



Friday 14th June 2024

Dear parents and carers,

*Father, we ask for your blessing on all who are involved with our school.
May your spirit inspire us to follow your Way together and to grow together in the fullness of Life offered by
Jesus your Son.
Amen.*

I am so proud of our year 6 pupils, who this morning, attended the Clifton Diocese Leavers mass at Clifton Cathedral. It was a lovely occasion to mark the start of celebrations which draws together their end of primary education.



Class photos

Our new school photographer will be coming into school on Monday 17th June to take photographs of our year 6 cohort. They will return on Wednesday 19th June to take class photos of the remaining pupils in Reception-Year 5. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform on these days. If your child has PE on Wednesday they should come to school wearing their school uniform and put their named trainers in their school bag to change for PE.

A charity close to our hearts

I want to draw your attention to The Amber Townson Foundation that has been set up by Glen and Tara in memory of their daughter, Amber:

This weekend (16th June) also aptly on Father's Day I will be taking on my first Half Ironman - Wild Boar 70.3 in memory of Amber. Following this Half Ironman 2 weeks later; I will also be completing a 100 mile ride with some close friends inclusive of Amber's godfather on the 30th June, just a few days after what would have been her 3rd Birthday.

Amber was a beautiful, cheeky little girl who brought us so much joy. Following her death we have created a foundation in her name 'The Amber Townson Foundation' (registered charity number: 1208420) to support the prevention of Sudden Death In Childhood, also referred to as SUDC. Sudden death in childhood is the 4th leading cause of death in childhood and most commonly affects 1-4 year olds. Sadly, the cause is unknown and funding for further research is needed to prevent this happening to more children.

No donation is too small, any amount would be greatly appreciated.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/glen-townson?utm_term=5rmnbEj2n

A reminder that:

- Friday 21st June- children can come to school in non-uniform if they bring in a bottle for the Summer Fair bottle stall.
- Sunday 23rd June- St Bons Summer Fair 2-5pm
- Wednesday 26th June- 6-7pm New Reception parents/carers information evening. Adults only please.

Best,
Sarah Ballantine'
Head teacher

Celebrating Catholic Life at St. Bonaventure's!

The Reopening of the St. Francis Garden

After months of planning and preparation, the Chaplaincy Team is thrilled to announce the reopening of the beautiful St. Francis Garden! As explained by the 5SK Chaplains in Monday's assembly, this space is intended to be a place of quiet reflection, prayer, and reading for our pupils. Each year group has had a chance to visit the garden this week, engaging in activities like garden trails, prayer writing sessions, and story time for younger children. We've already seen lovely prayers and reflections on the natural world from many children who have visited the garden.



Growing God's Kingdom at St. Bon's

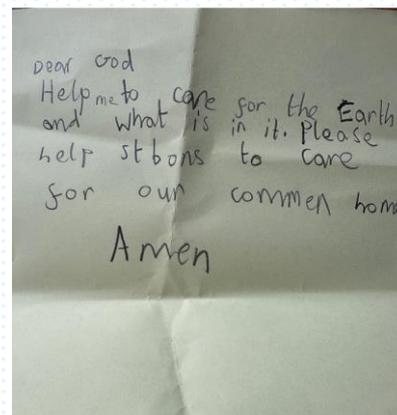
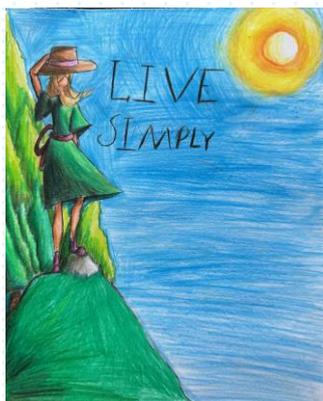
This week's Celebration of the Word focused on the parable of the mustard seed. Together, we discussed how we can contribute to the growth of God's Kingdom here at St. Bon's. The children have reflected on their own actions and their ideas are displayed in the classroom reflection areas as a reminder of their mission.

Year 6 Leavers Mass

Our Year 6 leavers attended a special Leavers Mass at Clifton Cathedral alongside students from other schools in the Diocese. Baran, a Year 6 student, created a beautiful "Live Simply" poster for the offertory presentation, accompanied by a plant, showcasing our school's commitment to the Live Simply Award.

