



Friday 31st January 2025

Dear parents and carers,

Father God,

Bless our school. May all who enter here be filled with your love and may we all learn to follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ our Lord, who came to give us light and life.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

I would like to say a massive well done to the pupils who accompanied Mr Morgan to the bowling tournament this week. Not only were they the only primary school competing against secondary pupils, they came second and were awarded with a trophy and medals. We are so proud of you all- you really let your light shine bright!

Thank you to everyone who came to the parent/carer school improvement session this morning. The group received an update on the progress we have made towards our school improvement priorities. They also had the opportunity to walk around the school and see things that I have spoken about in action. The next session will run 9-10am on Friday 21st March.

You will have seen that we are still looking to fill our vacant PTFA Secretary and Treasurer roles. Our PTFA chair, Helen, has written a letter providing more information which has been sent out today. If you want to know more about what this will entail please come and speak to myself or Helen for a no obligation chat.

Governor election

Please see attached to this newsletter a letter providing details about our parent/carer vacant governor positions.

Parent focus group

Our parent/carer focus group met last week to revisit the actions identified as a result of our term 6 2024 parent/carer survey. One area we have focused on is improving communication regarding sporting events. As a result this term we are trialling using Spond as a way to communicate after school football and netball events to parents/carers. We are going to review this later in the term before rolling out to other year groups.

Dates for your diary:

- Friday 7th February 9-10.30am Bristol Parent Carers facilitate our SEND parent group coffee morning- all parents welcome to attend, you do not need to stay for the session you are free to drop in and out.
- Friday 14th February last day of term 3 for pupils.
- Monday 24th February first day of term 4 for pupils.
- Thursday 6th March World Book day- more details to follow!
- Saturday 8th March Bishopston Window Wanderland launch event St Bons playground 6-7pm

Best,
Sarah Ballantine
Head teacher

Catholic Life at St Bon's this week

This week has been a busy and blessed one here at St. Bon's, filled with faith, reflection, and joyful learning.

We began the week with the exciting launch of the Jubilee Year, "Pilgrims of Hope" The whole school watched the inspiring CAFOD launch assembly, and our Year 5 chaplains took the lead, distributing journey maps, prayer cards, and stickers to everyone. These resources will guide us throughout the year as we explore what it means to be pilgrims of hope. Our Year 5 chaplains also held a productive meeting this week, sharing their brilliant ideas for completing all the actions on the journey map. We look forward to hearing more from them and participating in these activities together as a school community.

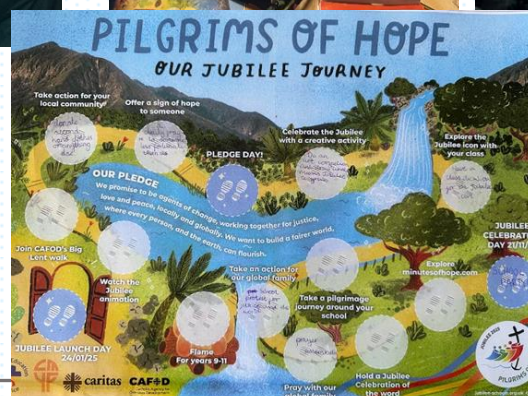
Our Key Stage 2 Gospel Value assembly focused on the important theme of supporting refugees. We shared the moving story of a refugee from Afghanistan, prompting the children to reflect on how we can show compassion and make refugees in our community, and especially in our school, feel welcome and safe. The children's thoughtful contributions highlighted their understanding of empathy and the importance of reaching out to those in need.

During our Celebrations of the Word this week, we heard the beautiful Gospel story of Jesus' presentation in the temple and Simeon's joy at recognizing him. The children were invited to reflect on times when they have recognised the presence of Jesus in their own lives. It was truly inspiring to hear their thoughtful and reflective responses. Even our youngest children spoke of Jesus being at their side during difficult times, and also when they are in a beautiful place, demonstrating a deep understanding of His constant presence in our lives.

Every week, children from across the school take the lead in supporting the faith journey of others. Children in each class have the opportunity to plan and deliver reflections for their classmates. This week, a group of children from 4G led their class in a reflection on friendship, reminding us of the importance of love and support within our community.

