



Friday 28th June 2024

Dear parents and carers,

In this season of celebration,
For work well done,
For friendship and fun,
For holidays,
We praise you!
Lord, as we travel on together
may we learn to celebrate and be thankful

Thank you so much to everyone who came to our summer fair on Sunday, it was a glorious day and it was great to see so many of our school community enjoying themselves. I want to say a special thank you to our PTFA and the team of volunteers who made the day possible. Helen, our Chair, worked tirelessly to ensure it ran smoothly. On behalf of everyone, we are so incredibly grateful. I think it might blow your socks off when you hear how much was raised!



We are now in our busiest time of the school year, and it can be easy to miss things, therefore I have included the following:

Class allocation 2024-25

I shared a letter with all parents/carers on Wednesday providing details of class teachers for 2024-25. If you did not receive this letter please contact the school office and they will make sure you receive a copy.

Attendance upcoming changes

I shared a letter with all parents/carers on Monday providing details of upcoming changes which are being made to attendance arrangements for all schools. The following paragraph had the number of sessions missing. It should have read: (omission underlined for ease)

*The most significant change within the introduction of the national framework is the requirement for **ALL** schools to issue penalty notice fines for any 5 day term-time unauthorised absences. The guidance states 5 days/10 sessions of holidays taken in term time and any period of unauthorised absence within any 10 week term-term period is classified as an unauthorised absence.*

Dates for the week ahead:

- Wednesday 3rd July changeover morning for all pupils.
- Thursday 4th July 5H class assembly
- WB: 8th July health and fitness week. All pupils wear PE kit everyday this week.

I am aware that it is the River Dart camping weekend 5th-7th July. Please do not ask to collect your child early on Friday 5th July. I have informed the school office that pupils are not to be collected before 3.15pm on this day. Likewise I am expecting all pupils in school on Monday 8th July. Thank you for your support with this.

Best,
Sarah Ballantine
Head teacher

Catholic Life at St Bon's this week

Live Simply Award - Raising Awareness and Funds for Our Busy Bees!

Last Sunday, our school fair buzzed with excitement thanks to the fantastic bee stall. A big thank you to the children from our school, Year 7s from St. Bede's, and all the parents who contributed ideas and helped run the activities. The stall was a huge success, with children creating seed bombs, decorating tote bags with bee-friendly messages, making bug hotels, and crafting bee bookmarks. Not only did it raise awareness about the importance of bees, but it also raised funds for our very own wildflower meadow – a future haven for these vital pollinators!



Finding Calm in Stormy Times

Our Celebration of the Word this week focused on the Gospel story of Jesus calming the storm. Children reflected on times in their own lives when they felt God's presence amidst challenges. This beautiful message served as a reminder that even in difficult moments, we are never truly alone.

Year 5 Makes a Sanctuary in the St. Francis Garden

The Year 5 chaplaincy team continues to do a fantastic job tending to the St. Francis Garden. This haven of peace offers a space for prayer, activities, and stories. Children can be found there learning the rosary, practicing origami, or simply enjoying a calming story.



Year 4 Embarks on a Faith-Filled Journey

On Wednesday, Year 4 joined their peers from other Catholic schools in the Newman partnership for a retreat to Clifton Cathedral. The group participated in the parish mass, embarked on a treasure trail to discover the cathedral's hidden gems and religious art, designed banners inspired by St. Peter and St. Paul, and shared a Celebration of the Word with the other schools.



Year 5 Takes the Lead in Peacemaking

This Thursday, Year 5 students had the opportunity to participate in peer mediation training alongside a group from the Quaker church. Their commitment to resolving conflict and embodying the Gospel message of being peacemakers truly shone through.

These are just a few highlights of the vibrant Catholic life at our school. We look forward to sharing more stories of faith, service, and community in the weeks to come!

UP COMING DATES:

Week beginning Monday 1st July (menu week 2)

Tuesday 2nd – theme day menu

Wednesday 3rd – Changeover Transition day

- New reception stay and play
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Thursday 4th - 5H class assembly 10:00

- Year 5&6 hockey festival
- Year 6 transition day
- Frozen Thursday- after school ice cream/lolly sale.

