



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear parents and carers,

***Christ has no body now, but yours.  
No hands, no feet on earth, but yours.  
Yours are the eyes through which  
Christ looks with compassion into the world.  
Yours are the feet with which Christ walks to do good.  
Yours are the hands with which Christ blesses the world.  
Let nothing trouble you, let nothing frighten you.  
All things are passing; God never changes.  
Patience obtains all things.  
He who possesses God lacks nothing: God alone suffices.***

Happy Roald Dahl day! We have enjoyed seeing how creative the children have been creating their Roald Dahl day costumes.

It was wonderful to see how many children took part in our summer holiday homework challenges. They were all awarded with a certificate in Monday's assembly. Thank you for support.



### **Reading Karate!**

Miss Jones, KS2 HLTA, led assemblies this week to introduce our new reading incentive- Reading Karate. Please see page 6 for more information about this.

### **Year 6 secondary school applications**

All parents/carers of year 6 pupils will need to make their online application for their child's secondary school place by 31st October 2024. If you are unsure of the process please pop into the school office.

### **Reading volunteers**

If you have some time to spare and would like to support the school, please could you consider becoming a regular reading volunteer. Training will be provided. If you'd like to find out more please leave your name and contact details with Leonne in the office and she will make sure it is passed on to our reading team who will then contact you. Thank you in advance.

Best,  
Sarah Ballantine  
Head teacher

# Celebrating Catholic Life at St. Bonaventure's!

## Monday Ethos Assembly: Celebrating Summer Achievements

Our week began with a celebration of the children's summer holiday challenges. The children shared their research on saints including St. Andrew, St. Bruno, St Francis and St. George. Their beautiful artwork and careful presentation demonstrated their dedication and enthusiasm.

### Key Stage 1 Assembly: Embracing 'All Are Welcome'

Miss Tudhope introduced the new term's gospel theme with the story "All Are Welcome." The children imagined a peaceful world where everyone showed love for their neighbours.

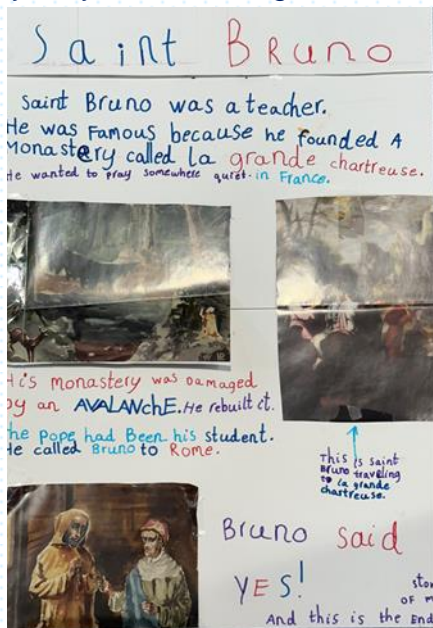
## Celebration of the Word Assemblies: Discovering Jesus

In our Celebration of the Word assemblies, we heard a story from the Gospel of Mark, exploring Jesus' question to his disciples: "Who do people say I am, and who do you say I am?" We reflected on our personal relationship with Jesus and considered how we would answer this question for ourselves.

## Key Stage 2: Offering Challenges to Jesus

Key Stage 2 pupils were encouraged to identify something in their lives that they find difficult or confusing. By offering these challenges to Jesus, they learned to trust in His guidance and believe that He has everything under control.

As we continue our journey together, we are inspired by the faith and enthusiasm of our students. May they continue to grow in their understanding and love of God.





## UP COMING DATES:

### Week beginning Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September (menu week 3)

All reception children attend 8:50-1:30

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> - Bikability level two bike checks – only for those who have signed up last term.

