



Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024

Dear parents and carers,

*Jesus,  
You care about us and want good things for us.  
Thank you for the precious people inside our hearts.  
Watch over us, guide us, let our hearts be ruled by you.  
Amen*



Year 6 had a wonderful time on their retreat at St Cassian's Centre, Kintbury, this week. A massive thank you to the staff who accompanied them.

### **Eric information**

Thank you to the parents/carers who were able to join us for our information session with ERIC, The children's bowel and bladder charity, yesterday. If you missed the session but want to know more about how to support your child with a bowel or bladder problem please look at their website:

<https://eric.org.uk/>

There are copies of their poo and wee checker in the school office. Can I please encourage you all to collect one and pop it in your family bathroom. This will help you to have conversations with your children about constipation and ensure they are hydrated.

### **Update on pupil illness**

We are now fully in the season of coughs and colds. This is to be expected and we are reminding the children to wash their hands often and always after they have used the toilet.

It can be difficult to know whether to send your child to school if they are feeling under the weather. If your child has a temperature they should not come to school. If your child has had a bout of sickness or diarrhoea you do not send them to school for 48 hours.

### **SMSA required for working 1:1**

We are looking for a lunchtime supervisor who will work with a Reception aged child at lunchtime, supporting the child to engage in group games on the playground followed by 15 minutes of support in the classroom. The role is Monday-Friday working 75 minutes a day. If you want to find out more please contact me on [head.st.bonaventures.p@bristol-schools.uk](mailto:head.st.bonaventures.p@bristol-schools.uk). All applicants will be required to complete an application form and provide two references.

### Dates for your diary:

- Friday 29th November St Andrew's Day. All children in St Andrews house can wear blue own clothes.
- Friday 6th December bring a bottle for the Christmas fair bottle stall and wear own clothes to school.
- Sunday 8th December 2-5pm St Bons Christmas Fair
- Wednesday 11th December Christmas lunch
- WB: 16th December Reception & KS1 Nativity performances. Please see your ticket for the date of performance.
- Tuesday 17th December KS2 Family Carol 6.30pm. Parents/carers to stay with their child for the duration of the performance. Please do not drop and go.
- Friday 20th December 9.15am Advent Mass St Bons Church. All parents/carers welcome to attend.

Best,  
Sarah Ballantine  
Head teacher

## Celebrating Catholic Life at St. Bonaventure's!

This week at St Bon's has been all about living out our Gospel value to love thy neighbour. Our students have shown remarkable compassion and generosity in various ways.

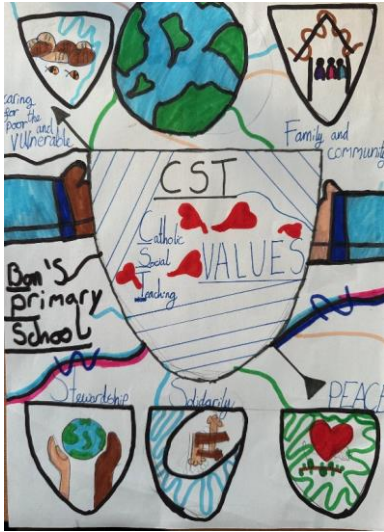
### A Heart warming Initiative

A group of Year 4 students took the initiative to raise an impressive £95.72 through a creative fundraiser involving loom bands, bookmarks, and crafts. Inspired by CAFOD's World Gift campaign, they wanted to support individuals in other countries who lack access to education. Their efforts exemplify the power of compassion and the desire to make a difference in the lives of others.



## Celebration of the Word

In our celebration of the Word, we explored the powerful story of the Good Samaritan, a key Gospel passage that aligns perfectly with our "Love thy Neighbour" theme. Key Stage 2 students connected this story to the work of Aid to the Church in Need, highlighting the persecution faced by Christians worldwide. We encouraged our students to offer prayers and support for these fellow Christians.



