regular attendance at school is vital. It is important that children are not withdrawn from school for holidays during term time. Headteachers are unable to authorise any holidays in term time except for exceptional circumstances.

These are:

1. Where it is company/organisational policy for an employee to take leave at a specified time in the year and there is no opportunity for a family holiday in school holidays. This must be supported by documentary evidence from the organisation.

2. Service personnel returning from/scheduled to embark upon a tour of duty abroad.
3. Where a holiday is recommended as part of a parent or child's rehabilitation from a medical or emotional issue. Evidence must be provided, from qualified professionals, such as a doctor.
4. Where it may be a unique/last opportunity to spend time with a close relative.

If your child is absent for any reason, please telephone to leave a message on our automated answering service by pressing 1 when prompted to do so. Or use the school website to report an absence. [Report Absence - Bishop Loveday CE Primary \(bishop-loveday.oxon.sch.uk\)](https://bishop-loveday.oxon.sch.uk)

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

As a Church school we have a daily act of collective worship of a Christian nature. This may be as a whole school, two-year groups together, a single year group or as a class. Parents may withdraw their children from collective worship. Children who are withdrawn will be supervised by the Assistant Administration Officer. We also regularly attend church throughout the year.

COMMUNICATION

The **school website** contains all relevant information for parents. Please visit us at: <https://bishop-loveday.oxon.sch.uk>

Newsletters to Parents are emailed home on Fridays. The newsletters contain information about the curriculum, upcoming events, awards and other important information. FoBLS (our PTFA) also share information on the school newsletters. A copy of the latest newsletter can be found on the school website.

On some occasion letters may need to be sent out midweek but our aim is that all correspondence goes home on a Friday.

There are **noticeboards** in the main entrance and the community entrance.

Photographs and news are updated regularly on the school Facebook page and our Twitter account.

You will receive **texts and emails** keeping you up to date with any changes or news and teachers will also communicate with you via **Arbor**.

COMPLAINTS

If there are any concerns or issues you wish to raise regarding the curriculum or your child's education in general, please refer to the complaints procedure available on the website and from the School Office.

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CURRICULUM

Each teacher is responsible for the planning and delivery of the National Curriculum and Religious Education. Both teachers in the year group, plan and evaluate their teaching together and follow the school's medium and long term plans.

The subjects taught in the primary curriculum are: English, maths, science, computing, physical education, religious education, personal, social, health and citizenship education, art and design, design technology, history, geography and music. Within all these subjects we try to develop cross-curricular links. For more information, please see our website:

[Curriculum - Bishop Loveday CofE Primary \(bishop-loveday.oxon.sch.uk\)](http://bishop-loveday.oxon.sch.uk)

Teachers use a variety of methods, questioning and teaching including whole-class, group and individual teaching. They are guided always by the nature of the knowledge, skills and concepts involved.

CYCLING

Children are able to ride bicycles and scooters to school. A cycle shed is available to store bikes and scooters; this is locked during the day. Children are



encouraged to wear helmets if cycling or scooting to school. Children and adults are not permitted to cycle in the school grounds. We have balance bikes in EYFS and run sessions to support children to develop the skills required for cycling. We

also have a number of bikes and scooters within our Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) provision. Cycle proficiency courses are



organised on an annual basis, to ensure children are able to ride on the roads safely before they go to secondary school.

DATA

Our performance data, including results for children at the end of EYFS, phonics screening, KS1 SATs and KS2 SATs, can be found under the performance data heading.

[Performance and Results - Bishop Loveday CofE Primary \(bishop-loveday.oxon.sch.uk\)](http://bishop-loveday.oxon.sch.uk)

DISABLED ACCESS

The school is a single storey building and each classroom is accessible from the outside by a single low step, or a ramp. Within the school there are sets of steps at one entrance into the hall; into the Y1 resources area; part way along the corridor between the hall and the KS1 classrooms and at one entrance way into a Year 4 classroom. We aim to increase disabled access where possible with all new building projects. A copy of the school's accessibility plan is available from reception. Admission arrangements for pupils with a disability do not differ from those for other pupils.

DOGS ON PREMISES

No dogs are allowed on the grounds, except for trained or training Guide Dogs. This is not only for Health and Safety reasons, but also to not scare any of our more nervous children.

EDUCATIONAL VISITS

Educational visits and visitors add to the excitement and interest of the curriculum. We also run residential trips – our Year 6 children take part in a residential in Swanage, Dorset, as part of their science, geography, PSHE and PE curriculum. Year groups 4 also attend shorter residential visits with a one night stayover. As part of the The Warriner Multi-Academy Trust, we make very good use of the excellent facilities at The Warriner School.



