



Friday 17th May 2024

Dear parents and carers,

*In this season of celebration
For work well done
For Friendship and fun
For holidays to come
Lord, as we travel on together,
may we learn to celebrate and be thankful*

We are so incredibly proud of our year 6 pupils who sat their end of KS2 SATs tests this week. They approached the tests with a positive mindset.

We try to make the experience a relaxed one and something they all enjoy. Thank you to the PTFA who have helped us with this by providing a breakfast roll for the children each morning before their tests. This made a huge difference.

Many of our Year 3 and KS2 pupils have made their First Communion this month. It has been lovely to see so many of you and your families celebrating this sacrament. In school on Wednesday we held a service to celebrate as a school community. Thank you to those parents/carers who were able to join us.



Summer school uniform

A reminder to all parents/carers to ensure that their child wears socks if they are wearing sandals to school. We have experienced some nasty accidents where children who are not wearing socks significantly injure their toes.

Term 5 School Improvement Session for parents

A reminder that this term's school improvement session for parents/carers will take place on Friday 24th May 9-10am. You will be provided with the opportunity to look at some examples of pupils' work and hear from some pupils about their learning. Refreshments will be provided and babies/toddlers are welcome to attend.

Best,
Sarah Ballantine
Head teacher

Celebrating Catholic Life at St. Bonaventure's!

This week has been filled with the joy of faith at St Bons

First Holy Communion

Last weekend, a group of Key Stage 2 pupils celebrated their First Holy Communion at St Bonaventure's and Sacred Heart parishes. We are incredibly proud of them as they embark on this important step in their faith journey. For the past six months, they have been preparing to receive communion, understand the sacrament and its significance in their relationship with God.

School Celebration

On Wednesday, we held a celebration in school where the children who received their First Holy Communion led a service for parents and the whole school community. Each child wrote a heartfelt prayer or hope for the future, which are now displayed on a special "Faith Tree" in the corridor. This is a lovely reminder of their commitment and the blessings they received.



Giving Back with CAFOD

A few weeks ago, I shared a story about a CAFOD project where they helped a community of women refugees set up an allotment. The tools provided, including a simple £1 glove, saved a woman's life from a snakebite. The children were incredibly moved by this story, and many of them have brought back their CAFOD envelopes filled with donations. Their compassion and generosity are truly inspiring!

Rosary Group

This week, I had the privilege of joining Mrs. Caldwell's Year 3 rosary group at lunchtime. The children were reflecting on the Glorious Mysteries, a beautiful way to deepen their understanding of the rosary.



Pentecost

This weekend marks the Feast of Pentecost. To celebrate, members of our chaplaincy team will be leading a special assembly on Monday centred around the theme of the Holy Spirit. In the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), the children have been expressing their creativity through paintings depicting their own versions of the Holy Spirit, which are now displayed in the meeting room.

We are so grateful for the strong Catholic life at St Bons. It's wonderful to witness the children's faith flourish!



Prayer Group for St Bons

We are looking to start a monthly prayer group for parents, friends, carers who are interested in simply meeting for 30 mins to prayer for our school. It most likely will be straight after drop off or just before pick up to make it easier. It will be run by parents from the school. First date will be after half term.

If you are keen to be kept in the loop on this, please send a message to Lorna Savage on 07855108729, giving your name and we'll get a WhatsApp group set up.

If your child is booked into after school club and for any reason they will not be attending (sporting event, appointment) could you please email the ASC team to tell them.

They are on the register and for safeguarding reasons we need to know there whereabouts.

Also, if you cancel in advance you can be refunded and the space offered to someone else but we cannot do this if you do not let us know.

UP COMING DATES:

Week beginning 20^h May (menu week 3)

Care for our common home curriculum week

Monday 20th- Virtual meeting with Newman Trust 6:00-7:00
- Year 5&6 football final @ Ashton Gate 1:30-4:00

Wednesday 22nd – RGS Y6 visit 9:30

Friday 24th – Last day of term 5
- 2G class assembly 10:00
- Frozen Friday- afterschool ice cream/lolly sale
- School improvement plan session 9:00-10:00

Dates
for your



English as an Additional Language Coffee Mornings



If English is not your first language, please come along, share your views, meet other parents, be a part of your child's learning and relax at our coffee mornings from 9 – 10am on Mondays in the School – come to the office.

The group is run by Mrs Cela – if you would like more information, please email her at esmeralda.cela@bristol-schools.uk



A massive well done to the boys football team for a great tournament and for being champion on the evening. They played 5 games and they won 4 and draw 1. They were unbeaten on the evening.



