



Friday 21st June 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for light and warmth, thank you for the sun.

Thank you for the gifts of nature and for the annual cycles and seasons.

*Today, give us that grace again, to see you as the Creator, the One who lifts us up to be with you forever, even now.
Amen.*



Class teacher allocation 2024-25

In preparation for changeover morning on 3rd July we will be telling the children who their new class teacher is next Wednesday. You will receive a letter via email on this day notifying you. We have spent a lot of time considering transition for all our pupils and have put things in place to ensure they are all well supported in this period. If you have any concerns about your child's transition to their new year group please speak to their existing class teacher in the first instance.

If your child has a Bristol Support Plan or an EHCP their new class teacher will be getting in touch with you via email towards the end of this term.

End of year parent/carer survey

I would like to take the opportunity to ask you all to reflect on your experiences of the past year and complete the following survey: <https://forms.gle/iwdDk4HhvYjQd4mf7>

Your responses are really important as they will inform what we do and how we do things in our new school year. The deadline for completing this survey is midday on Friday 12th July. Thank you in advance for your time and support.

Health and fitness week WB: Monday 8th July

Health and fitness week is fast approaching and Ms Rigg is busy finalising the week's activities.

In preparation for this week I want to remind you all that children are invited to come into school in their PE kit every day of this week. Wearing trainers every day of this week is essential as we will all be engaging in physical activities everyday.

Reception and KS1 sports day Tuesday 9th July

KS2 sports day Wednesday 10th July

Both sports days will start as close to 9am as possible and finish at approximately 11am. Parents/carers are invited to come and watch but will be seated on the grassed hill opposite the children. If you are not able to sit on the ground please bring a garden/camping chair with you for comfort. Please do not forget to bring a reusable cup with you as our PTFA will be selling tea and coffee and other refreshments.

Key dates for your diary this term:

- Wednesday 26th June 6pm we have an information evening for all parents/carers whose children are starting school with us in September.
- Wednesday 3rd July changeover morning for all Reception-year 5 pupils. Year 6 pupils not attending St Bedes must come to school as normal.
- Friday 12th July pupils annual reports go home to parents/carers. If your child has two households and you require two sets of reports please contact the office and they will arrange for two copies.

Best,
Sarah Ballantine
Head teacher

Celebrating Catholic Life at St. Bonaventure's!

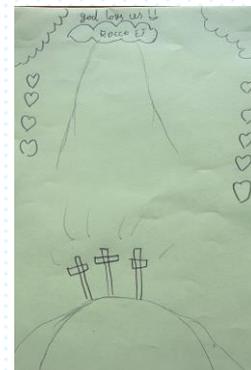
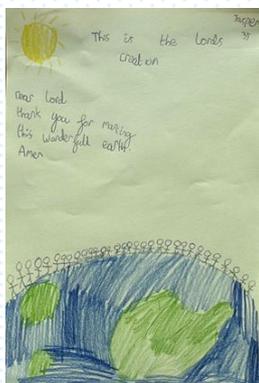
Caring for our Common Home:

Inspired by the gospel theme of Care for our common home, Year 2 led a fantastic assembly based on their "Clean Up" reading text. They combined their learning in geography and science to highlight the impact of littering and plastic pollution on our oceans, particularly the variety of creatures that live there. Their message of "reduce, reuse, recycle" and their collaborative song at the end was truly inspiring!

St. Francis Garden Blossoms:

We're thrilled with the success of the St. Francis Garden opening over the past few weeks. Our dedicated Year 5 chaplains have been instrumental in setting up activities for children to enjoy quiet reflection or listen to stories. Take a look at the photos showcasing Year 3's artwork and prayers created during their lunchtime visit to the garden!

The chaplains have received rave reviews from students, including Gwen in 3J who shared, "The St. Francis garden means so much to me. I had so much fun there and it made me really happy!" They are constantly seeking ways to improve the space and will be announcing some exciting changes at an assembly next week.



Prayer and Reflection:

Each year group is creating its own unique prayer space as part of a school-wide initiative to encourage child-led prayer and reflection. The Year 6 prayer space is complete and looks fantastic!



Live Simply Award Update:

Don't forget to visit our craft and plant stall at the summer fair this weekend! We'll be spreading the message of supporting bees in our environment. Children can paint bug houses, make bookmarks, and decorate tote bags with bee-friendly designs.

Spreading Peace:

Year 5 students have been working with Volunteers from the Quaker Meeting House on Gloucester Road to learn peer mediation skills. These sessions will equip them to act as peacemakers when they reach Year 6.



Year 6 Cabaret and Fashion Show:

Year 6 is buzzing with excitement as they prepare for their annual cabaret and fashion show. Arlo's outfit particularly stands out – he's clearly taken the bee-friendly message to heart with his design! We are incredibly proud of all our students for their commitment to our Catholic values and environmental responsibility. Keep up the fantastic work!



UP COMING DATES:

Week beginning 24th June (menu week 1)

Care for our common home curriculum week

Tuesday 25th – Year 1 NW24 sports event @ RGS

- Year 5 taster day @ St Bede's

Wednesday 26th – Year 6 camp until Friday

- Year 5 choir event @ St Bede's
- Olympic & Paralympic workshops
- New reception parent's information evening 6-7

Thursday 27th – Year 4 Summer sing

- Year 3 Greek

Friday 28th – Frozen Fridays

- Olympic & Paralympic workshop

Week beginning Monday 1st July

Wednesday 3rd – Transition day

- New reception stay and play

Thursday 4th - 5H class assembly 10:00

- Year 5&6 hockey festival
- Year 6 transition day
- Frozen Thursday- after school ice cream/lolly sale.