EMERGENCY CLOSURES

If we need to close school because of snow or bad weather we will inform you via a text. We will also show any closures on our website and inform Oxfordshire County Council <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures>

Local radio stations will also be informed:

BBC Radio Oxford – VHF/FM 95.2 <https://www.bbc.co.uk/oxford>

Heart FM-VHF/FM 102.6, 97.4 <https://www.heart.co.uk/oxfordshire>

Please listen to one of these stations or check their websites for information and updates but please do not ring the radio.

If possible, we will remain partially open, for those parents who need to go to work. If this is the case, children will work in mixed groups and will require suitable clothing for playing outside in the snow. If the roads are not suitable for staff to access, we will fully close the school.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

We offer many clubs each term. Some are run at lunchtimes and others after school. The club list is sent home at the beginning of terms 1, 3 and 5 giving full details of what is on offer.

FOBLS – (FRIENDS OF BISHOP LOVEDAY SCHOOL) – OUR PTFA

We have a very active and highly supportive Parent Association. They meet each term and discuss and organise many of our successful events. The money they raise is used to fund important extras for our school. In the past, they have raised large amounts of money towards building projects and the minibus, but also to buy play equipment, curriculum materials and help staff with their wish lists. They also help by attending at school events.

FOREST SCHOOL

We have a wonderful forest school area at Bishop Loveday which includes an outdoor classroom. Children in EYFS and year one have weekly sessions in the Forest School, led by a Forest School leader from The Warriner School. Children enjoy building dens, hunting for bugs, making mud pies and especially enjoy the mud slide!



GROWTH MINDSET

At Bishop Loveday, we promote a growth mindset and a 'can do' attitude through our vision and values. We encourage children to be the best that they can be while learning through the mistakes that they make.

HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL 1840 - 2023

The year was 1961. The old village school, built in 1840, was obsolete and too small to cope with the rapidly expanding population. With limited financial resources, the Local Education Authority could provide only the nucleus of a new school - three classrooms on a site at the far end of the village from the old school - with no promise of expansion in the foreseeable future. Bodicote was therefore faced with a split school, in new and old buildings almost half-a-mile apart.



Reverend Bishop, the vicar, came up with a solution. Why shouldn't the people of Bodicote contribute financially to the building of a new school? It could have six classrooms on one site and 'Aided' status in place of the 'Controlled' status of the old school. This would give greater opportunity for teaching the Christian faith. Also, why not provide a school hall big enough for village functions and at the same time adapt the old school building as a replacement for the inadequate existing Church House which could be sold?

Fired by the Vicar's faith and enthusiasm, the Parochial Church Council, and through them the people of the parish and well-wishers outside it, supported the scheme. It was estimated that they would need to find £23,500 as their share of the total of £62,000, which would mean raising £30,000 over ten years, including interest on loans. The presence of the school today is evidence

that the scheme (modified to retain the old Church House building and use the old school as a bigger Church House and a youth centre) succeeded. Through the continuous generosity of many people the money was found well within the period. Urgency had been the keynote from the start; the appeal was launched in October, 1965, work began on site in March 1966, the foundation stone was laid a month later, and on 16th January 1967 the 180 children and seven staff symbolically processed from the old school to the new. The official opening by H.R.H. the Duchess of Gloucester, and dedication by the Rt. Reverend D.G. Loveday, Bishop of Dorchester, took place on 11th July.

The original proposals, published in February 1965, were for a primary school 'for about 240 children'. Since the village continued to grow, and the school was so near to Banbury, the six classrooms were soon found to be inadequate. Six more were added between 1969 and 1984. These additions were funded entirely from Church sources. No Government or Local Authority money was available. The PTA provided the television room in 1982, the library in 1986 and the garage in 1988. In 1992, the practical room was added with money raised in celebration of the School's 25th Anniversary. Since then, the school has continued to grow and its buildings adapted to ever-changing needs. A new development completed in 2003 added a fourteenth classroom and enlarged several others.

In 2012, once again the school pupils, staff and FOBLS called upon the generosity of parents and friends alike to raise over £20,000 pounds to complete two new, year six classrooms and facilities as the schools contribution to the Diocesan grant of £200,000.

The history of Bishop Loveday School, brief as it is, is often referred to as a success story - success that it was built at all, and success in the standard of its teaching, which has attracted many pupils from outside the village itself. The Governors and staff have never let such sentiments become a cause of complacency; they are determined that the future shall be better still.

HOMework

All children receive homework. The amount and type of homework varies with the ages of the children. Some homework is expected to be done regularly, for example reading and learning times tables, and other homework will be undertaken occasionally, for example sometimes projects related to the curriculum are set.

We also sometimes set whole school challenges, often linked to world celebrations or events, for example World Book Day or a local competition.

INCLUSION

The school aims to treat all children fairly regardless of gender, race, physical or mental ability. A full copy of our equality policy is available on the website.

