



Friday 21st March 2025

Dear parents and carers,

*Dear God,
Fill us with love, joy and kindness.
Help us to make the right voices in our life and help us to reflect on how we live each day.
We ask for your help to grow in your love each day.
Thank you for putting your protective arms around us.
Amen.*

A prayer written by Ilaria for our Lent reflection this week.



Excitement is ramping up as we approach the performances of Willy Wonka. If you haven't already purchased your tickets there are a small number still available. Please see the school office.

Head Lice

We have sent numerous emails and letters to various classes across KS1 and KS2 this term about headlice. We appear to have an outbreak and it is due to parents not checking and treating their child's hair. Please could I ask that you all check your child's hair for head lice this weekend and treat it if necessary.

Help to set up a gardening club

Now we have a school greenhouse, I am looking to set up a year-round gardening club for our children. If you have the knowledge, expertise, time and willingness to get involved please can you email me so we can discuss this further. I have a group of staff who are keen but none of us would call ourselves experts. We need help!
head.st.bonaventures.p@bristol-schools.uk

Easter Festival

This week, you should all have received a letter about our annual Easter Festival which will take place on Thursday 3rd April.

On this day, all children are invited to come to school dressed in their house colours (St George red; St Andrew blue; St Patrick green; St David yellow). The children will sit with their house group on this day and will take part in performing arts: poetry, singing and dancing performance. They are also encouraged to take part in the creative arts activities which include making an Easter hat/bonnet, an Easter garden, decorated eggs and art work. Children will be awarded points for each entry and the house with the most points at the end of the day is presented with the Easter Festival shield.

We will start the day at 9am with an Easter bonnet parade on the playground. You are all welcome to stay and watch this. My advice is for your children to make a start on their entries this weekend. Points are awarded for entries that reflect the children's own work!

Dates for the term ahead:

- Tuesday 25th March Willy Wonka performance 3.30pm
- Wednesday 26th March Willy Wonka performance 3.30pm
- Wednesday 26th March Willy Wonka performance 6.30pm
- Thursday 27th March Willy Wonka performance 6.30pm
- Friday 28th March 9-10 SEND parent/carers support group
- Monday 31st March Big Lent Walk
- Monday 31st March year 6 parents evening
- Wednesday 2nd April 9.15am Passiontide Mass
- Wednesday 2nd April year 6 parents evening
- Thursday 3rd April Easter Festival
- Friday 4th April, inset day, school closed to all pupils

Best,
Sarah Ballantine
Principal
St Bonaventure's Catholic Primary

St. Bons: Faith in Action This Week!

This week at St. Bon's has been a tapestry of faith, reflection, and community spirit, as we continue our Lenten journey and embrace the call to be Pilgrims of Hope.

We kicked off the week with a joyful celebration of St. Patrick's Day. Our St. Patrick's House Captains led a special assembly, sharing the inspiring story of St. Patrick's life, his powerful prayer, and his enduring relevance in our lives today. The sea of green worn by the St. Patrick's house members, and the themed biscuits, brought a real sense of celebration to our school community.

Our dedicated Chaplaincy Teams have been working hard, guiding us through our Lenten reflections and our journey as Pilgrims of Hope. On Tuesday, our Year 6 Chaplaincy Team led a whole school reflection on the theme of "Hard Times," reminding us that Jesus is always with us, especially during moments of challenge. Classes then took time to reflect further, using the rock from the "Lent in a Bag" resource, and will be sharing their insights with the school in next week's reflection.

Later in the week, our Year 5 Chaplaincy Team presented a thoughtful assembly on "Pilgrims of Hope." They explained the elements of the Pilgrims of Hope logo and shared their personal interpretations. Children had the opportunity to express their own ideas through oracy, and the Chaplaincy Team then outlined their plans for completing our Pilgrims of Hope journey throughout the rest of the year.

Looking ahead, we are excited to participate in the CAFOD Big Lent Walk during the last week of term. This important event will raise funds for communities in Africa impacted by climate change. In line with Catholic Social Teaching principles, our Chaplaincy Team explained how climate change has made these communities vulnerable, and how we can show solidarity by raising money and walking with buckets of water to and from Horfield Common. We will be walking in their shoes to show our understanding and support.