## 5B's Inspiring Assembly

5B's class assembly focused on the theme of "Love thy Neighbour," drawing connections between their History lessons on World War 2 and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. They explored how communities came together to support one another during challenging times, emphasising solidarity, human dignity, and the common good. To embody these values, the class is donating winter items to the Julian Trust and creating Christmas cards, demonstrating their commitment to helping those in need in our local community.



## UP COMING DATES:

### Week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> November (Menu week 1)

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 swimming

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> - Year 5&6 tag rugby

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> - St Andrews day- house wear Blue

Week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Bristol Old Vic

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Year 6 swimming

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> - Year 3 stone age day

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> - Christmas fair.

Dates  
for your



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**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](mailto:Esmeralda.cela@bristol-schools.uk)



## 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 25<sup>th</sup> November**




**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 <b>Year 3 &amp; 4</b> Please sign permission slip in office
Circuits	<b>NO</b>	Thursdays - Y's 2-6 - 8:00am in hall with Mr Morgan
Drama	YES	Monday- 3:20-4:45 - only those emailed are required Thursday 3:20- 4:45 - <b>WHOLE CAST</b>
Running club	YES	Wednesday - 7.45am - all welcome - meet outside foyer.
Bench ball	YES	Friday -Year 4 & 5 - 8:00-8:30
Football	<b>NO</b>	Wednesdays 3:30 - 4:30
Rugby	YES	Thursday - 8:00-8:30 year 5 & 6
Chess Lunch break	NO	Friday Year 5&6 - lunchtime



## TERM 2 CWS AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS






<p><b>MONDAY</b> FOOTBALL CLUB 3.30PM - 4.30PM RECEPTION/Y1/Y2 £28 FOR 7 WEEK COURSE</p>	<p><b>TUESDAY</b> FOOTBALL CLUB 3.30PM - 4.30PM Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 £28 FOR 7 WEEK COURSE</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> MULTI SPORTS 3.30PM - 4.30PM RECEPTION/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 £28 FOR 7 WEEK COURSE</p>	<p><b>THURSDAY</b> CRICKET/TAG RUGBY/ BASKETBALL/FOOTBALL 3.30PM - 4.30PM RECEPTION/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 £28 FOR 7 WEEK COURSE</p>

**CLUB WILL START BACK MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER**

**BOOKINGS WILL OPEN ONLINE ON FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER**

TO BOOK PLEASE GO TO -  
[WWW.CWSOPHIE.CO.UK](http://WWW.CWSOPHIE.CO.UK)

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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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## Shhh-opping spree! Grab some top prizes in our Christmas silent auction!

We are continuing to add some amazing prizes to our online silent auction. [Bid now](#) for items such as lunch for two at the Pig, a £50 voucher for the Wave, a signed Bristol Rovers top, family tickets to Aerospace and the Avon Valley Railway, gardening, forest school, wellbeing coaching, holiday club sessions, golf and plenty more. Bid now - you've got to be in it to win it!!

**Christmas fair:** Read more about [what to expect at the fair](#), and [buy your fair tickets now](#).

- **Hamper items:** Thanks to everyone who sent in Christmas hamper items this week. If you still have items to donate, please get in touch with your class rep ASAP.
- Don't forget to bring in your goodie bags and pre-loved toy donations on **Friday 29 November** at school drop off:
  - **Goodie bags:** These are hugely popular at the fair! Please fill a party or gift bag / paper envelope or similar with small treats, toys, or stationery -anything you think another child might like.
  - **Pre-loved toy donations:** Please donate any toys, puzzles or games in excellent condition which you feel another child would enjoy - we would kindly request a maximum of 3 donated items per family to avoid being overwhelmed with toys which we don't have space to store! **No baby or toddler toys please.**
- **Volunteering on stalls:** Your class rep has also been sent details of your class stall at the fair and will be in touch with you soon with a volunteering rota. Thanks in advance for your help - we can't run the fair without you!
- **Raffle tickets:** Each family should have been provided with raffle tickets for the fantastic Christmas Hamper Raffle with 14 magnificent hampers to be won. Tickets are £1 each. Please sell as many of the tickets as you can. Return the money, completed ticket stubs (the part that you fill in) and any unsold tickets to the office or put in the collection box outside the main school doors by 9am on Friday 6 December, or return at the fair. More tickets are available from the school office or at the fair.