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LIBRARY

Our school library is run by our reading champions. They ensure the library is well stocked with books that are enjoyed by their peers and have visited Waterstones to restock! As a school, we love books and hold regular reading challenges, including writing to favourite authors. When we are really lucky, they write back!

LUNCHTIMES

Children can either have a school dinner or bring a packed lunch. School dinners for Early Years/Year1 & Year 2 are free, but must be ordered in advance. We use an online ordering and paying service for our school dinners – you will be given log in details when your child starts at our school. If you consider you may be eligible for free school meals, please ask at the office for further details. Water and beakers are available for children who have school meals. Those who bring their own food should bring a drink, but please do not send 'fizzy' drinks. As part of our healthy schools campaign we promote healthy lunchboxes. Chocolates and sweets should not be sent in for lunch or breaks. Break time snacks are natural fruit and vegetables only. Free fruit and vegetables are provided for children in the Early Years and KS1. Free milk is provided for children in early years.

MEDICATION

Our guidance to parents is that if children are well enough to return to school following illness, they should not be on medication. In the few instances where children return but are still finishing a course of medicine, parents can come in to school to give medicines at lunchtime, if the medication is prescribed 4 times a day. If parents are unable to come into school to administer, they will be required to fill in a Medicine Agreement form available from reception, giving permission for the Headteacher or a member of the Senior Leadership/Administration Team to administer on their behalf.

ONLINE SAFETY

Children at Bishop Loveday School use the internet on a regular basis as part of their learning. In school, we have regular Online Safety activities to remind children of the importance of keeping themselves safe online.

ORGANISATION

The children are organised into two classes per year group. All children are able to start full-time education in the September of the school year in which they will be five years old. We aim to work closely with parents and providers of playgroup and nursery education before your child starts school.

Each teacher is supported by a teaching assistant (TA). These TAs work under the direction of class teachers.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

All children's clothing and footwear should be named. Please speak to the teachers if any items are misplaced. Lost property is stored in the medical room. Clearly labelled items are returned to children. Unlabelled items are periodically put on tables outside.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The teaching of Religious Education in the school covers the Christian religion and other world religions, specifically Judaism, Hinduism, Sikhism and Islam. For more information please see our website.

[Religious Education and World Views - Bishop Loveday CofE Primary \(bishop-loveday.oxon.sch.uk\)](http://bishop-loveday.oxon.sch.uk)

ROAD SAFETY

The road outside school, White Post Road, is very congested, both before and after school. Where possible we encourage children to walk to and from school. If it is necessary to arrive by car, please respect the no parking restrictions and always unload onto the kerbside. Parents may use

the cricket club car park for dropping off and picking up children before and after school. Children, accompanied or not, should always cross the road using the pelican crossing. Please do not park in such a way that makes access for emergency vehicles difficult.

Parents must not bring their cars into the school car park and parents and children should not walk in or out of the school vehicular entrance or through the school car park. Please use the pedestrian entrances.

There is an alternative pedestrian entrance to school from Park End. If parking there, please be careful not to restrict access to properties.

On darker mornings and evenings, please make sure your child can be seen by others.

On all educational visits safety is of paramount concern. There will always be a minimum of two adults in the school minibus.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN IN BANBURY (SCIB)

Bishop Loveday is part of SCIB. SCIB aims to ensure our pupils and their families are well-informed about risks and are educated to reduce risk to themselves.

SATS DATES

KS2 – one week in May, commencing 11th May, for 2026.

SCHOOL DAY

8:40	School gates open (EYFS doors open for children to enter school)
8:45	Classroom doors open and children are allowed to enter school
8:55	Register closes
11:00-11:15	Morning Break
12:15-13:15	Lunch
15:15	End of School Day (EYFS finish at 3:10pm to allow parents time to collect from both EYFS and main school)

SCHOOL FETE

The School Fete, supported by FoBLS, is usually held end of June or beginning of July.

Fun for all the family!

SECURITY

On entering the school, visitors and volunteers must sign in at reception and must wear their visitor badge whilst in school. The three footpath gates are locked at 9:00am each morning until 3.00 pm each school day. The school external doors are locked throughout the day. Following after school clubs parents need to wait by the community entrance, unless advised of alternative arrangements. If a parent or known adult wishes to take a child from school during the school day, they must report to reception. Parents must inform school of adults who they give permission to collect their child. Children will not be handed over to adults who are not on the list.

We sometimes experience vandalism to our school site and buildings. In an attempt to reduce this, parents are encouraged to report to the police the presence of unauthorised persons on the school site during these hours. The buildings are fully alarmed out of school hours.

SEX AND RELATIONSHIP EDUCATION

Sex and relationships is taught within a moral and family-orientated framework and takes into account the child's age and experience. An information evening is held for Year 5 and Year 6 parents and the policy is available from reception.

