



Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Dear parents and carers,

*Constant God, most of the time we are busy running or learning or playing  
But sometimes it is good simply to be.  
Help us then to glimpse something beyond the everyday: when we are still,  
When we are present to ourselves, when there is nothing to distract us.  
In these now moments, help us to be open to you God and help us to pray.  
Amen.*



Wow, what a week! The children involved in the performances of Willy Wonka have been amazing- we are incredibly proud of you all!

Many of you may not be aware but a drama performance to this standard is not typical in a primary school. I've never known a primary school play with its own live band before. Thank you to all the staff and parent volunteers who have helped out over the past five months. Pulling the show together is only possible due to the hard work and commitment of the staff who are willing to give up their own time. My thanks go out to Ms Rigg and Mrs Ansell who have inspired us all to get involved and have been instrumental in making the show happen. You are stars!

### **Easter festival**

Our annual Easter Festival will take place on Thursday 3rd April. There will be an Easter bonnet parade on the playground at 9am which parents and carers are welcome to stay and watch. The PTFA will be serving refreshments at this time. If your child is performing then you are welcome to come and watch their performance however we cannot accommodate parents/carers for the whole day due to the capacity of our school hall.

### **Update on school nurse**

The school nurse facilitated an information sharing session for our SEND parent/carer group this morning. Information was shared about sleep and healthy eating. If you were not able to attend you might find the following helpful:

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

<https://beezee.maximusuk.co.uk/>

The school nurse will be returning on 11th July 9-10am. We can tailor this session to the needs of our parent community so please let me know if you will be attending and what you'd like to discuss.

If you want to contact the school nursing service independently the contact details are:

Phone: 03001245816

Email: [sironaschoolnursesbristolnorth.nhs.net](mailto:sironaschoolnursesbristolnorth.nhs.net)

Website: [sirona-cic.org.uk/children-services/](https://sirona-cic.org.uk/children-services/)

### **Parent/carer focus group**

Our parent focus group met earlier this term. We shared our updated end of year pupil report format. The group welcomed the amendments we presented and made suggestions about the information that we share with parents/carers about their child's attainment in the core areas of English and Maths to include areas parents/carer can support with at home.

The group also reviewed our updated anti-bullying policy which I hope to be able to share on our website by the end of this term.

**Dates to note:**

- Monday 31st March Big Lent Walk
- Monday 31st March year 6 parents evening
- Wednesday 2nd April 9.15am Passiontide Mass
- Wednesday 2nd April year 6 parents evening
- Thursday 3rd April Easter Festival
- Friday 4th April, inset day, school closed to all pupils
- Tuesday 22nd April first day of term 5

Best,  
Sarah Ballantine  
Principal  
St Bonaventure's Catholic Primary

## **St. Bons: Faith in Action This Week!**

This week at St. Bons has been an enriching journey of faith, as our children continue to embrace the spirit of Lent with open hearts and thoughtful actions. Our chaplaincy teams have been particularly active, guiding our school community through meaningful reflections and prayerful experiences.

Our week began with a reflection led by our Year 6 chaplains, who focused on the scripture of Jesus washing the disciples' feet. This act of humble service set the tone for the week, inviting us all to consider how we can follow Jesus' example in our own lives. The symbolic activity for the week involved decorating a human figure with clothing or symbols that represent how each child intends to follow Jesus. We are looking forward to seeing these creative expressions of faith in next week's Lent reflection!

Year 5 chaplains have been preparing a Stations of the Cross service for next week. They have thoughtfully re-enacted each station in a series of freeze frames, which will form the heart of our service. . Our Year 1 pupils also had the opportunity to visit the church for their own reflection on the Stations of the Cross, bringing this journey of faith to even our youngest learners.

Our Celebrations of the Word this week centred on the parable of the Lost Son, a story that illustrates God's boundless love and forgiveness. To encourage personal reflection, the children were invited to end each school day with a simple Examen prayer, reflecting on their experiences and interactions throughout the day.

