



Friday 8th November 2024

Dear parents and carers,

*Gracious God,
In this season of hope,
Through short days and long nights,
In wind, rain and wet plays,
As we get ready for Christmas
Lord, we have so much to look forward to.
Help us to remember those who have very little.
Amen.*

I hope you all had a good break at half term. It has been wonderful welcoming the children back to school this week.

Mrs Fox, HLTA, who has worked at St Bons for the past 25 years is going to be retiring at the end of this term. We are going to miss her terribly but know that this is the right time for her and her family.

Anti-bullying week

Anti-Bullying Week 2024 will take place next week from Monday 11th November to Friday 15th November and the theme is 'Choose Respect'. We will be reminding the children not to resort to harm and hurt when we disagree and to actively choose respect to avoid bullying.

On Tuesday 12th November we invite the children to wear odd socks to show that everyone is different and everyone is equal!

On Monday 18th November Unique Voice will be coming into school to lead workshops with KS2 children. The focus of these sessions is on exploring the emotions associated with bullying, how to spot bullying and the different forms it can take as well as defining respect. There will also be a session for parents/carers sessions at 2.45pm in the school hall. All parents/carers are welcome to join this free session. We look forward to seeing you there.

Reception and KS1 nativity performances

This year the nativity performances will take place as follows:

- Monday 16th December 2pm RH, 1R, 2TR.
- Tuesday 17th December 2pm RH, 1R, 2TR.
- Wednesday 18th December 2pm RLM, 1CR, 2G.
- Thursday 19th December 2pm RLM, 1CR, 2G.

Tickets will be issued nearer to the time but it is important that you know ahead of the performances that each family will be issued with 2 tickets, the date given will be chosen at random. Extra tickets will be available for children in dual residence, a limited number of spare tickets will also be available.

Parent focus group

I would like to remind you that if you have a non-urgent query which you'd like the parent focus group to discuss please email: parentfocusgroup@stbons.uk

The group will be meeting at the start of December and includes a number of new members. An update will follow at the end of this term.

Best,
Sarah Ballantine
Head teacher

Celebrating Catholic Life at St. Bonaventure's!

This week at St. Bon's has been a celebration of our Catholic faith and the inspiring lives of saints.

We began the week with an ethos assembly focused on our school saints: St. Bonaventure, St. Francis, St. Claire, and St. Elizabeth. The children reflected on how these saints continue to inspire us in our daily lives. Our Year 6 Chaplaincy Team has been hard at work creating a prayer trail around the school, inviting everyone to learn more about these holy figures.

Today was our first ever "Adopt a Saint" day! Students and staff dressed as saints who inspire them, from the well-known like St. George, St Francis and St. Nicholas to the lesser-known like St Perpetua, St Bridget and St John Paul II. The children shared in class why they chose their particular saint and even pondered what their saint might think of the world today.

In our Love Thy Neighbour curriculum celebration assembly, each year group presented how their recent learning connected to the Gospel theme and Catholic Social Teaching principles. From the history of our school to the Bristol Bus Boycott, our students demonstrated a deep understanding of faith and social justice.

Our new Year 5 chaplains attended a training day with other Catholic schools in the Newman Partnership. They learned about the upcoming Jubilee Year and the theme of hope, participating in creative activities and making personal jubilee pledges. They were officially commissioned by Mgr. Bernard in a special service, and we're excited to see how they will contribute to our school community and the Jubilee Year celebrations.

As we continue to grow in faith and hope, we look forward to the many blessings that lie ahead



UP COMING DATES:

Week beginning 11th November (*Menu week 2*)

Monday 11th - year 5&6 football @ St Bedes 4:00-5:15

Tuesday 12th - Year 6 swimming

Friday 15th - PTFA Christmas craft evening

Week beginning 18th November

Monday 18th - unique voice anti bullying workshops

Tuesday 19th - Year 6 swimming

Wednesday 20th - Friday 22nd Year 6 Kintbury trip

Thursday 21st - SEND parent/carer child continence pathway 9:00-11:00

Friday 22nd 5B Class assembly 10:00-10:30

Dates
for your



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We are still looking for reading volunteers, if you have some regular spare time and would like to come in and read with the children please contact the office for more information.