In our Celebration of the Word assemblies this week, we reflected on the powerful account of the Transfiguration from Luke's Gospel. The children were invited to find a quiet space to enter into God's presence and spend time with Him, picturing Jesus shining brightly on the mountaintop.

This week has been a reminder of our faith, our community, and our commitment to making a positive difference in the world. We look forward to continuing our Lenten journey and our Pilgrims of Hope journey together.



Chaplains Chat -

In planning the Jubilee Pilgrims of Hope assembly this week, the Year 5 chaplains talked about what the logo means to them:



The people

The people are coming from all parts of the earth and are going towards God. Some people need him more in their lives and some people don't know they need him in their lives. It links to the Beatitudes when Jesus tells us that the people who are poor in some way are blessed by God (Sophia)

The cross

The cross is a sign of hope for people who need it. It's also a spark of faith in someone's life. In the logo all the people are clinging on to each other. The cross is a sign of hope and faith in our lives. The cross stretches out towards people as a sign of hope. It helps us to hold on to our faith especially in our greatest need. (Lorenzo)

The waves

The waves represent when you are in a hard time your waves are rough and fast flowing, but when you take time and connect to God your waves become calm and slow flowing. We can have hard times but if we focus on God our waves will be calm.

The Pilgrims of Hope logo means to me that God is our anchor keeping our relationships steady and we are also helping others to come closer to God, while going through hard times. (Flo)

The anchor

The anchor keeps our relationship with God steady so we don't drift further away from God.

The anchor and cross give me hope and a feeling of safety. (Alex)

On Monday 31st March at 1.30 pm St Bonaventure's School will be walking The Big Lent walk raising money to help CAFOD support communities in Africa impacted by climate change. Key Stage 1 children will be walking laps of the school site and Key Stage 2 will walk to Horfield Common and back, carrying buckets of water in solidarity with children who have to walk miles to collect water for their families. Please sponsor the children to support those communities using this link to our Just Giving page.

<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-bonaventures-fundraising-page>

UP COMING DATES:

Week beginning 24th March (week 3)

EYFS seasons week (Reception wear seasons all week)

Tuesday 25th - Cast A Matinee drama performance
- Year 4 swimming
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Wednesday 26th - Cast B Matinee / Cast A evening drama performance

Thursday 27th - Cast B evening drama performance

Friday 28th - Easter festival auditions

- SEND parent / carer support group meeting 9:00-10:00
- Reception Bake sale after school

Week beginning 31st March

Monday 31st - Year 6 parents evening
- Station of the Cross

Wednesday 2nd - End of term Mass 10:00-11:00 Parents welcome.
- Year 6 parents evening

Thursday 3rd - Easter festival

Friday 4th - INSET day - End of term 4.

Dates
for your



Our year 5 netball team played against Bishop Road this week and had two good wins.



Sports and clubs at St Bons

Sport and club's - week starting 24^h March



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	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	No	Club now finished for this school year.
Circuits	Yes	Thursdays - Y's 2-6 - 8:00am in hall with Mr Morgan
Drama	Yes	Rehearsals and performances as per the schedule.
Running club	Yes	Wednesday - 7.45am - all welcome - meet outside foyer.
Dodgeball	Yes	Friday -Year 4 & 5 - 8:00-8:30
Football	No	Wednesdays 3:30 - 4:30 Yr. 5 & 6 not running this week
Rugby	Yes	Thursday - 8:00 - 8:30 year 5 & 6
Chess	Yes	Friday Year 5&6 - lunchtime.
Choir	Yes	Mondays 12:15- during lunch break



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



Extreme Reading Competition

The theme for World Book Day this year is: Read Your Way. As part of this, we are running an Extreme Reading Competition!

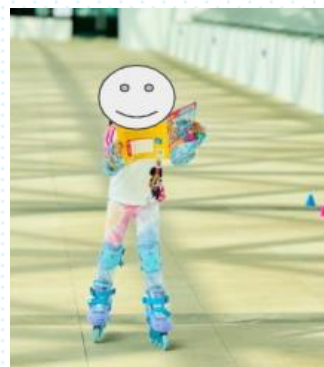
Children can take part by having a photo of them reading in a fun place. Be as imaginative as you can!