Finally, 3J's class assembly provided a joyous and humorous link between their History topic on the Egyptians and our school theme of "Seek the Truth." Through song, narration, and drama, they brought ancient Egyptian history to life, demonstrating their learning in a creative and engaging way.

It has been a truly enriching week, filled with opportunities for growth in faith and understanding. We are so proud of all our children and their commitment to living out the Gospel values.



UP COMING DATES:

Week beginning 3rd February (Menu week 3)

Monday 3rd - Athletics county finals @ UWE

Tuesday 4th - Year 5 swimming

- Dodgeball competition @ St Bedes 4:00-5:15

Wednesday 5th - Year 1 SS Great Britain trip.

Friday 7th - SEND parents coffee morning.

- 1R Class assembly 10:00-10:30

Week beginning 10th February

Monday 10th - Year 5 Explorer dome

Tuesday 11th Year 4 swimming

Thursday 13th - Unique voice online safety workshops - KS2

Friday 14th - Last day of term.

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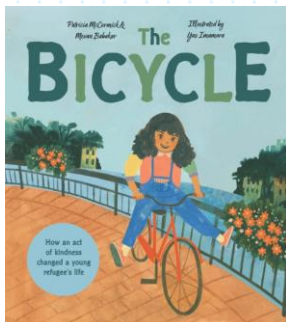


Year 1 and Year 2 Parents, Carers and Families

We are delighted to welcome a visiting author to the school on Thursday 13th February 2025. Mevan Babakar will introduce her book 'The Bicycle' to children in Key Stage One.

If you would like to order a signed copy of this book ready for collection after the author visits, please follow the link below:

<https://maxminervas.co.uk/products/13-02-2025-mevan-babakar-introduces-the-bicycle-st-bonaventures-primary-school-discount>



[13/02/2025 Mevan Babakar introduces The Bicycle \(St Bonaventure's Prim](#)

We are thrilled to announce that St Bonaventure's Primary Primary School will be hosting Mevan Babakar on Thursday 13th February. Mevan will be introducing her new book The Bicycle. Please place your order by Friday 7th of February to ensure your book is signed. Orders placed after this date, may not be signed and may
maxminervas.co.uk

EAL (English as an additional language) Coffee mornings.

Every Wednesday 9:00-10:00 Please come along to the office and sign in.

If English is not your first language, please come along and join us for our weekly EAL coffee mornings.

All parents and carers are very welcome. This is a great chance to meet other parents, ask questions and be part of your child's learning.

Feel involved in the school life and up to date with what's going on in a relaxed and friendly environment.

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





Big well done to the St Bon's bowling team that represented this week in the Pentathlon Bowling competition coming 2nd and 3rd place on the afternoon.



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



Bikeability Level 1 (year 3 & 4) and level 2 (year 5 & 6) will be starting in April.

This is for children in year 3, 4, 5 & 6 who are able to ride confidently without stabilisers and who have not completed the course before.

The cost for level 1 is £5.50 and level 2 is £11.00, please contact the office to register your interest.

Sports and clubs at St BONS

Sport and club's - week starting 3rd February



Please fill out a club permission slip from the office to register your child to a club.

If your child is signed up for a club but won't be attending at any point please let the office know.

Club...	Is it running...	Day and year group...
Netball	Yes Yes	Monday - year 3&4 Tuesday - year 5&6
Hockey	Yes	Friday- Year 5&6 - 3:20 - 4:30 Paid club Booked through Mrs Hinkins
Gymnastics	Yes	Tuesday 3:20 - 4:20 Year 3 & 4 This club is full and running a waiting list
Circuits	Yes	Thursdays - Y's 2-6 - 8:00am in hall with Mr Morgan
Drama	Yes Yes	Monday 3:20-4:30 As per the schedule + all grandparents, act 1 Mike TeeVee song & dance, extra reporters for act 1 Mike Tee Vee scene. Thursday 3:20- 5:00 Whole cast
Running club	Yes	Wednesday - 7.45am - all welcome - meet outside foyer.
Dodgeball	Yes	Friday -Year 4 & 5 - 8:00-8:30
Football	Yes	Wednesdays 3:30 - 4:30
Rugby	Yes	Thursday - 8:00 - 8:30 year 5 & 6
Chess		Friday Year 5&6 - lunchtime.
Choir	YES	Mondays 12:15- during lunch break