- Year 3 swimming

Week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> September

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> – Bikability level 2

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> – Year 3 swimming

- Year 6 visit from Mr King (Head of St Bedes)
- Reception parent/carers information meeting 2:45 in hall

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> – Bikability level 1

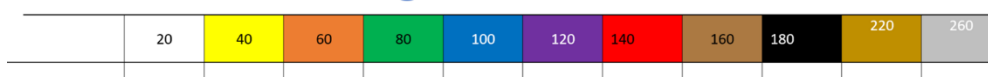
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> – Flu vaccinaions

Dates  
for your



## READING KARATE

### Reading Karate Belt Chart



Reading is a life long skill and at St Bons we to encourage reading for pleasure.

This week, we launched our 'Reading Karate' scheme. Reading Karate is a reward-based system for reading at home, which results in the children moving up through coloured 'belts', depending on how many times they have read.

### EYFS/KS1

In EYFS/KS1 we will ask **adults** to number, sign and date their reading records. Only **1 read per day** will count. For every 20 reads, we are asking for the **children to show** their reading record to the teacher/LSA and they will get presented a certificate. After 'black belt', it increases to every 40 reads. At the end of the year, Miss Jones would like to celebrate our 'Gold' readers and do a fun activity with them. Reading Karate is then reset for the next school year.

We want children to grow a love for reading, so alongside the levelled school books, children can share/read their own book of choice. We don't expect a whole book to be read! A few pages each night is fine. Reading Karate is more about how often you read, not how many books.

### KS2

From Year 3 all the way to Year 6, children will work to getting their Dans, Masters, Sensei and Hall of Fame status. This is a continuous journey, where it will not be reset over the summer holidays, so by the end of year 6, children become a reading sensei.

For 24/25, to give pupils a chance of reaching 'Sensei' status by end of Y6, year 4 will start at 'White Dan' (200 reads), Yr5 at 'Blue Dan' (400 reads) and year 6 at 'Orange Reading Master' level (650 reads). Every new year 3 will work towards achieving White-Orange Dan status by the end of year 3. Miss Jones is looking into getting 'bands' that children can get for each belt that can be traded in for the next one to go alongside certificates.

As you read with your child, please **remember to number/date/sign the reading records. One read per day counts.**

Alongside the levelled school books, children can share/read their own book of choice. At the end of the year, Miss Jones would like to celebrate our 'sensei's' and do a fun activity with them.

Any questions please let me know, Miss Jones

| Karate Dans   | Reads |
|---------------|-------|
| White Dan     | 200   |
| Yellow Dan    | 250   |
| Orange Dan    | 300   |
| Green Dan     | 350   |
| Blue Dan      | 400   |
| Red Dan       | 450   |
| Gold Star Dan | 500   |

| Karate Masters        | Reads |
|-----------------------|-------|
| White Reading Master  | 550   |
| Yellow Reading Master | 600   |
| Orange Reading Master | 650   |
| Green Reading Master  | 700   |
| Blue Reading Master   | 750   |
| Red Reading Master    | 800   |
| Black Reading Master  | 850   |
| Reading Sensei        | 900   |
| Hall of Fame          | 1000+ |

# Sports and clubs at St Bons

Sport and club's - week starting 16<sup>th</sup> September



Please fill out a club permission slip from the office at register your child to a club, even if they attended the same club last year.

*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                        | <b>NO</b><br>YES | <del>Mondays- Y 3&amp;4 - 3:20 - 4:30</del> NOT RUNNING MONDAY<br>Tuesdays- Y 5&6 - 3:20 - 4:30 |
| Hockey with Mrs Hinkins        | YES              | Fridays- Y5 & 6 - 3:20 - 4:30<br>Paid club Booked through Mrs Hinkins- details attached.        |
| Circuits                       | YES              | Thursdays - Y's 2-6 - 8:00am in hall with Mr Morgan   |
| Running club                   | YES              | Wednesdays - 7.45am - all welcome - meet outside foyer  |
| Rugby                          | <b>NO</b>        | Starting in term 2 for yr 5 & 6   |
| Football                       | YES              | Wednesdays 3:30 - 4:30 -girls trials this week  |
| Chess Lunch break              | <b>NO</b>        | Starting term 2   |
| Drama                          | <b>NO</b>        | Thursday 3:20- 4:20 - only for children who have signed up this week.                           |
| Art/Drawing- lunch             | <b>NO</b>        | To be confirmed   |
| Debating Club- lunch time      | <b>NO</b>        | To be confirmed   |
| Well-Being Singing- lunch time | <b>NO</b>        | To be confirmed   |
| Choir - Lunch time             | <b>NO</b>        | To be confirmed   |

## Drama

This week all children in KS2 have been invited to join drama club. Those children who are interested have already handed their names in.

