



Friday 6th September 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Loving God,

We make our prayer to you at the beginning of a new school year.

Thank you for our school and for all who work to make it a good and exciting place to learn.

Thank you for the spirit of love and care that surrounds us here as we work together.

To those who are just starting their time at this school, give encouragement.

As we welcome them, may they know that they belong.

Bless and guide us all in that we try to achieve in the coming year.

Amen.



It has been a joy to welcome back the children this week, their attitude to their learning and positivity has really impressed the staff. Thank you for preparing them!

Sadly a former St Bons pupil, Ray Williams died unexpectedly in the summer holidays. Ray was a former St Bons pupil and a pupil at St Bedes 2017-2024. He had a sibling who has recently left St Bons. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ray's family and friends at this sad time.

New altar servers

Mgr. Bernard has welcomed a group of 11 KS2 pupils who are currently learning how to become an altar server. They attended parish Mass on Thursday and supported our beginning of year Mass today. We are pleased to see so many of our pupils taking an active part in the Catholic life of our school.



Summer holiday homework challenges

It has been wonderful to see how many children have engaged with the summer holiday homework challenge. Thank you for supporting your child/ren to complete this. We will be awarding certificates to everyone who has shared their summer holiday homework in assembly on Monday.

SEND parent/carer support group meeting

Our first meeting of the new school year will take place on **Friday 13th September and will be led by Bristol Parent Carer Forum**. I would encourage as many of you as possible to drop into this session which will run from **9am-10.30am**. Bristol Parent Carers is a non profit organisation that provides information and support to local parents/carers. Tea/coffee will be provided and you are welcome to bring babies/toddlers. You do not need to stay for the whole session, drop in and leave when you want.

The dates of all other SEND parent/carer support sessions are as follows:

- Thursday 21st November- ERIC Children's Continenence Pathway
- Friday 13th December
- Friday 17th January
- Friday 7th February
- Friday 7th March
- Friday 28th March
- Friday 2nd May
- Friday 13th June
- Friday 11th July

Start of year, year group parent/carer information meetings

Following feedback from our parent focus group we have decided to share at the start of year, year group information via a narrated PowerPoint presentation. There will not be a face to face meeting. This will enable staff to focus on content and ensure all parents can access this information. We will be sharing these slides with you via your child's Google classroom home page in the WB: 16th September.

Roald Dahl day Friday 13th September

On Friday 13th September we will be celebrating Roald Dahl day. All children are encouraged to come to school wearing either yellow as it was Roald Dahls favourite colour or dressed as their favourite Roald Dahl character.

Dress for all weathers

We are an all weather school and children do spend time outdoors in light rain, please can you make sure your child comes into school every day with a water proof coat, they are also welcome to bring in named wellies which they can change into at break times.

End of year parent/carer survey July 2024

Thank you to everyone who engaged with our end of year survey in July. In total 69 individuals completed the survey. We will be using what you have told us to make changes and tweaks throughout this year. Thank you.

The following is a summary of the most frequently identified strengths and what we could do to improve.

Strengths:

- 99% of parents/carers state their child/ren feels safe at school.
- 99% of parents/carers state their child/ren is happy at school.
- Nurturing community environment.
- Inclusivity.

- Caring ethos.
- Approachable staff team.

What we could do to improve:

- Streamline communication.
- Being kept up to date with children's progress throughout the year.
- Regarding sporting events, advanced notice for after school events and provision of school organised transport when taking place within the school day.
- More opportunities for EYFS & KS1 pupils to take part in extracurricular clubs.
- Improve communication for parents/carers of SEND pupils.
- Consistency between same year group classes, e.g. homework, use of google classroom.

We already have some ideas about what we're going to do to improve and act upon your feedback. We're going to be working closely with our parent focus group and staff teams and will keep you updated as we move through the new school year.

Best,
Sarah Ballantine
Head teacher

UP COMING DATES:

Week beginning Monday 9th September (menu week 2)

Reception children attend either mornings (9:00-11:000 or afternoons (1:30-3:15)

Wednesday 11th – Year 3 swimming

Friday 13th – Roald Dahl day- wear yellow or dress as favourite Roald Dahl character

- SEND parent/carer support group 9:00-10:30

Week starting 16th September

All reception children attend 8:50-1:30

Wednesday 18th - Bikability level two bike checks – only for those who have signed last term.

- Year 3 swimming



Celebrating Catholic Life at St. Bonaventure's!

