



Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear parents and carers,

*May the awe of the shepherds inspire us,  
May the strength of Joseph protect us,  
May the peace of Mary shelter us,  
May the presence of the angels look after us,  
May Jesus look over us today, tomorrow and forever.  
And May the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
Be upon you and remain with you now and always.  
Amen.*

It has been a wonderfully busy week this week. Our nativity performances and KS2 family carols all went well. Thank you so much to everyone who supported these.



We said goodbye to Mrs Fox today who is retiring after 25 years at St Bon's. We will miss her terribly and want to wish her all the best for the next chapter in her life.

### **Window Wanderland**

We are hosting Bishopston's Window Wanderland for the third year on the weekend of the 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> March and we want our St Bon's families to take part and decorate their own windows making the trail even bigger than last year

Sign up to the trail by following this link: [Bishopston, Bristol 2025 - Window Wanderland](#)

We really need your help spreading the word and getting as many windows involved as we can, please share the website with your neighbourhood WhatsApp groups, follow Bishopston Window Wanderland [Facebook](#) page and share our posts, and encourage your local family, friends and neighbours to get involved.

### **Dates for your diary:**

- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January non uniform day and bring a donation to raise money to fund our Gromit Unleashed 3 school sized sculpture.
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 9-10am parent/carer SEND support group

Please remember the first day of term 3 for children is Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January. I hope you all have a safe and healthy Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

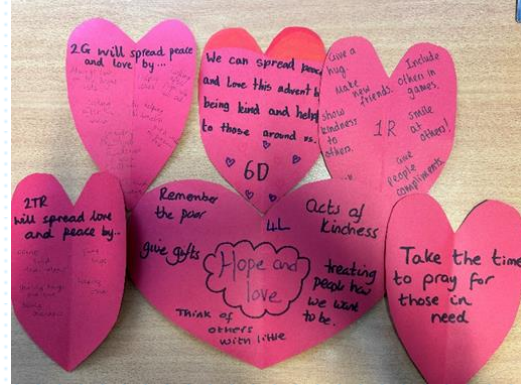
Best,  
Sarah Ballantine  
Head teacher

# Catholic Life at St Bon's this week

As we reach the end of another busy week, we reflect on the many ways in which our school community has come together to celebrate the true meaning of Advent.

## A Focus on Peace and Love

Our Year 6 Chaplains led a beautiful Advent reflection this week, focusing on the themes of peace and love. Inspired by their words, each class created a heart symbolizing their commitment to spreading peace and love in the world. These heartfelt creations were presented during our Advent Mass, a powerful reminder of the spirit of giving and kindness.



## Nativity Performances and Carol Singing

Our youngest pupils delighted audiences with their heart-warming Nativity performances. Their enthusiasm and talent shone through as they brought the story of Christ's birth to life.

On Tuesday evening, our Key Stage 2 students led us through the Christmas story with Bible readings and beautiful carol singing. The family carol service was a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together and celebrate the season of Advent.

## A Festive Conclusion

Our final Advent Mass, celebrated at St Bon's church, was led by our Year 6 pupils. Their dedication and commitment were evident as they served at the mass and read the liturgy. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, we are filled with gratitude for the joy that permeates our school community. We wish everyone a blessed Christmas and a happy New Year.





### UP COMING DATES:

**Week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> January (Menu week 2)**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January - **INSET day, school closed to pupils.**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> - Term 3 begins for pupils.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> - Non uniform in return for donation to fundraiser.

Dates  
for your



Welcome  
to  
Reception

Do not forget that the closing date for Reception 2025 applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January.

If you have a child in the school at present you must still apply as normal, and give a copy of Baptism certificate to the office.

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 6<sup>th</sup> January



**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	No Yes	<del>Monday - year 3&amp;4</del> INSET DAY <del>Tuesday - year 5&amp;6</del> Only those invited to match
Hockey	Yes	Friday- Year 5&6 - 3:20 - 4:30 Paid club Booked through Mrs Hinkins
Gymnastics	<b>NO</b>	<del>Tuesday 3:20 - 4:20 Year 3 &amp; 4</del> <b>Not running first week of term.</b>
Circuits	Yes	Thursdays - Y's 2-6 - 8:00am in hall with Mr Morgan
Drama	No Yes	Monday- Inset day Thursday 3:20- 5:00 <b>See schedule for required cast</b>
Running club	Yes	Wednesday - 7.45am - all welcome - meet outside foyer.
Dodgeball	Yes	Friday -Year 4 & 5 - 8:00-8:30
Football	Yes	Wednesdays 3:30 - 4:30 girls training
Rugby	<b>NO</b>	<del>Thursday - 8:00 - 8:30 year 5 &amp; 6</del> <b>Not running first week of term</b>
Chess		Friday Year 5&6 - lunchtime
Choir	YES	Mondays 12:15- during lunch break

Please note that Friday mornings will now be dodgeball.

Hi All,

Firstly thank you for another wonderful term. We hope you and your families have a lovely Christmas and a wonderful new year.

Term 3 is now live on the website. Please be mindful that session come off the website after the first session back. If you are planning on signing up for term 3 please try and do so before this. Year 3 football we have put on for both Monday and Tuesday.

With feedback this term we found some might find it and more enjoyable experience being in the Monday group but we also had lots that loved the change playing with the older years so we wanted to make sure there was an option for everyone :)

Lastly please remind your children over the Christmas break that our clubs are for everyone and we will not tolerate children being unkind or unfair to others. We want are clubs to be enjoyed by all and unfortunately at times this is something that doesn't happen due to a small minority. Once again a massive thank you for all your support and we can't wait to see you all in the new year!!