**Christmas Crafts & Fizz:** What a [perfect start](#) to the festive season! Thank you to everyone who came and supported our Christmas Crafts & Fizz evening last week. We raised **£846!!** A special thanks to Magdalena from [Art-K Henleaze](#) who guided us all so well through a number of different Christmas crafts and decorations.

Also thanks to [Moda hairdressing](#) for gift bags and freebies, [FED café](#) for supplying some wonderful food for our graze boards, Colin Smith for keeping us entertained all evening on the piano, and our St Bon's PTFA team - including [Lusso Events](#) - for adding some Christmas sparkle to the organisation of the event.

**PTFA meeting:** Read the [minutes of our 14 November meeting](#). Please get in touch if you would like to be involved with any of the events planned for 2025.

**Pre-loved uniform:** The shed is open all day, Monday to Friday, so feel free to pop in whenever you can. **We are currently in need of cardigans with the St Bon's logo.** Please bring any donations to the school office and not the shed - many thanks. [Take the shed tour now!](#)

**Dates for your diary** ([Read our blog](#) for all the dates and details! Also see our [Instagram reel](#)):

- ✚ **Pre-loved uniform shed:** Open all day, Monday to Friday, so feel free to pop in whenever you can.
- ✚ **Christmas Fair:** Sunday 8 December, from 2-5pm
- ✚ **PTFA social:** Thursday 12 December, 8pm. We've booked a space in the Gloucester Old Spot on Kellaway Avenue. All are welcome. Please do come along and say hello, we would love to see you.

ST BON'S PTFA

St Bonaventure's Primary School

# Christmas

FAIR

## SUN 8th

DECEMBER 2024

2:00 - 5:00 PM

BUY TICKETS AT:  
[WWW.STBONSPTFA.COM](http://WWW.STBONSPTFA.COM)

GIFTS  
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FOOD

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St Bonaventure's Catholic Primary School, Egerton Road, Bishopston, BS7 8HP

Silent auction

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Plantscapes Bristol

BID NOW ONLINE!

ST BON'S PTFA

# Welcome to Reception

Applications are open on you LA website for Reception 2025.  
The deadline for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January.

We still have spaces on our open days if you would like a tour of the school,  
please find dates on our website and book with the office.

## **Community News**

**There are currently places for 10 -11 year olds at first Bishopston Scouts on Mondays and Fridays-  
for more information please email [bishopstonscouts@gmail.com](mailto:bishopstonscouts@gmail.com)**

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### St Bons prayer group

If you would like to join other parents / carers of St Bons to support our school community in prayer, we have a new informal prayer group meeting once a month, 9-9.30am in the Presbytery on the following dates:

- Tues 10th Dec
- Fri 24th Jan
- Thurs 13th Feb

We would LOVE to see you there! More info, message Lorna on 07855108729

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**St Bon's Brownies meets on a Monday evening from 6.30 to 8pm in the Parish Hall and has vacancies for new Brownies. If you have a daughter in Year 2 or above and would like your daughter to join the parish Brownie group, please contact [stbonsbrownies@gmail.com](mailto:stbonsbrownies@gmail.com)**



### **First Holy Communion 2025**

The application process for the First Holy Communion programme is now open.

If your child is in year 3 or above, and you wish to enrol him/her for the preparation programme starting in January, please complete an [online application form](#).

First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 17th May 2025.

For more details, please contact the parish office on 0117 942 4448 or email [bristol.stbonaventure@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bristol.stbonaventure@cliftondiocese.com).