



Friday 12th July 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.*

Wow what a fun health and fitness week we've had. I would like to thank Ms Rigg who has planned the activities this week, it's been epic and we couldn't do it without her commitment to our children. The children have enjoyed tennis at King's Drive club with Ellie, cricket with Sophie, cooking, dance, yoga, cubatone, football, archery and so much more. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time to support us this week.



On Monday we found out we had achieved our Platinum School Games award. Well done to Ms Rigg for all her work collecting and submitting evidence. I also want to thank Abby at St Bedes for her continued support.

Length of the school day

Earlier in the year I consulted with parents/carers and staff regarding the length of our school day. I am now in a position to inform you that from 2nd September we will be adding 5 minutes to the end of each school day. The school day will run from 8.50am-3.20pm from 2nd September 2024.

I can confirm that breakfast club and afterschool club will continue to operate the same hours that are currently in place and will remain unchanged.

Summer holiday homework

Attached to this newsletter are details of our summer holiday homework projects which are open to all pupils to complete. There will be certificates for everyone who takes part and prizes for the homework that shows the most effort.

End of year reports

Your child will come home today with their end of year report. If you do not receive a report please contact the school office in the first instance. There is an opportunity for you to discuss your child's report with the class teacher at a drop in 3.30-4.30 on Wednesday 17th July. This will take place in your child's classroom.

Best,
Sarah Ballantine
Head teacher

UP COMING DATES:

Week beginning Monday 15th July (menu week 1)

Monday 15th – St Bons feast day

- Teddy bears picnic – bring packed lunch and a teddy.

Wednesday 17th – Year 3 trip to St Andrews park

Thursday 18th – Year 6 leavers evening with parents/carers.

Friday 19th – Last day of term

Dates
for your



The Catholic life of our school this week

This week we celebrated Health and Wellbeing Week, and it was a joy to see our entire school community shining brightly!

From energetic displays on the dance floor to spirited competition during sports day, orienteering challenges, tennis matches, house netball, and football games, our children embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm and resilience. They truly embodied the spirit of giving their all and being the best they can be.

This we also welcomed back many of our former pupils, now thriving in Year 10, who are participating in their work experience placements. As I said to them, the St. Bonaventure's spirit runs deep! These young adults demonstrated the very values they learned here: care, encouragement, and respect. They continue to be shining lights, inspiring our current students to follow in their footsteps.

Speaking of shining lights, Year 6 took centre stage this week with their incredible "Fiver Challenge" stalls. Their creativity and entrepreneurial spirit were on full display as they devised a variety of stalls selling delicious homemade cakes, beautiful jewellery and keyrings, lucky dip surprises, hand-painted pebbles, and even plants! All proceeds will go to a variety of worthy causes chosen by the children and close to their hearts, including water access charities, animal shelters, mental health organizations, cancer research, and family support services. We are incredibly proud of Year 6's commitment to making a difference in the world.

This week was a beautiful testament to the well-rounded education we offer at St. Bonaventure's. We nurture not just academic excellence but also physical and mental well-being, a strong sense of community, and a desire to contribute positively to the world. Our children continue to shine brightly, and we are excited to see what the future holds!



To all the children and adults that love reading in the summertime.

Rocco (3B) is selling bookmarks to raise money for the charity, *Save the Children*, UK.

Please bring £1 on Thursday 18th of July, 3.15 -4pm in the playground if you would like to buy one to support him.

Thank you 😊



English as an Additional Language



Mrs Cela will not be running the coffee morning on the last week of term.

Instead she would like to invite all the EAL families to join for an after school picnic at St Andrews park, bring a picnic blanket and some snacks.

The group is run by Mrs Cela – if you would like more information, please email her at esmeralda.cela@bristol-schools.uk

Sports and clubs at St Bons



If your child is on the register for any clubs and isn't going to attend for any reason could you please let the office know so their absence from the register is noted.

Club...	Is it running...	Day and year group...
Netball	YES YES	Mondays- Y 3&4 – MATCH – 4:45 finish Tuesdays – Y 5&6 – 3:15 – 4:15
Circuits	NO	Thursdays – Y's 2-6 – 8:00am in with Mr Morgan
Running club	YES	Wednesdays – 7.45am – all welcome – meet outside foyer
Football	NO	Wednesdays 3:15 – 4:15 Finished until term 1
Chess Lunch break		Fridays 12:15 -Y5 & Y6 fortnightly
Hockey with Mrs Hinkins	YES	Fridays- Y5 & 6 - 3:15 Paid club Booked through Mrs Hinkins.
Dodge ball	NO	Fridays – Y3 & 4 – 8:00 in hall with Mrs Ballantine
Art/Drawing- lunch	YES	Tuesday lunch - KS2 – 12:15 In 4H
Debating Club- lunch time	YES	Wednesday lunch- Y5 & Y6 - 12:15- In 3B/3J
Well-Being Singing- lunch time	YES	Tuesday lunch 12:15 whole school - in 1P
Choir – Lunch time	KS1 YES KS2 YES	Mondays – KS1 - 12:15 in 2TW Thursdays – KS2 –12:15 in 2TW
Yoga	YES	Fridays- Y1 & Y2 – 3:15-4:15 Outside club must be pre booked



Running & Walking Club

Do you want to get fit and have fun at the same time?!

Wednesday mornings at 7:50

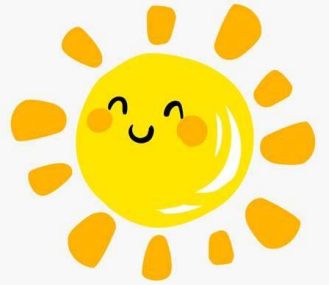
Meet outside the office foyer

Children and adults welcome

For runners and walkers of all abilities



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 12th 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 \(st-bonaventures.bristol.sch.uk\)](http://StBonaventure'sCatholicPrimarySchool-SummerPlayscheme2024.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

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

This years extra activities are:

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

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



Sports day success!



Thank you to everyone who purchased refreshments at the sports days this week.
We raised £160! 🎉

Frozen Fridays: We've now come to the end of our series of Frozen Fridays. Thank you for all your support. We'll let you know ASAP how much was raised.

Silent auction: If you were the highest bidder for an item in our silent auction and haven't yet paid / collected your items please do so before the end of term. Please email contact@stbonsptfa.com with any queries.

Summer fair: If you missed all the excitement of the fair in June, then you can read more about the day in our [PTFA blog](#), and watch our reel on [Instagram](#).



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

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.





Prayer Group for St Bons.

We are looking to start a monthly prayer group for parents, friends, carers who are interested in simply meeting for 30 mins to prayer for our school. It most likely will be straight after drop off or just before pick up to make it easier. It will be run by parents from the school. First date will be after half term.

If you are keen to be kept in the loop on this, please send a message to Lorna Savage on 07855108729, giving your name and we'll get a WhatsApp group set up.

Babysitter.

Would you like some help with childcare over the summer period? I'm a 16 year old, ex-St Bons student, currently finishing my GCSEs at Redmaids' High School. I enjoy being with children and I have experience of childcare through helping out at a primary school after school club, as well as through regular babysitting for primary school aged children. I am patient and happy to help with learning, organising activities and cooking. Feel free to contact me via email at elsasumpter@icloud.com.