



Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Dear parents and carers,

*Heavenly Lord,  
We ask your blessing on our school,  
The children, staff and all who work and volunteer here.  
As we reach the end of another school year,  
we particularly ask your blessing on those children about to move to secondary schools.  
May their grounding here, rooted in Christian faith,  
strengthen them to make the right decisions when faced with choices between right and wrong as  
they take their steps into the wider world.  
This we ask in Jesus's name.  
Amen.*

Thank you so much for your continued support throughout this school year, together we have achieved so much. Keeping our children at the heart of every decision we make is essential. This has been demonstrated by everyone in the staff team who have worked tirelessly, my thanks go out to them all and I hope they all have the opportunity to rest and recharge during the summer.

I would also like to say thank you to our active PTFA who year on year go above and beyond to raise funds and improve provision for our children, you are amazing and we are lucky to have you!

Thank you to our team of regular volunteers who help out each week with our forest school trips, those that are a reading buddy and those that accompany children to swimming. You make such a difference, we really appreciate your time and commitment.



Today we said goodbye to our Year 6 leavers. I am incredibly proud of this year 6 cohort who over the past two years have demonstrated their resilience and growth mindset making significant progress in their learning post pandemic and who have worked together to support each other. We are going to miss you so much but know that you are all ready for the next chapter in your education. Your secondary schools are very lucky to have you!



I would also like to say goodbye and good luck to all our other pupils who are leaving St Bons today. We wish you lots of luck, please do stay in touch.

Yesterday we presented our annual Jonathan Rogers scholarship award to Jack in Year 2. Jonathan Rogers was a governor at St Bonaventures for many years and was instrumental in the rebuild of our school. Sadly he died two years ago and the Newman Catholic Trust have set up this award to ensure Jonathan's commitment and work continues. Each year the award is given to a child within the school, who like Jonathan, has served their community, helped charities and has given up their time to help their school. This year Jack has demonstrated these qualities. He is supportive of his peers, has worked hard outside of school to raise money for a charity close to his heart and regularly gives up his own time to read to an elderly neighbour. Alongside receiving the award which was presented by Jonathan's wife, he also received a bible and a £100 donation to the school which Jack has been tasked with using to continue his good work. Well done Jack, you truly deserve this, we are very proud of you and we can't wait to hear about what you're going to do next year!



Finally, I would like to encourage you all to support your child/ren to engage with our summer holiday homework challenges that are attached to this newsletter. Everyone who takes part will receive a certificate and prizes will be awarded for work that shows the most effort.

Wishing you all a safe and relaxing summer break. I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Best,  
Sarah Ballantine  
Head teacher

#### **UP COMING DATES:**

**Week Starting 2<sup>nd</sup> September (Menu week 1)**

Monday 2nd September – **INSET day**, School closed to pupils

Dates  
for your



# The Catholic life of our school this week

This week at St Bons, we've been filled with a spirit of peace and a sense of farewell.

## Following in St. Bonaventure's Footsteps

We began the week by celebrating the feast day of St. Bonaventure, a Franciscan friar known for his dedication to peacemaking. The children learned about his journeys and imagined the challenges he faced, even needing a teddy bear and a packed lunch! To honour him, we held a teddy bears picnic for the whole school.



## Peace for Everyone

Peace wasn't just a historical lesson this week. Our entire school community reflected on what peace means to us. From the youngest students listening to calming stories to the older pupils researching real-life peacemakers, everyone contributed to our celebration. Years 2 and 3 even made their own "Peace Train" inspired by the popular song!

## Sharing and Reflecting

Throughout the week, children had the opportunity to work in groups to plan and lead reflections on peace. They shared their thoughts and feelings about peace, creating beautiful banners and dove decorations that will continue to inspire us in our classrooms and prayer areas. The day culminated in a beautiful service where we prayed for St. Bonaventure's intercession, seeking guidance and strength to live peacefully.