Please note that if your child has signed up, **we will send an email confirmation to you on Monday**. Drama starts on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 3.20pm to 4.20pm**.

At this session we will be telling the children about the new production and also asking them to prepare an audition piece for the following week if they want to take on a main part. If they would like a part including singing, their audition will need to include both a bit of singing and acting.

Drama will be Thursdays and alternate Mondays after school. All those taking part will need to be committed and make sure they are available for all rehearsals.

If any parents would like to help out either in the band or backstage, please let Miss Rigg or Mrs Ansell know.





# TERM 1 CWS AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



## MONDAY

**FOOTBALL CLUB**  
3.30PM - 4.30PM  
RECEPTION/Y1/Y2  
£28 FOR 7 WEEK COURSE

## TUESDAY

**FOOTBALL CLUB**  
3.30PM - 4.30PM  
Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6  
£28 FOR 7 WEEK COURSE

## WEDNESDAY

**MULTI SPORTS**  
3.30PM - 4.30PM  
RECEPTION/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6  
£28 FOR 7 WEEK COURSE

## THURSDAY

**GIRLS ONLY SPORTS**  
3.30PM - 4.30PM  
RECEPTION/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6  
£28 FOR 7 WEEK COURSE

## THURSDAY

**CRICKET FOR ALL**  
3.30PM - 4.30PM  
RECEPTION/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6  
£28 FOR 7 WEEK COURSE

**CLUB WILL START BACK MONDAY  
9TH SEPTEMBER**

**BOOKINGS WILL OPEN ONLINE ON  
MONDAY 2ND SEPT**

**TO BOOK PLEASE GO TO -  
WWW.CWSOPHIE.CO.UK**

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

**PLEASE NOTE WE HAVE TWO  
CLUBS ON A THURSDAY!! GIRLS  
ONLY AND CRICKET THESE ARE  
TWO DIFFERNT CLUBS RUNNING  
ON THE SAME DAY**



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**ST BON'S SCHOOL**

# DISCO

RECEPTION / KS1 DISCO: 5PM TO 6.15PM  
KS2 DISCO: 6.45PM TO 8PM

## FRIDAY 18 OCT

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON AT:  
[WWW.STBONSPPTFA.COM](http://WWW.STBONSPPTFA.COM)



## 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*

## The PTFA's top 10 this term!

From discos and gardening to coffees, craft sessions, and visits to Santa's Grotto - there's something for everyone in the months ahead. [Read our latest blog](#) for 10 key dates, and all the details!

**PTFA meeting:** It was great to welcome several new parents to the PTFA meeting this week, and to explain a bit more to them about what we do as a PTFA and what opportunities there are to get involved ([see the minutes](#) from that meeting). Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 16 October at 8pm online**. A meeting link will be circulated via class reps nearer the time.

**Gardening:** Can you spare some time to help us plant bulbs in the raised beds at the front of school tomorrow, **Saturday 14 September from 9am to 11am**? (this is one for the grown-ups only as we can't have children on site).

**Pre-loved uniform:** The St Bon's Pre-Loved Uniform Shed will be open for business from **Monday 16 September**! The shed - which can be found to the right of the school building / the mural, near the recycling areas - will be open all day, Monday to Friday, so feel free to pop in whenever you can. Come browse a range of pre-loved school uniform (with and without the St Bon's logo) as well as school shoes, coats, and bags. It's 'pay what you can' and all donations will go towards the St Bon's PTFA - you can pay online via Sumup by scanning the QR code which will be advertised in the shed, or drop cash into the secure box. Grab a bargain and support the school and the environment (if you have uniform to donate, please bring it to the school office - many thanks!).