Years 5 and 6 participated in a series of prayer stations, offering diverse avenues for connection with God. These stations included:

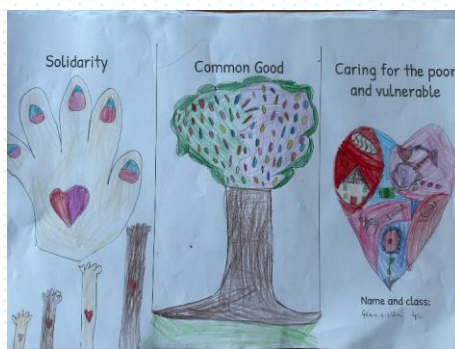
- Receiving a letter from God, affirming His unconditional love.
- Creating personalised cards for God.
- Engaging in journaling, providing a space for private communication with God.
- Writing prayers for the world, fostering a sense of global solidarity.
- Creating personal representations of God, encouraging individual expression of faith.

The school has also been buzzing with creative energy as all children have contributed artwork for our "Seek the Truth" Catholic Social Teaching (CST) principles art competition. During our assembly today, several children were chosen to explain their designs, highlighting the connection between their artwork and the CST principles.



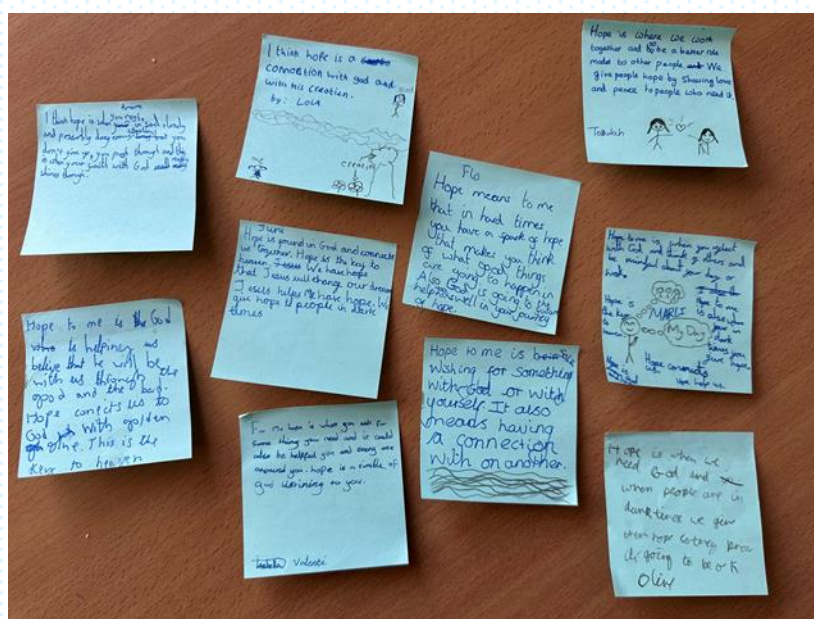
In our "Walk the Walk" assembly, each year group shared their progress on their "Seek the Truth" Faith Awards, demonstrating how their actions align with the CST principles of Solidarity, Option for the Poor and Vulnerable, and the Common Good. This presentation will be shared on our school website, allowing everyone to witness the inspiring work of our children. We also took time to celebrate individual children who consistently exemplify Gospel values and the CST principles.

As always, we are immensely proud of our children's commitment to living out their faith and their unwavering dedication to doing good. Their enthusiasm and compassion are a testament to the strong Catholic ethos that permeates St. Bons.





# Chaplains Chat -



On Monday 31st March at 1.30 pm St Bonaventure's School will be walking The Big Lent walk raising money to help CAFOD support communities in Africa impacted by climate change. Key Stage 1 children will be walking laps of the school site and Key Stage 2 will walk to Horfield Common and back, carrying buckets of water in solidarity with children who have to walk miles to collect water for their families. Please sponsor the children to support those communities using this link to our Just Giving page.

<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-bonaventures-fundraising-page>

## UP COMING DATES:

### Week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> March (week 1)

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> - Year 6 parents evening

- Station of the Cross

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Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> - End of term Mass 10:00-11:00 Parents welcome.

- Year 6 parents evening

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Easter festival

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> - INSET day - End of term 4.