Friday 5th – RH Class assembly

Week beginning 8th-

Health and fitness week

Tuesday 9th- KS1 sports day 9:00-11:00

Wednesday 10th – KS2 sports day 9:00-11:00

- Year 6 fiver sale
- Year 6 leavers disco

Thursday 11th – Year 6 leavers evening with parents/carers

- Reports to parents/carers
- Frozen Fridays

Dates
for your



New website....

Be sure to check out our brand new website. The website is an excellent source of information as well as an up to date calendar and all our contact details.

[St Bonaventure's Catholic Primary School - Home \(st-bonaventures.bristol.sch.uk\)](http://st-bonaventures.bristol.sch.uk)

School meal price increase

We have been informed by Chartwells that there will be a small price increase to the school meals from 1st September. A primary meal will cost £2.99.



Well done to Max in year 4 who was presented with a trophy for football. After the presentation Max showed some exceptional oracy skills when he took it upon himself to give a fantastic speech in front of a large group of people.

We love to see the skills which the children learn in school being used outside of school.

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 - 3:15 - 4:15 Tuesdays- Y 5&6 - 3:15 – 4:15
Circuits	YES	Thursdays - Y's 2-6 – 8:00am in with Mr Morgan
Running club	YES	Wednesdays – 7.45am – all welcome – meet outside foyer
Football	YES	Wednesdays 3:15 – 4:15 -
Chess Lunch break	YES	Fridays 12:15 -Y5 & Y6 fortnightly
Hockey with Mrs Hinkins	YES	Fridays- Y5 & 6 - 3:15 Paid club Booked through Mrs Hinkins.
Dodge ball	YES	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 booked through



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://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.

ST BON'S PTFA



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St Bons Parents & Carers

£8,643 raised at our Summer Fair!



What an incredible day! This fantastic total will help us fund a natural playground at the back of school!

A massive thank you to our PTFA Committee, the Summer Fair team, class reps, teachers and all the incredible volunteers who worked tirelessly to make the fair a truly special event for everyone.

Read more about the day in our [PTFA blog](#), and watch our reel on [Instagram](#).

Help needed: On **Monday 1 July** we will be building our new PTFA pre-loved uniform shed! We're looking for volunteers who could help our site manager. Please let the office know if you are free to help for the day.

Frozen Friday: Next up is year 2 on Thursday 4 July followed by year 5 on Friday 12 July.

Sports Day refreshments: We'll be serving refreshments at the Reception & KS1 sports morning (9 July) and KS2 sports morning (10 July). See you there!



IT WAS GREAT TO MEET NEW RECEPTION PARENTS THIS WEEK. WE OFFERED THEM A PTFA 'GOODIE BAG' & THE OPPORTUNITY TO BUY PRE-LOVED UNIFORM



Thank you to St Bon's parent, Ed Tarratt, for adding plants to the area underneath our new mural!





COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

The shelves of the Community Pantry continue to be emptied each week by those in need, but we keep going thanks to our very generous supporters!

In the past few weeks, we've had donations from the families of children who took their first Holy Communion, money from the CAFOD plant sale and proceeds from the Friday soup lunches. All this, and we continue to receive a regular donation from Mary e as well as bits and bobs added to the food box donation point regularly by donors throughout the parish.

Your support means so much to those who use the Pantry, and we volunteers are very touched by it too.

Please donate:

Milk
Tinned tuna or other fish
Tinned meat meals
Tinned vegetarian meals
Wraps
Washing up liquid

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.



COMMUNITY NEWS



English as an Additional Language Coffee Mornings



If English is not your first language, please come along, share your views, meet other parents, be a part of your child's learning and relax at our coffee mornings from 9 – 10am on **Mondays** in the School – come to the office.

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

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.



Two of our St Bons pupils who are part of a local theatre group will be in a performance of the musical 'Seussical' - cat in the hat. Performances will take part on 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th of July. It is sure to be a fantastic show and all are welcome to watch.