**Coffee morning 27 September:** Calling all new St Bon's parents and carers! You are invited to a PTFA coffee morning on **Friday 27 September at 9am**, to enjoy a cuppa and some home baked treats. This is a lovely chance to meet other new parents and carers, have a chat, and ask any questions you might have about school life. Little ones are very welcome (there will be squash/soft drinks available). Just pop into the Presbytery which is the door to the left of the church entrance. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Dates for your diary:

**Gardening:** Saturday 14 September, 9am – 11am

**Pre-loved uniform shed:** Open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 3 and 4pm.

**New parents & carers coffee morning:** Friday 27 September from 9am.

**Bag2School:** Friday 11 October, at school drop off

**School discos:** Friday 18 October. The Reception/KS1 disco will be from 5pm to 6.15pm, and the KS2 disco from 6.45pm to 8pm. Full details will be coming soon!

**Christmas Craft Evening hosted by Art-K Henleaze:** Friday 15 November (read [PTFA blog](#) for more details)

**Christmas Fair:** Sunday 8 December, from 2-5pm



**We would like to offer an extended welcome to our new EAL parents and invite them to join our weekly coffee morning.**

### **English as an Additional Language Coffee Mornings**



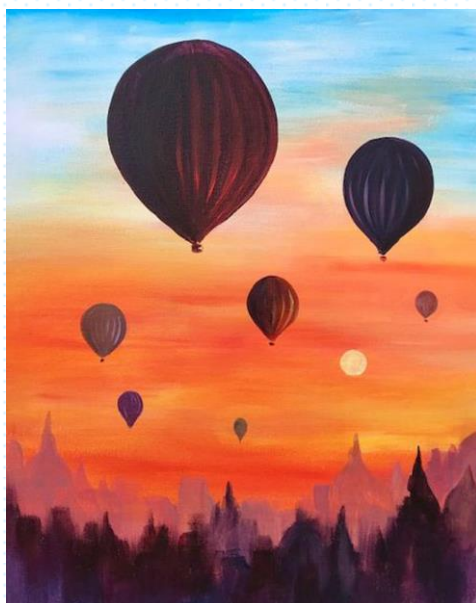
**If English is not your first language, please come along to our weekly EAL coffee mornings. This is a great chance to meet other parents, ask questions and to be a part of your child's learning in a relaxed friendly environment.**

**Wednesday mornings from 9 – 10am – please come and sign in at the office.**

**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)**

Miss Davis is holding a 'brush party' in the school hall on the evening of Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Septemebr. This is an adult only painting evening which will be a bowel cancer charity fundraiser. 'Brush party' will guide us step by step to create an acrylic painting on canvas ( see picture). You do not have to be a talented artist, it is about having a fun evening.

The cost is £33, £10 of which going to the chrity fund. It is a BYO drinks event and there will be a raffle. There are limited spaces so it will be a first come first serve basis. If you would like to attend please email the school office.



## **COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY UPDATE**

Now that the children have returned to school, parents will know how important it is for them to start the day with a nourishing breakfast and end it with a hot meal so they have the energy and focus they need for their school work. That's where the Community Food Pantry comes in, offering cereal and milk, tinned meals and tinned vegetables - and many other essentials - to those in our area who may need a little extra help to put a meal on the table.

But we can't do this without your generosity. Food costs have risen sharply since last year, and our dedicated team of volunteer shoppers find that the Pantry's funds don't go as far as they once did. If you'd like to help us keep on going this year, please consider supporting us with a donation. We can receive cash to Trish at number 55 Egerton Road or if you'd prefer to give by card you can use the Donation Point inside the door of the church (click the "Food Pantry" button). Thank you for your support!

### **Please donate:**

Longlife milk (dairy)  
Longlife 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.