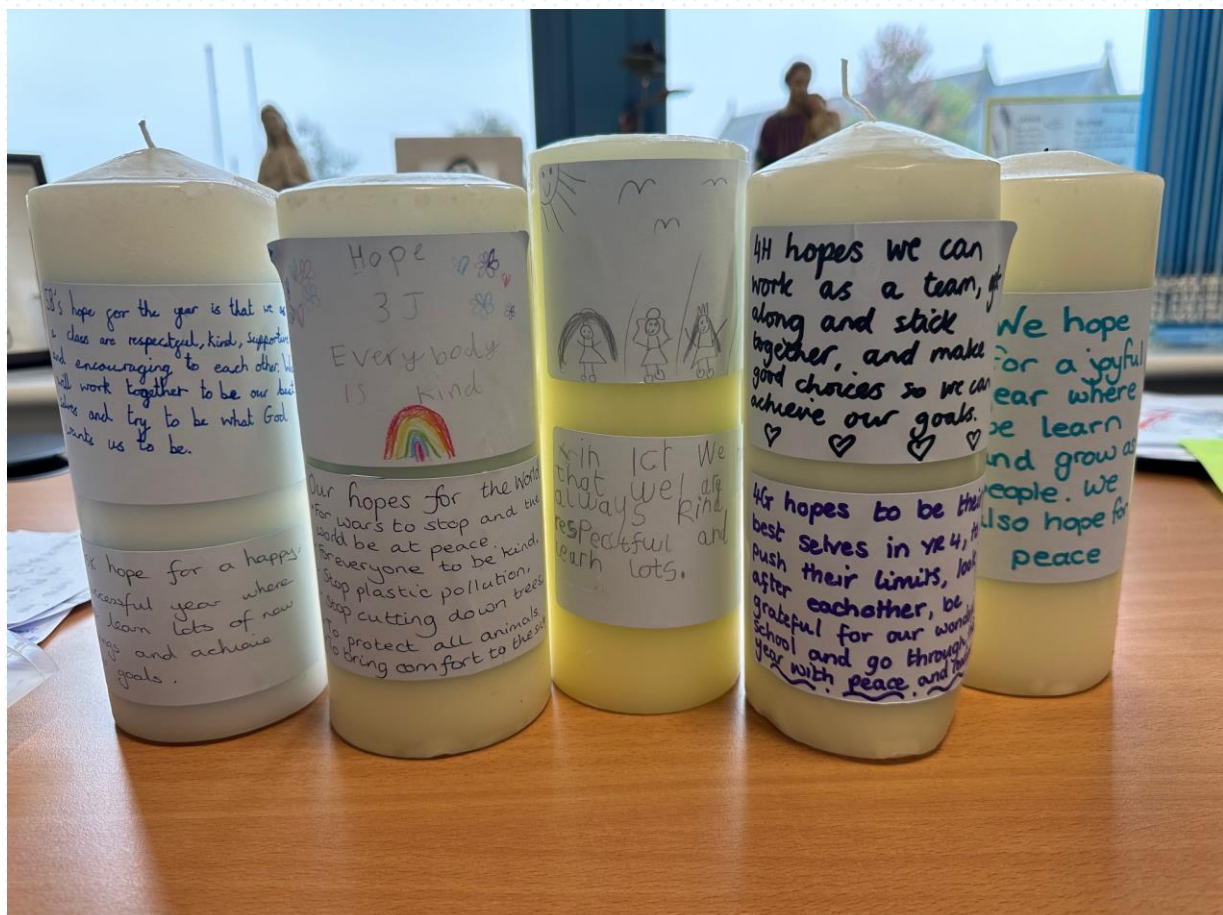
Welcome back to a new school year! As we embark on this faith journey together, we are excited to continue reflecting Gospel values in our community. Our first focus for the year is "**Love thy Neighbour**", and we will explore the Catholic Social Teaching principles of Human Dignity, Family and Community, and Rights and Responsibilities. Each year group will work towards faith awards based on these principles, deepening their understanding of how we can make a positive impact on the lives of others.

Our ethos assembly on Monday set the tone for the year, reminding us to "**Strive to be the best we can, guided by the light of Christ**". The children reflected on how they can share their love with others in their classrooms, school, and beyond.

The start-of-year mass, centred around the theme of "Love thy Neighbour," featured the gospel reading of the Good Samaritan. Mgr. Bernard encouraged the children to be welcoming and supportive of new students who have joined our school this week or will be joining us in Reception classes next week.

During the mass, each year group presented a candle in the offertory, sharing their hopes for the year based on class reflections. Following the mass, our new altar servers were commissioned by Mgr. Bernard. This group of 11 Year 6 pupils will take turns serving at our masses throughout the year. We are incredibly proud of these students who have stepped up to take on this important role.

As we continue our school year, let us remember the importance of loving our neighbours and striving to be the best versions of ourselves, guided by the light of Christ. Together, we can create a community that is filled with love, compassion, and kindness.