James in year 6 has had another successful weekend. He entered a National Tang Soo Do comp in Nottingham and was awarded first place for sparring in his stage.



Well done to the year 4's who took part in a golf competition At St Bede's, then won a Sports Skills medal for their values, teamwork and positivity!



Running & Walking Club

Do you want to get fit and have fun at the same time?!

Wednesday mornings at 7:50

Meet outside the office foyer

Children and adults welcome

For runners and walkers of all abilities



Sports and clubs at St BONS

Sport and club's - week starting 20th May



If your child is on the register for any clubs and isn't going to attend for any reason could you please let the office know so their absence from the register is noted.

Club...	Is it running...	Day and year group...
Netball	YES YES	Mondays- Y 3&4 - 3:15 - 4:15 Tuesdays- Y 5&6 - 3:15 – 4:15
Circuits	NO	Thursdays - Yr2-6 – 8:00am in with Mr Morgan
Running club	YES	Wednesdays – 7.45am – all welcome – meet outside foyer
Football	YES	Boys training
Chess Lunch break	YES	Fridays 12:15 -Y5 & Y6 fortnightly
Hockey with Mrs Hinkins	YES	Fridays- Y5 & 6 - 3:15 Paid club Booked through Mrs Hinkins.
Dodge ball	YES	Fridays – Y3 &4- 8:00 in hall with Mrs Ballantine
Art/Drawing- lunch	YES	Tuesday lunch - KS2 – 12:15 In 4H
Debating Club- lunch time	YES	Wednesday lunch- Y5 & Y6 - 12:15- In 3B/3J
Well-Being Singing- lunch time	YES	Tuesday lunch 12:15 whole school - in 1P
Choir – Lunch time	KS1 YES KS2 YES	Mondays – KS1 - 12:15 in 2TW Thursdays – KS2 –12:15 in 2TW
Yoga	YES	Fridays- Y1 & Y2 – 3:15-4:15 Outside club must be booked through

Yoga club on Fridays is now open to Year 1 and 2. Please book at <https://www.emflow.co.uk/book>

Bookings for Coaching with Sophie are made through the website, www.cwsophie.co.uk,

TERM 5- CWS AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

<p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">MON</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em; margin: 0;">FOOTBALL CLUB 3.30PM - 4.30PM RECEPTION, Y1,Y2</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em; margin: 0;">£20 FOR 5 WEEK COURSE (BANK HOLIDAY)</p>	<p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">TUE</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em; margin: 0;">FOOTBALL CLUB 3.30PM - 4.30PM Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em; margin: 0;">£24 FOR 6 WEEK COURSE</p>	<p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">WED</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em; margin: 0;">MULTI SPORTS CLUB 3.30PM - 4.30PM RECEPTION/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em; margin: 0;">£24 FOR 6 WEEK COURSE</p>	<p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">THU</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em; margin: 0;">GIRLS ONLY SPORTS 3.30PM-4.30PM RECEPTION/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em; margin: 0;">TAG RUGBY/CRICKET 30.30PM-4.30PM Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em; margin: 0;">£24 FOR 6 WEEK COURSE</p>
<p style="font-size: 0.7em; margin: 0;">PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO BOOK - WWW.CWSOPHIE.CO.UK</p>	<p style="font-size: 0.7em; margin: 0;">CLUBS WILL START BACK WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 15TH APRIL 2024 (FIRST WEEK BACK TO SCHOOL)</p>	<p style="font-size: 0.7em; margin: 0;">PLEASE NOTE THURSDAYS GIRLS ONLY SPORTS AND TAG RUGBY/CRICKET ARE TWO DIFFERENT CLUBS AND TAG RUGBY/CRICKET ARE FOR EVERYONE .</p>	



PTFA news

Bake sale bonanza: £1759 raised!

Our Friday bake sales have been a massive success, raising an astonishing £1759! A huge thank you to everyone who contributed. Your support has made a significant impact. The funds will be evenly distributed among all year groups, ensuring every class benefits. Plus, a special shout out to year 2 for raising the highest total - they will receive an extra £100! Well done to everyone involved. Check out the excitement on our [St Bon's PTFA Instagram page](#).