SMOKING

The whole of the school site is a no smoking area, including vaping.

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES (SEND)

A pupil has special educational needs if he or she has a learning difficulty or disability that calls for special educational provision to be made for him or her. This may mean that a pupil has a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of pupils of the same age or a disability that makes it hard for them to access facilities within the school. For more information, please see our website. [Special Educational Needs and Disabilities \(SEND\) - Bishop Loveday CofE Primary \(bishop-loveday.oxon.sch.uk\)](http://bishop-loveday.oxon.sch.uk)

SPORTS FUNDING



As part of our extra funding for Sport we have appointed an additional teacher to lead sport. We are also affiliated to NOSSP (North Oxfordshire Schools' Sport Partnership); this provides opportunities for our children to compete at a local, county and national level. We have recently been awarded the School games and Youth Sport Trust Gold awards.



SWIMMING

Swimming takes place at the Spiceball Sports Centre in Banbury. Years 4 and 5 go swimming for a minimum of 8 sessions a year. Year 6 attend additional sessions, if working towards their 25 metre certificate. Each session is 25 minutes of water time.

We have qualified swimming teachers and, along with the swimming teachers employed by Spiceball, they are responsible for the teaching of the session. We have two additional swimming teachers who are trained to lead sessions.

All children must wear a swimming cap. The school has a limited supply of spare caps, which can be borrowed until the children have their own. They are available to buy from school reception.

Details of the awards scheme are available from the PE lead. Certificates are presented by staff in phase worship and then commended during celebration worship. They are free of cost to the children.

The swimming teachers ensure a class swimming register is completed, showing the competencies of each child. This is completed in addition to the school register and therefore shows which children have remained on the school premises when their class has gone swimming. This is taken to the pool. Children who are unable to go swimming will go another class, arranged by their teacher.

UNIFORM

Please would parents ensure that all pupils adhere to school uniform. It is our hope that all parents will support this uniform policy.

The school colours are red, grey and white.

Red sweatshirt or cardigan, with the school logo (optional)

White shirt, blouse or polo shirt

Grey pinafore dress or skirt

A pair of long or short grey trousers

A pair of plain socks or tights (school colours or black)

Footwear for all children should be black. All shoes should fasten securely with buckles, velcro, laces or zips. Children are able to wear plain, black trainers; shoes that fasten with buckles or velcro; or ankle boots that fasten with zips or laces.

All school logo items including the red, fleece lined waterproof coat are available from:

Cross Embroidery

Units 5-6 Lower Cherwell Street

Banbury

Oxfordshire OX16 5AY

Tel: 01295 270555

<http://www.crossembroidery.com/>

Orders can be placed and paid for online at: <http://www.crossembroidery.com>

Jewellery is not appropriate for school. However, one pair of simple plain stud earrings may be worn, but should be removed for swimming and removed (or covered) for all aspects of P.E. Pupils are responsible for the removal and/or covering of their own studs.

Sweat bands or other bands should not be worn.

Long hair (of shoulder length or longer) should be tied back during the school day and must be tied back for all aspects of P.E.

Children come to school dressed in PE kit on their PE days. The school PE uniform is available from Cross Embroidery and comprises of a red polo shirt with black school logo (optional) and black shorts. During colder months a plain black tracksuit should be worn. There is a tracksuit available with the school logo, which is also optional.

WARRINER MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

Bishop Loveday School is part of the Warriner Multi-Academy Trust (WMAT). The WMAT comprises 10 primary schools and 1 secondary school – The Warriner. Every parent wants the best for their child. So do we - and we believe the best way to achieve that is by our schools working together as part of the Warriner Multi-Academy Trust. Our pupils benefit from sharing resources and expertise from other schools in the WMAT, including use of the Warriner farm, Forest School leaders, ICT support and subject specialism support.

WATER

All children need to bring a bottle of water to drink throughout the day in a clear, plastic bottle. There are water fountains available. No squash or fruit juice is allowed, except for children's lunchboxes.

WELFARE OFFICER

Our Welfare Officer is Denise Gregory. She has a wealth of information available to her and she is a valued support for school and parents alike.

WET WEATHER

Wherever possible the children will be outside playing. Children are encouraged to bring in wellies, waterproofs and a change of clothes. If the weather is torrential, each classroom will then have activities that children can do during wet playtimes.

YOUNG LEADERS

Our courageous advocate team work together to drive change. Within our team of advocates, children from across the school take the roles of: house/vice captions, play leaders, Arts ambassadors, Vision Ambassadors, reading champions, STEM ambassadors and worship ambassadors.

We are a happy and nurturing school who benefit from the support of parents and the local community. We welcome you to visit us and see all the exiting opportunities available.