Shining a Light: The H2O Appeal

We are so proud of all the students who are actively fundraising for the H2O Appeal, which aims to provide clean water access to communities in Ethiopia. The children have been sharing their fundraising efforts, with many achieving impressive results. Sophia Grace in Year 4 deserves a special shoutout – through sponsorships and a bake sale, she has raised an incredible £604! Every contribution, big or small, will make a significant difference in the lives of the people in those communities. Thank you to everyone who contributes to the vibrant Catholic life of St. Bon's!



UP COMING DATES:

Week beginning 17th June (menu week 3)

KS2 assessment week all week.

Monday 17th Year 6 leavers class photos

Tuesday 18th- Year 5 athletics festival @RGS

Wednesday 19th- Class photos (Reception – year 5)

Friday 21st – Non-uniform day in return for a bottle for the fair bottle stall

- Parent relationship support meeting 9:00-10:00
- 2TL Class assembly 10:00
- Frozen Friday

Sunday 23rd – Summer Fair 2:00-5:00

Week starting 24th

Care for our common home curriculum week

Tuesday 25th – Year 1 NW24 sports event @ RGS

- Year 5 taster 5 @ St Bede's

Wednesday 26th – Year 6 camp until Friday

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

Thursday 27th – KS2 Summer sing

- Year 3 Greek

Friday 28th – Frozen Fridays

- Olympic & Paralympic workshop

Dates for your



Another week, another cricket tournament. Yesterday, 8 year 5 and 6 girls walked happily up to a Dynamo tournament at Golden Hill Cricket Ground. They haven't played together before, they were open about their lack of bowling practice and there were a few nervous giggles.

The first game showed some promise although our bowling was a little wide of the mark on a fair few occasions. However, with positive attitudes and some cracking batting, we won. The second group game showed improvement already and we won that too. After a little interval where the girls worked hard on their bowling and catching, we moved into the semi's and the whole team suddenly smashed the accuracy which moved us into the final. Surely we couldn't win that too? Oh yes we could. By 8 runs! Special mention to Izzy who scored 22 runs in her 5 ball over and Marinella who took 2 wickets. What a result! Throughout the day, the girls were cheerful, positive and showed excellent sportsmanship. We are now through to the county finals in Cheltenham!



Congratulations to our Y3/4 tennis teams who competed in a tennis competition at Kings Tennis club this week. After a morning of fantastic tennis St Bon's were triumphant coming first and second! We are very proud of all our fabulous players! We could see some of these young players at Wimbledon in a few years!

Sports and clubs at St BONS

Sport and club's - week starting 17th 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	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>

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.



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

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





Countdown to the Summer Fair!!

We can't wait to see everyone at this year's Summer Fair on **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**), and lots more!

Don't forget our silent auction – you could be the highest bidder for some of our fabulous prizes including family days out, signed items, spa days, holiday club vouchers and more.

We would love your help with a number of things to make the fair a really special day:

- ❖ **Bottle stall:** Bring a bottle to school on **Friday 21 June** in exchange for non-uniform! Please ensure bottles are in date, and haven't been opened.
- ❖ **Raffle tickets:** Please bring raffle ticket stubs and the correct cash (or a cheque) back to school in an envelope and leave in the drop box by the school office. Cheques should be made payable to 'St Bonaventure's PTFA'.
- ❖ **Pre-loved soft toys and goodie bags:** If you missed the collections for soft toys and goodie bags it's not too late – please leave any donations in the box outside the school office for us to collect.
- ❖ **Pre-loved uniform:** We are on the lookout for badged St Bon's uniform for reception aged children (school jumpers, cardigans, polo shirts and PE t-shirts) aged 3-4 years and 5-6 years. If you can donate, please bring to the school office in a labelled bag, and then email ptfauniformrep@gmail.com so we know to collect.
- ❖ **Hampers:** If you still have a class hamper item to hand in, please let your class rep know, and arrange to get the item to them as soon as you can. Many thanks.

Read more about how you can help with preparations for the summer fair in this letter which was emailed out to all parents/carers earlier this week.

Unveiling our new murals: We invited children across the school to decide which plants and insects best represent St Bon's and their creative ideas have been brilliantly incorporated into two new murals. Read more in our PTFA blog and see our Instagram reels ([Giant Bug Hotel](#) and ['Branching Out'](#))





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.