Dates
for your



Sports and clubs at St BONS

Sport and club's - week starting 24th June



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	YES	Thursdays - Y's 2-6 – 8:00am in with Mr Morgan
Running club	YES	Wednesdays – 7.45am – all welcome – meet outside foyer
Football	YES	Wednesdays 3:15 – 4:15 - boys this week
Chess Lunch break	YES	Fridays 12:15 -Y5 & Y6 fortnightly
Hockey with Mrs Hinkins	NO	Fridays – Y5 & 6 – 3:15 Not running this week 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>



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

Health and Wellbeing week 8th – 12th July

Do you have experience or an interest in something that relates to health and wellbeing? If so we need you!

We are looking for volunteers who can offer their time and skills during this week to come and help. We are open to any ideas you have so if you can help please email in with some details about what you can offer.

This is a fantastic week that the children really enjoy so is a great way to get involved and show the children something new.

Please contact the office asap.



See you at the Summer Fair this Sunday 23 June, from 2-5pm!!

We can't wait to see everyone at this year's Summer Fair this **Sunday 23 June from 2-5pm!** Tickets are available via our PTFA website. There will be fun games, prizes, entertainment, bouncy castle, food & bar, BBQ, bubble tea, candy floss (sponsored by [Sarah Kenny](#)), plants, face painting, bee-themed crafts (sponsored by [St Bede's](#)), Name the Giant Teddy (sponsored by Ocean Estate Agents), and lots more!

Silent auction: Don't forget to bid in our silent auction – you could be the highest bidder for some of our fabulous prizes including: 2 tickets to see the England Women vs New Zealand cricket at Gloucestershire County Cricket Club, a family day out at Longleat, holiday tennis coaching, spa day, a signed England cricket shirt, health and wellbeing coaching sessions and more! This is your chance to win big while supporting our school!

Cakes: Home baked delights for the Summer Fair café would be much appreciated, and can be as simple or as fancy as you wish. You can drop off cakes and bakes any time Sunday morning, or at the start of the fair at 2pm.

Bake off competition: For those of you who like a bit of competition, your efforts will be judged and there will be a star bake awarded by Joe's Bakery! If you would like your cake entered in this year's Bake Off Competition please bring it to the fair by 1.45 pm for judging at 2pm. The cakes were so popular last year, and we predict that everyone will be keen to tuck in as soon as the fair starts. No nuts please.

Raffle tickets: We've already seen some fabulous looking summer hampers! Thank you everyone who has contributed! Raffle tickets can be returned at the fair until just before the prize draw at 1600.

Fair programme: The fair will kick off at **2pm** with our Bake Off competition judging, followed by 'Soak the Teacher' at **2.30pm**. Then we look forward to hearing our school choir (KS1 and KS2) perform at **3pm**, followed by year 4 singing at **3.30pm**. Our famous hamper raffle draw will be at **4pm**, along with the draw for a winner of 'Name the Giant Teddy'. The fair closes at **5pm**.

Help needed: If you are able to come to school on Sunday morning to help set up for the fair that would be very much appreciated. We also need as many volunteers as possible to stay to tidy up afterwards. Thanks in advance for any time you can offer.

Thank you everyone for your ongoing support so we can make these events happen. We look forward to seeing you at the fair on Sunday 23 June and hope you all have a fantastic time.

Best wishes from the **PTFA Summer Fair team**

WIN A FABULOUS
SUMMER HAMPER
IN OUR RAFFLE!!



RETURN TICKET STUBS &
MONEY AT THE FAIR ON SUNDAY 23 JUNE

BUY TICKETS
ON THE PTFA
WEBSITE FROM
3 JUNE

ST BONAVENTURE'S PRIMARY
SCHOOL

Summer

Fair

BAR • GAMES • RAFFLE • FOOD • CRAFTS • BOUNCY CASTLE

BUBBLE TEA
PRE-LOVED TEDDIES/
SOFT TOYS
GOODIE BAGS
FACE PAINTING
CANDY FLOSS

PLANT & BEE STALLS
HAMPERS TO BE WON
THAI FOOD
BAKE OFF
ENTERTAINMENT
BBQ & MORE!

SUNDAY 23 JUNE
2-5PM

ST BONAVENTURE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL,
EGERTON ROAD, BS7 8HP

ST BON'S PTFA





COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

The shelves of the Community Pantry continue to be emptied each week by those in need, but we keep going thanks to our very generous supporters!

In the past few weeks, we've had donations from the families of children who took their first Holy Communion, money from the CAFOD plant sale and proceeds from the Friday soup lunches. All this, and we continue to receive a regular donation from Mary e as well as bits and bobs added to the food box donation point regularly by donors throughout the parish.

Your support means so much to those who use the Pantry, and we volunteers are very touched by it too.

Please donate:

Milk
Tinned tuna or other fish
Tinned meat meals
Tinned vegetarian meals
Wraps
Washing up liquid

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.



COMMUNITY NEWS



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

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.

Babysitter.

Would you like some help with childcare over the summer period? I'm a 16 year old, ex-St Bons student, currently finishing my GCSEs at Redmaids' High School. I enjoy being with children and I have experience of childcare through helping out at a primary school after school club, as well as through regular babysitting for primary school aged children. I am patient and happy to help with learning, organising activities and cooking. Feel free to contact me via email at elsasumpter@icloud.com.