Dates  
for your





## Extreme Reading Competition

The theme for World Book Day this year is: Read Your Way. As part of this, we are running an Extreme Reading Competition!

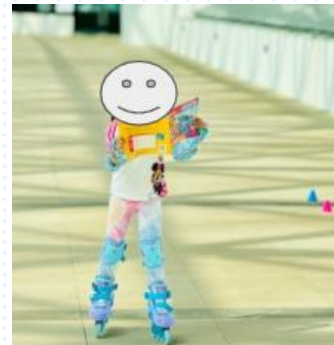
Children can take part by having a photo of them reading in a fun place. Be as imaginative as you can!

Certificates will be given to everyone who participates and an overall winner will be chosen for KS1 and KS2

Please send entries via email to [st.bonaventures.p@bristol-schools.uk](mailto:st.bonaventures.p@bristol-schools.uk) for attention of Mrs Reeves, the deadline for entries is Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – making this a great Easter holiday activity.



# READ YOUR WAY



On Monday after school there will be a book sale of nearly new books of KS1 age for sale, this will be a cash only sale and money raised will go towards buying new books for the library.

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)



# Sports and clubs at St Bons

**Sport and club's - week starting 31<sup>st</sup> March**



**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	No	Friday- Year 5&6 - 3:20 - 4:30 Paid club Booked through Mrs Hinkins
Gymnastics	No	Club now finished for this school year.
Circuits	No	Thursdays - Y's 2-6 - 8:00am in hall with Mr Morgan
Running club	Yes	Wednesday - 7.45am - all welcome - meet outside foyer.
Dodgeball	No	Friday - Year 4 & 5 - 8:00-8:30
Football	No	Wednesdays 3:30 - 4:30 Yr. 5 & 6
Rugby	Yes	Thursday - 8:00 - 8:30 year 5 & 6
Chess	No	Friday Year 5&6 - lunchtime.
Choir	Yes	Mondays 12:15- during lunch break



A huge congratulations to the basketball team representing St Bons at St Bedes. Coming 3rd and 5th overall.





A group from our netball team attended a Team Bath netball trip. The children had a great time on Friday - they started with a netball workshop with two Bath players and then watched a very exciting match between Team Bath and Manchester Thunder, which ended 50-49 Manchester.



### **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*



# **Easter Playscheme Taking Bookings**

**Craft**



**Now**

**Role**



**Outdoor  
Play**



**Baking**



**Games**



**7<sup>th</sup>- 11<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**Full day 8:30 – 5:45 £33, Short day 10:00 – 4:00 £26**

**Open for children aged 4 -11 years.**

**Please see the school website for the full  
rota of activities**

[St Bonaventure's Catholic Primary School - Easter  
Playscheme 2025](#)

**Please contact the play team or visit the website for further  
information.**





**What a fantastical week supporting the Charlie and the Chocolate Factory play; and our very own golden ticket winners received books and details of their prizes!**