Many thanks,

Sophie 😊



## TERM 3 CWS AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

<b>MONDAY</b> <b>FOOTBALL CLUB</b> 3.30PM - 4.30PM RECEPTION/Y1/Y2/Y3 £20 FOR 5 WEEK COURSE	<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>FOOTBALL CLUB</b> 3.30PM - 4.30PM Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 £24 FOR 6 WEEK COURSE
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>MULTI SPORTS</b> 3.30PM - 4.30PM RECEPTION/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 £24 FOR 6 WEEK COURSE	<b>THURSDAY</b> CRICKET/TAG RUGBY/ BASKETBALL/FOOTBALL 3.30PM - 4.30PM RECEPTION/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 £24 FOR 6 WEEK COURSE

**CLUB WILL START BACK TUESDAY 7TH JANUARY**  
**BOOKINGS WILL OPEN ONLINE ON FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER**

**TO BOOK PLEASE GO TO -  
[WWW.CWSOPHIE.CO.UK](http://WWW.CWSOPHIE.CO.UK)**

**YEAR 3 FOOTBALL IS BOTH MONDAY AND TUESDAY PLEASE  
FEEL FREE TO POP THEM INTO THE GROUP YOU FEEL THEY  
WOULD ENJOY THE MOST AND GET THE MOST OUT OF**

**GIVE OUR SOCIALS A LITTLE FOLLOW UP KEEP UP TO DATE WITH ALL OUR  
HOLIDAY CLUBS, BIRTHDAY PARTIES AND ALL THE OTHER FUN WE  
HAVE GOING ON**



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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*





## Celebrating 2024!!

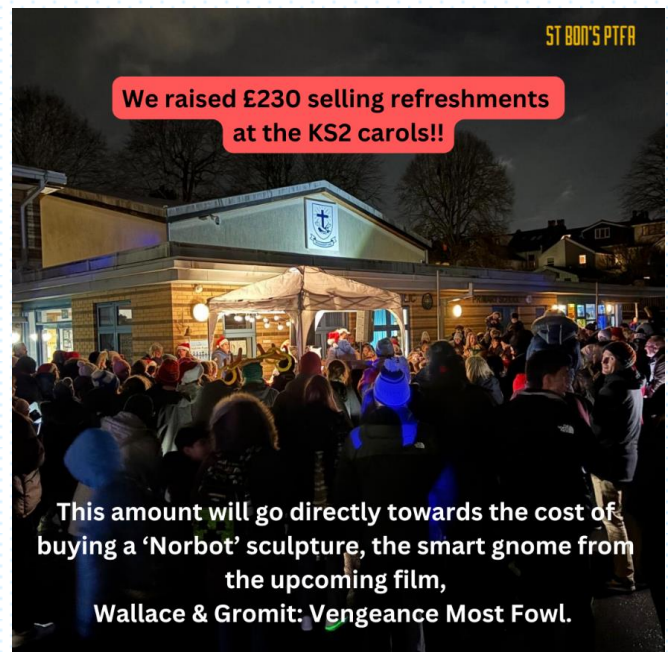
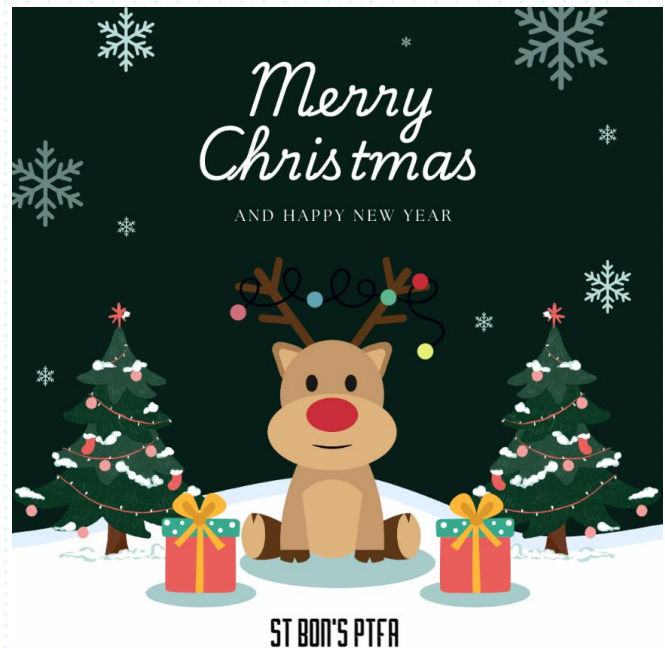
What a year it has been! Thank you for your ongoing support.

We've been able to deliver the first few phases of our Grow With It project. The raised beds have been flourishing, the St Francis garden has undergone a mini-makeover and the murals inspired by the children now brighten the school walls.

Your generous contributions have continued to fund a wide range of experiences for our children from the recent Old Vic Christmas performance to the pre-loved uniform shed, valuable class resources, workshops, author visits and more.

Our fundraising efforts have been hugely successful, with our Summer and Christmas fairs alone raising £16,843!! We're now closer than ever to bringing the vision of a natural playground to life. 2025 promises to bring some exciting developments, so watch this space!

Merry Christmas and see you in 2025!!



## Community News

### **Last call for the First Holy Communion 2025 applications for children in year 3 and above:**

Closing date for FHC applications at St Bon's is Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January.  
Application form can be found [here](#). For details, please email the parish office on [bristol.stbonaventure@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bristol.stbonaventure@cliftondiocese.com).