## A Special Service and a Farewell

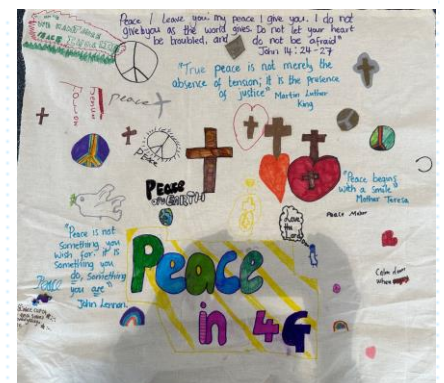
We also said a heartfelt goodbye to our Year 6 leavers at their special Leavers' Mass. The children led the service, presenting their hopes for a future filled with peace at the offertory. We are incredibly proud of the young people they have become, and we know they will continue to let their lights shine brightly in their new schools.

## Celebrating Achievements

In this week's Walk the Walk assembly we celebrated the incredible impact of our children's faith awards and Live Simply actions! Together, they raised over £10,000, including an amazing £8,055 for Hope International. This money has already begun to make a difference, with water pipelines being built and projects being set up to help local communities.

The assembly also saw the presentation of the Jonathan Rogers Award. This award, started by Jonathan's family after his death, recognises a student who embodies Gospel values, just like Jonathan did, and is a true friend and neighbour to others. This year, the recipient was Jack Shaw from Year 2, who has a kind heart and consistently shows care for those around him. From reading to an elderly neighbour to raising money for people in Bangladesh impacted by climate change, Jack is a true inspiration!

It's been a busy and emotional week at St Bons, but one filled with moments of celebration, reflection, and pride. We wish our Year 6 leavers all the best in their next chapter, and we know the spirit of peace and kindness will continue to thrive throughout our school community.



# Sports and clubs at St Bons



**There will be no clubs running in the first week of term.**



## Summer holiday club



We are delighted to announce that bookings for our upcoming Summer Playscheme and activities are now open!

**The deadline for bookings is Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July.**

We shall be open for the whole six week holiday apart from the August Bank Holiday Monday. There will be opportunities to take part in many activities including cookery, craft, games, access to multiple outdoor play spaces as well as free play on a day-to-day basis.

There will also be opportunities to join in with various workshops booked for set days - please check out our activity plans on the website to see when these are happening - [St Bonaventure's Catholic Primary School - Summer Playscheme 2024 \(st-bonaventures.bristol.sch.uk\)](https://st-bonaventures.bristol.sch.uk)

We can also accept bookings for children who attend other schools so any friends are welcome to join.

Any queries - please do not hesitate to contact us - [kidzonestbons@bristol-schools.uk](mailto:kidzonestbons@bristol-schools.uk)

We look forward to seeing you there!  
The Kidzone Play Team

This years extra activities are:

- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July – Inflatable obstacle course
- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July – animal workshop
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August – Keyring making
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> – Magnet making
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August – pebble making
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August – Activity bouncy castle
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August – Animal workshop

*Please note that extra activities incur an additional cost which is paid as an add on in school gateway under payments.*

# ST BON'S PTFA



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St Bons Parents & Carers

## That's a wrap!

As the school term draws to a close, it's time to celebrate another year of the St Bon's PTFA and to extend a huge thank you for your support and contributions to our wonderful community. Read some of the highlights of the year in our latest [PTFA blog](#) and watch our [Instagram reel](#).



**Class reps:** We would like to give a particular thank you to all our class reps who work so hard through the year supporting PTFA activities. We look forward to meeting a several new class reps in September. If you are a new class rep and have provided your mobile number, then you will be added to the class rep Whatsapp group shortly.

**Frozen Fridays:** We raised a grand total of **£1131** from Frozen Fridays – a fantastic amount. Thank you for all your support in making these happen come rain or shine.



We hope you all have a great summer break, and look forward to seeing you in September!



## **COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY UPDATE**

This week, we want to say a massive thank you to the residents of Egerton Road. They held their annual street party on Saturday 15th June, and despite the very rainy weather, raised lots of money for the Community Food Pantry and Aid Box Community - a whopping £665, of which half will go to the pantry. Thanks to everyone who helped organise the day, and a particular thanks to the wonderful Jenny Glester for her superhuman organisation skills!

### **Please donate:**

Long-life milk (dairy)

Long-life milk (soya)

Cereal

Tinned tomatoes

Tinned tuna

Toilet paper

### **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

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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.