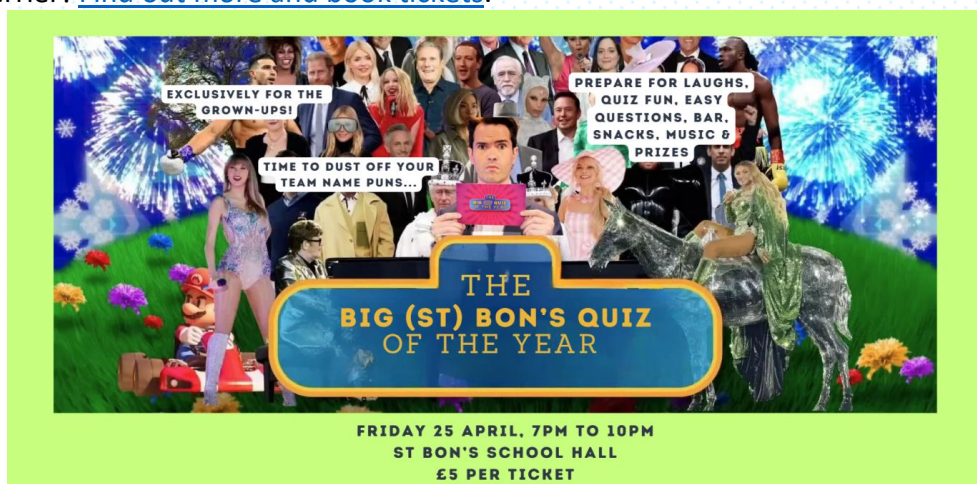


**Charlie and the Chocolate Factory play:** We were delighted to support the school play this week, by serving refreshments. A huge well done to all the children for their brilliant performances, and to all our wonderful teachers and other helpers. You were all amazing!

**Golden ticket winners:** Our very own golden ticket winners from our Wonderlicious events received a Roald Dahl book each, and some Waterstones goodies, during a special school assembly this week. See the book prizes being unveiled in our [Instagram reel](#). We can't wait to hear all about their fantastical prizes and experiences next term! Special thanks to those parent volunteers who will be helping to make these prizes happen next term:

- A Delumptious Treat!** Enjoy a hot chocolate and cake with the headteacher for you and a friend.
- Dress-Up Day!** Wear whatever you like to school with a special quogwinkle (non-uniform) day for your class.
- Telly-Telly Bunkum Box Fun!** A movie hour for your class on the big screen.
- Scrumdiddlyumptious Cake!** A giant 'Bruce Bogtrotter' cake for your entire class to share.
- Meet Alfie from Esio Trot!** An exclusive visit from Alfie the tortoise for your class.
- Whizpopping Science!** An hour of exciting 'George style' science experiments for your class.
- Oompa-Loompa Sweet Time!** Create your own splendiferous sweets with your class.

**Quiz:** Quizmaster Matt is back in the driving seat, so buckle up for an evening filled with fun, trivia, music, and prizes. Prepare for laughs, easy questions, random facts, a few 'guess the nearest' and 'multiple choice' rounds. The bar opens at 7pm (for a 7.30pm start) and there'll be snacks available too. We'll aim to finish by 10pm. Teams can be up to 6 people, but you don't have to form a team beforehand to come along. We'll make sure we find a team for you to join on the night. Feel free to bring your friends along too. The more the merrier! [Find out more and book tickets.](#)



**Spring Refresh:** You can still [buy your tickets](#) for our Spring Refresh event this evening, Friday 28 March from 7-10pm, either online, or on the door. Read more about the event in this [blog](#).

**Summer fair:** If you would like to be part of the summer fair planning team looking for sponsorship / donations and coming up with ideas for stalls, please get in touch and we can add you to the team Whatsapp group ([contact@stbonsptfa.com](mailto:contact@stbonsptfa.com)).

PTFA meeting: [Read the minutes](#) from our last meeting on 6 March.

**Dates for your diary:** We've got some great [events](#) lined up:

-  **Spring Refresh:** Friday 28 March, 7-10pm
-  **Refreshments at the Easter bonnet parade:** Thursday 3 April.
-  **Bake sales:** It's the year 1 bake sale on Friday 25 April.
-  **Quiz night:** Friday 25 April
-  **Discos:** Friday 16 May
-  **Frozen Fridays:** May to July
-  **Summer Fair:** Sunday 22 June, 2-5pm
-  **Sports Day refreshments:** 8 and 9 July.



## **COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY UPDATE**

The children of the local Moon River Nursery took a trip to St Bonaventure's church recently and were intrigued when they saw all the shelves of food at the back of the room - was it a shop perhaps? Of course, they'd spotted our Community Food Pantry! It was a great opportunity to discuss how we can help others with simple, everyday actions and the children decided they wanted to contribute too. Thank you to the staff at Moon River for helping to organise a collection of food for the pantry, we're so grateful to have your support!

For those in need, the Pantry is open between 8am - 5pm every day except Monday.

### **Please donate:**

Tinned meat meals  
Tinned vegetarian or vegan meals  
Tinned fruit  
Tinned tuna and other tinned fish  
Washing up liquid  
Shampoo

### **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.