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



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

Sports and clubs at St BONS


Sport and club's - week starting 11th November




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... |
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| Netball | Yes Yes | Monday Year 3&4 Tuesday -Year 5&6 |
| Hockey | Yes | Friday- Year 5 & 6 - 3:20 - 4:30 Paid club Booked through Mrs Hinkins |
| Gymnastics | Yes | Tuesday 3:20-4:20 Year 3 Please sign permission slip in office |
| Circuits | NO | Thursdays - Y's 2-6 - 8:00am in hall with Mr Morgan |
| Drama | YES | Monday- No rehearsal Thursday 3:20- 4:45 - WHOLE CAST |
| Running club | YES | Wednesday - 7.45am - all welcome - meet outside foyer. |
| Bench ball | YES | Friday -Year 4 & 5 - 8:00-8:30 |
| Football | NO | Wednesdays 3:30 - 4:30 |
| Rugby | Yes | Thursday - 8:00-8:30 yr 5 & 6 |
| Chess Lunch break | YES | Friday Year 5&6 - lunchtime |



TERM 2 CWS AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS






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| <p>MONDAY FOOTBALL CLUB 3.30PM - 4.30PM RECEPTION/Y1/Y2 £28 FOR 7 WEEK COURSE</p> | <p>TUESDAY FOOTBALL CLUB 3.30PM - 4.30PM Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 £28 FOR 7 WEEK COURSE</p> |
| <p>WEDNESDAY MULTI SPORTS 3.30PM - 4.30PM RECEPTION/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 £28 FOR 7 WEEK COURSE</p> | <p>THURSDAY CRICKET/TAG RUGBY/ BASKETBALL/FOOTBALL 3.30PM - 4.30PM RECEPTION/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 £28 FOR 7 WEEK COURSE</p> |

CLUB WILL START BACK MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

BOOKINGS WILL OPEN ONLINE ON FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER

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Get ready for the Christmas fair!

Join us for our annual St Bon's Christmas Fair on Sunday, 8 December from 2-5pm.



Living Nativity: This year we are very excited to bring a captivating live nativity scene to the Christmas fair, with animals from [Chloe's Mobile Farm](#), including a pony, sheep, goat, and cow! We hope this will be an extra special and memorable experience for the children who will be able to meet the animals.

We'll be selling tickets for timed slots for the **Living Nativity** and **Santa's Grotto**, from **8pm on Sunday 10 November** via [our website](#). Read more about [what to expect at the fair](#).

Christmas Crafts & Fizz: You have until 6pm today (Friday 8 November) to [buy your tickets](#) for Christmas Crafts & Fizz on **Friday 15 November, from 7 to 9:30pm** hosted by [Art-K Henleaze](#)!

Pre-loved uniform: The shed is open all day, Monday to Friday, so feel free to pop in whenever you can. We are in need of jumpers, cardigans with the St Bon's logo, and shoes to keep the shed fully stocked. Please bring any donations to the school office - many thanks. [Take the shed tour now!](#)

Dates for your diary ([Read our blog](#) for all the dates and details! Also see our [Instagram reel](#)):

- ✚ **Pre-loved uniform shed:** Open all day, Monday to Friday, so feel free to pop in whenever you can.
- ✚ **PTFA meeting:** Thursday 14 November, at 8pm online.
- ✚ **Christmas Crafts & Fizz hosted by Art-K Henleaze:** Friday 15 November, 7-9.30pm
- ✚ **Christmas Fair:** Sunday 8 December, from 2-5pm



Welcome to Reception

Applications are open on you LA website for Reception 2025.
The deadline for applications is 15th January.

We still have spaces on our open days if you would like a tour of the school,
please find dates on our website and book with the office.

Community News

There are currently places for 10-11 year olds at first Bishopston Scouts on Mondays and Fridays- for more information please email bishopstonscouts@gmail.com

St Bons prayer group

If you would like to join other parents / carers of St Bons to support our school community in prayer, we have a new informal prayer group meeting once a month, 9-9.30am in the Presbytery on the following dates:

- Fri 18th Oct
- Wed 20th Nov
- Tues 10th Dec
- Fri 24th Jan
- Thurs 13th Feb

We would LOVE to see you there! More info, do message Lorna on 07855108729

Education Mass

Bishop Bosco will be celebrating Mass for all those involved in any way in Catholic education, at Clifton Cathedral, on Thursday **21 November at 6.00pm**. This is an annual Mass, bringing all our school community members together as a diocesan family to celebrate Catholic education. This year's choir will be St Peter's High School, Gloucester. The Mass offers an opportunity for all those connected with Catholic education, teachers, staff, governors, pupils and parents, in Clifton Diocese to renew their commitment to Catholic education. Light Refreshments will be available.

First Holy Communion 2025

The application process for the First Holy Communion programme is now open.

If your child is in year 3 or above, and you wish to enrol him/her for the preparation programme starting in January, please complete an [online application form](#).

First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 17th May 2025.

For more details, please contact the parish office on 0117 942 4448 or email bristol.stbonaventure@cliftondiocese.com.