Certificates will be given to everyone who participates and an overall winner will be chosen for KS1 and KS2

Please send entries via email to st.bonaventures.p@bristol-schools.uk for attention of Mrs Reeves, the deadline for entries is Tuesday 22nd April – making this a great Easter holiday activity.



READ YOUR WAY



Household items needed.

KidZone are looking for household items such as kettles, keyboards, pot and pans, telephones etc. to be used in our play pod. If you have any such items please bring them to the school office. Thank you 😊

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





Easter Playscheme Taking Bookings Now

Craft 

**Outdoor
Play** 

Baking 

Role Play 

Games 

7th- 11th and 14th-17th April 2025

Full day 8:30 – 5:45 £33, Short day 10:00 – 4:00 £26

Open for children aged 4 -11 years.

**Please see the school website for the full
rota of activities**

[St Bonaventure's Catholic Primary School - Easter
Playscheme 2025](#)

**Please contact the play team or visit the website for further
information.**



The quiz is back!! Grab your tickets now for the Big (St) Bon's Quiz of the Year on Friday 25 April!!



Quizmaster Matt is back in the driving seat, so buckle up for an evening filled with fun, trivia, music, and prizes. Prepare for laughs, easy questions, random facts, a few 'guess the nearest' and 'multiple choice' rounds. The bar opens at 7pm (for a 7.30pm start) and there'll be snacks available too. We'll aim to finish by 10pm. Teams can be up to 6 people, but you don't have to form a team beforehand to come along. We'll make sure we find a team for you to join on the night. Feel free to bring your friends along too. The more the merrier! [Find out more and book tickets.](#)


Spring Refresh: We are really looking forward to our Spring Refresh event next Friday 28 March! Please [buy your tickets](#) on our website as soon as you can so we know how many to expect (it's Mother's Day a few days after this event so it might be the perfect gift for someone?!). Read more about the event in this [blog](#).

Golden tickets found! We've found golden ticket winners who will experience a prize from the magical world of one of our favourite authors Roald Dahl! Each of the winners will receive a Roald Dahl book and details of their prize in a special school assembly. We also raised a fabulous £500 from chocolate bar sales. Thank you to everyone who supported. Watch our [recent Instagram reel](#), read more about the event in our [blog](#) and [watch us](#) on Instagram wrapping 620 chocolate bars...

Summer fair: If you would like to be part of the summer fair planning team looking for sponsorship / donations and coming up with ideas for stalls, please get in touch and we can add you to the team Whatsapp group (contact@stbonsptfa.com).

Dates for your diary: We've got some great [events](#) lined up for the rest of this school year.

- ✚ **Bake sales:** Next up are the Reception classes on Friday 28 March.
- ✚ **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory school play refreshments:** w/c 24 March
- ✚ **Spring Refresh:** Friday 28 March, 7-10pm
- ✚ **Quiz night:** Friday 25 April
- ✚ **Discos:** Friday 16 May
- ✚ **Frozen Fridays:** May to July
- ✚ **Summer Fair:** Sunday 22 June, 2-5pm
- ✚ **Sports Day refreshments:** 8 and 9 July.


ST BON'S PTFA
Spring Refresh
 Friday 28th March 7pm – 10pm
 St Bon's School Hall
A Women's Wellness Event you won't want to miss!

Spring is nearly here, and it's the perfect time to press "reset" on your mind, body, and soul. Join us for *Spring Refresh*, a women's wellness event designed to inspire, rejuvenate, and empower you.

Come along to learn more about self-care, decluttering your life, and refreshing your wardrobe. It will also be an opportunity to indulge in some well-deserved you time.

**Wellness Talk: Revitalise your mind and body
with Rachel Joshi**

**Fashion Talk: Find your style for spring, refresh your
wardrobe with Karen Maurice and Becky Barnes**

Declutter Specialist Sarah Sampson: Simplify your space


**Preloved Fashion Sale: Sustainable shopping
with a purpose (bring along an item)**

Pilates with the brand new Sense of Self studio

Bar: Sip, snack, and socialise

**Raffle: Amazing fitness, beauty and
wellness prizes up for grabs**

**Tickets £10 each or 2 for £18, so bring a friend.
Tickets are now available via our website:
www.stbonsptfa.com**



Community News

The lower part of Kings Drive from the Bishop Road roundabout to the tennis courts is going to be shut in sections from 3rd March to 14th May.