Planting day: We've got veg to add to our final raised bed, and we've also been asked if we can help rejuvenate the St Francis Garden, so please join us tomorrow **Saturday 18 May** from 9.30am to 3pm for another planting day – it's not too late to let us know you are coming. Please email (contact@stbonsptfa.com) if you plan to come along. As before, the planting day will be for adults only as we are not allowed to have children on site during this time.

Frozen Fridays are back: Each year group will be invited to sell ice creams, ice lollies (and strawberries if we can source them for the right price on the day). We'll have everything in our PTFA cupboard freezer ready for you to sell. See your class rep for the rota. Year 4 will go first on **Friday 24 May**.

Summer Fair: We'll be asking each class to make up a lovely summer hamper as a prize for the raffle at the Summer Fair on Sunday 23 June. Your class rep will be in touch soon with a sign up sheet of suggested items for each person in your class to donate. You will need to bring your items to school after half term, from **Monday 3 June to Friday 7 June**. Raffle tickets will also be coming home with children soon, so please look out for these.

Bag 2 school Friday 7 June: Half term is the perfect time to have a clear out of any unwanted clothes, shoes, hats, belts and handbags etc ready to bring to school on the morning of Friday 7 June in bags labelled with your child's class. See full [list of items](#) you can donate.

**PAINT YOUR VERY OWN BUG HOUSE!
LOTS OF MINI BUG HOUSES HAVE ARRIVED,
READY TO BE PAINTED AT OUR
'BEE-THEMED' STALL AT THE
SUMMER FAIR ON SUNDAY 23 JUNE!**





COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

There's been so much generosity towards the Pantry recently! Pupils in year 6 of St Bonaventures' School held a book sale and raised a magnificent £248. And we've also had a steady trickle of food donations in the box outside the Presbytery and cash donations to 55 Egerton Road. Thank you to all those people who donate - anonymously or otherwise - to keep the Pantry going. You're helping to keep people going through really tough times.

Hilary is organising a plant sale after both Masses on Sunday 12th May, with all proceeds split between CAFOD and the food pantry.

If you're able to donate food to the Pantry, do pop a couple of items into your trolley next time you shop, we'd appreciate any of the following things:

Please donate:

Milk
Coffee
Washing up liquid
Sanitary products

Please DO NOT donate:

Fresh food (we can't safely store it and it will go to waste)

Where do I leave food donations?

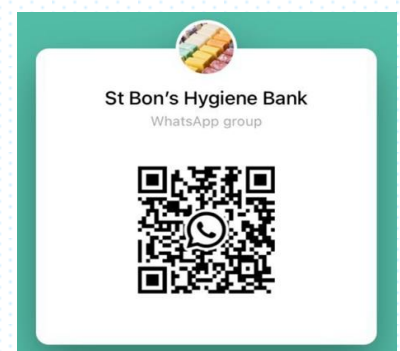
Please put **food donations** either in the **clear box** labelled "**Community Food Pantry Donation Box**" at the **back of the church** or in the **box outside the front door of the Presbytery**.

How do I donate money?

There is a "Food Pantry" button on the Donation Point inside the church if you would like to make monetary donations by card. Or you can give cash to Mgr. Massey or put it in an envelope through Trish's door at 55 Egerton Road.

St. Bon's Hygiene Bank provides families of children at the school with bags of hygiene products every half term. We have an amazing group of parents who regularly donate supplies of things like toothpaste, shampoo and washing up liquid to the bank, but it would be great to have some new people in the group. If you think this is something you would like to help with, please scan the QR code below to join the St. Bon's Hygiene Bank WhatsApp group:

We would also love to hear from anyone who is interested in volunteering to help run the hygiene bank. Call or message Nicola on 07947 690569 or Katie on 07792 420999 to find out more.





Two members of staff from our school running club, are running the Bristol 10K this weekend - Miss Rigg and Mrs Harris. What a great example to set for our pupils. Please cheer them on if you are going to watch. Mrs Harris is also raising money for St Peter's Hospice. If you would like to make a donation, please follow the link below. All donations are greatly appreciated.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/debbie-harris-1714491371231?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fdebbie-harris-1714491371231&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share

St Bons Church Climate Action Group are running a photo competition during May/June on the theme of 'The natural world', to generate interest in the environment and our Climate Action Group. The proposed age groups are under 12, 12-16 and 17 and over and they would love our children to get involved.

Entries are submitted by email with the accompanying form

The competition is sponsored by 'Catch the Moment' on Gloucester road, who will be part of the judging panel and are going to present the winner of each group with a framed copy of their photo.

Please see the attached poster or follow the QR code for more information