TERM 3 CWS AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



<p>MONDAY FOOTBALL CLUB 3.30PM - 4.30PM RECEPTION/Y1/Y2/Y3 £20 FOR 5 WEEK COURSE</p>	<p>TUESDAY FOOTBALL CLUB 3.30PM - 4.30PM Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 £24 FOR 6 WEEK COURSE</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY MULTI SPORTS 3.30PM - 4.30PM RECEPTION/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 £24 FOR 6 WEEK COURSE</p>	<p>THURSDAY CRICKET/TAG RUGBY/ BASKETBALL/FOOTBALL 3.30PM - 4.30PM RECEPTION/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 £24 FOR 6 WEEK COURSE</p>

CLUB WILL START BACK TUESDAY 7TH JANUARY

BOOKINGS WILL OPEN ONLINE ON FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER

**TO BOOK PLEASE GO TO -
WWW.CWSOPHIE.CO.UK**

**YEAR 3 FOOTBALL IS BOTH MONDAY AND TUESDAY PLEASE
FEEL FREE TO POP THEM INTO THE GROUP YOU FEEL THEY
WOULD ENJOY THE MOST AND GET THE MOST OUT OF**

**GIVE OUR SOCIALS A LITTLE FOLLOW KEEP UP TO DATE WITH ALL OUR
HOLIDAY CLUBS, BIRTHDAY PARTIES AND ALL THE OTHER FUN WE
HAVE
GOING ON**




















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February playscheme bookings are now open on School Gateway. We are running the whole of the half term, Monday - Friday.

We offer two sessions: Full day 8:30-17:45- £33, Short day 10:00- 16:00- £26

Any queries - please do not hesitate to contact us - kidzonestbons@bristol-schools.uk

February Playscheme	KidZone Craft Plan				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Craft 1	Cardboard Tube Unicorns 	Paper Plate Pizzas 	DIY Wind Chimes 	Mini Paper Kites 	Egg Box Ice Creams 
Craft 2	Leaf Printing 	Pom Poms 	Super Hero Masks PAPER PLATE HULK MASK 	Tissue Paper Animals 	Playdough 
Cooking	Iced Fairy Cakes 	Pizzas 	Flapjack 	Sausage Roll 	Jam Tarts 

URGENT: We can't continue without your help

We urgently need volunteers to step into the roles of Treasurer and Secretary on the St Bon's [PTFA Committee](#). If these positions remain unfilled, we will **unfortunately be unable to continue running PTFA activities** beyond our Annual General Meeting (AGM) next Thursday 6 February 2025 at 8pm. We are also looking for new committee members to join us.

Please take a moment to read more about the PTFA in this [letter sent out to all St Bon's parents and carers](#) earlier today, and consider whether you can step forward...

If you'd like to join the committee, especially in the roles of Treasurer and Secretary, we would love to hear from you by **Sunday 2 February**.

Our AGM will be held online at 8pm on Thursday, 6 February, where we'll elect new committee members. **Please mark the AGM in your diaries — we need at least twice the number of current committee members present to ensure the meeting valid.**

Thank you for your ongoing support for the PTFA!

YOUR PTFA NEEDS YOU!!

TREASURER

SECRETARY

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

HELP!! WE CAN'T RUN THE PTFA THIS YEAR WITHOUT YOU!

SUPPORT THE SCHOOL! MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE!

INTERESTED? PLEASE GET IN TOUCH ASAP!
CONTACT@STBONSPTFA.COM
OUR AGM IS ON 6 FEB!!

ST BON'S PTFA

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

We had a really lovely note of gratitude left at the Pantry recently. The volunteers are all extremely touched - it's such a comfort to know that the work they have all put in is really reaching the people who need help in such difficult times.

You can help be part of that comfort and support - just pop along to the church with a small food donation. Anything is helpful, but have a look below for the things we really need at the moment.

For those in need, the Pantry is open between 8am - 5pm every day except Monday.

Please donate:

Tuna

Pesto

Jars of cook-in sauces

Tinned meat and tinned veggie meals

Shampoo

Deodorant

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.