Sports and clubs at St Bons

Sport and club's - week starting 9th September



Please fill out a club permission slip from the office at register your child to a club, even if they attended the same club last year.

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	Mondays- Y 3&4 - 3:20 - 4:30 Tuesdays- Y 5&6 - 3:20 – 4:30
Hockey with Mrs Hinkins	YES	Fridays- Y5 & 6 - 3:20 – 4:30 Paid club Booked through Mrs Hinkins- details attached.
Circuits	YES	Thursdays - Y's 2-6 – 8:00am in with Mr Morgan
Running club	YES	Wednesdays – 7.45am – all welcome – meet outside foyer
Rugby	NO	Starting in term 2 for yr 5 & 6
Football	YES	Wednesdays 3:20 – 4:30 – boys trials this week
Chess Lunch break	NO	Starting term 2
Drama	NO	Monday & Thursday 3:15-4:15 year groups and timings to be confirmed
Art/Drawing- lunch	NO	To be confirmed
Debating Club- lunch time	NO	To be confirmed
Well-Being Singing- lunch time	NO	To be confirmed
Choir – Lunch time	NO	To be confirmed

Hi All,

We hope you had a lovely summer!!

After school clubs for CWS start back on Monday and we cant wait to see you all!!

The following sports are on the days below.

To book please head to www.cwsophie.co.uk and head to school - St Bons.



TERM I CWS AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



MONDAY FOOTBALL CLUB 3.30PM - 4.30PM RECEPTION/Y1/Y2 £28 FOR 7 WEEK COURSE	TUESDAY FOOTBALL CLUB 3.30PM - 4.30PM Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 £28 FOR 7 WEEK COURSE
WEDNESDAY MULTI SPORTS 3.30PM - 4.30PM RECEPTION/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 £28 FOR 7 WEEK COURSE	THURSDAY GIRLS ONLY SPORTS 3.30PM - 4.30PM RECEPTION/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 £28 FOR 7 WEEK COURSE
THURSDAY CRICKET FOR ALL 3.30PM - 4.30PM RECEPTION/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 £28 FOR 7 WEEK COURSE	CLUB WILL START BACK MONDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER BOOKINGS WILL OPEN ONLINE ON MONDAY 2ND SEPT TO BOOK PLEASE GO TO - WWW.CWSOPHIE.CO.UK

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

PLEASE NOTE WE HAVE **TWO CLUBS ON A THURSDAY!! GIRLS ONLY AND CRICKET THESE ARE TWO DIFFERENT CLUBS RUNNING ON THE SAME DAY**

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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

ST BON'S PTFA



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St Bons Parents & Carers

We're back!

PTFA meeting: Our first meeting of term will be on **Wednesday 11 September at 8pm, online**. We'll be discussing fundraising activities for the term, including our Christmas Fair. Please come and say hello - all are welcome. A meeting link will be circulated via class reps next week.

Coffee morning 27 September: Calling all new St Bon's parents and carers! You are invited to a PTFA coffee morning on **Friday 27 September at 9am**, to enjoy a cuppa and some home baked treats. This is a lovely chance to meet other new parents and carers, have a chat, and ask any questions you might have about school life. Little ones are very welcome (there will be squash/soft drinks available). Just pop into the Presbytery which is the door to the left of the church entrance. We look forward to seeing you there.

Gardening: Can you spare some time to help us plant bulbs in the raised beds at the front of school on **Saturday 14 September from 9am to 11am**? If so, please email contact@stbonsptfa.com to let us know you are coming (this is one for the grown-ups only as we can't have children on site on that day).

Christmas Fair: This year's St Bon's Christmas Fair will be held on **Sunday 8 December, from 2-5pm**, so pop the date in your diary now as it promises to be a great event!

ST BON'S PTFA

NEW ST BON'S
PARENTS & CARERS

COFFEE
MORNING

FRIDAY 27 SEPTEMBER, 9AM
ST BON'S PRESBYTERY
(DOOR TO THE LEFT OF THE
CHURCH ENTRANCE)

ST BON'S PTFA

PTFA
meeting

Wednesday 11 September
8pm, online

Come & join us for the first meeting of
the term - all welcome!

Meeting link will be sent round via class
reps next week.

We would like to offer an extended welcome to our new EAL parents and invite them to join our weekly coffee morning.

English as an Additional Language Coffee Mornings



If English is not your first language, please come along to our weekly EAL coffee mornings. This is a great chance to meet other parents, ask questions and to be a part of your child's learning in a relaxed friendly environment.

Wednesday mornings from 9 – 10am – please come and sign in at the office.

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