



Friday 14th March 2025

Dear parents and carers,

*Dear God, help us seek the truth about what is right and just
and to stand up for what we believe in even when it is hard.
Thank you for making our hearts as strong as the Anglo Saxons were in battle.
Thank you for our history to teach us lasting lessons.
(4L class prayer)*



Thank you to everyone who came to our launch evening on Saturday to celebrate Window Wanderland. The children's artwork looked amazing and it was great to see so many of you. A special thank you to our drama cast who entertained us with songs from Willy Wonka and our PTFA who provided refreshments.

We are so excited to showcase our children's talent at this year's drama production of Willy Wonka. Ticket are on sale now and can be purchased from the school office.

Parking

I have been made aware that parents who do not hold a Blue Badge are parking in the disabled spaces in the church car park. As a result, there are parents with a Blue Badge for their child and they are not able to park close to the school. Please stop parking in the disabled bays if you do not have a Blue Badge, you are risking a parking fine or a parking notice.

Dates for your diary:

- Friday 21st March parent/carer School Improvement Session 9-10am
- WB 24th March Willy Wonka performances
- Monday 31st March and Wednesday 2nd April Year 6 parents evening
- Wednesday 2nd April 9.15am Passiontide Mass in church
- Thursday 3rd April Easter Festival, last day of term for all children
- Friday 4th April inset day school closed to all children

Best,
Sarah Ballantine
Principal
St Bonaventure's Catholic Primary

St. Bons: Faith in Action This Week!

This week, the vibrant spirit of our Catholic faith has shone brightly throughout St. Bons, filled with moments of reflection, meaningful action, and heartfelt service. Our dedicated chaplaincy teams have been instrumental in fostering a strong sense of community and spiritual growth.

Our Year 6 Chaplaincy Team are guiding us through the season of Lent, focusing on planning and leading the whole school Lent reflections. Their work with "Lent in a Bag" has provided a beautiful framework for our Lenten journey, using scripture to deepen our understanding and connection with God. This week, in response to the Lent reflection, each class has been crafting a symbol representing "God is with us," ready to be shared in next week's Lent reflection. We are looking forward to seeing the children's thoughtful creations.

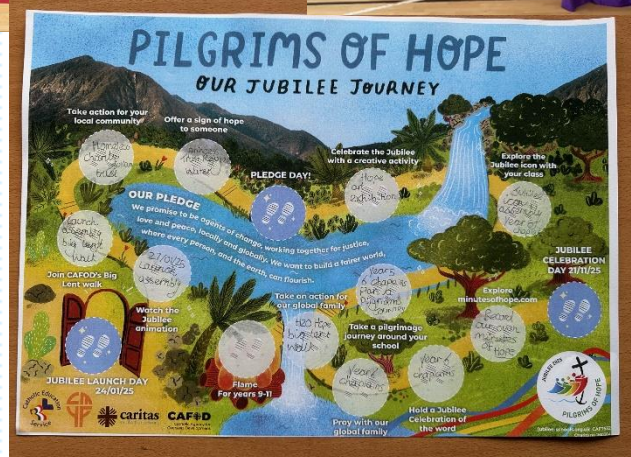
Our Year 5 "Chaplains of Action" have been enthusiastically preparing for our school's participation in the Jubilee Year, embracing our role as "Pilgrims of Hope." They are busy planning an assembly to share their exciting plans with the school next week, outlining the activities we will undertake as a community.

Mrs. Ballantine has also been visiting each class, delivering reflections based on the Jubilee Year. She has shared scripture and reflected on the Pope's call to action during this special time. The children have each received a small peg doll, representing themselves as "Pilgrims of Hope," which they will decorate throughout the year with symbols of what they need on their journey.

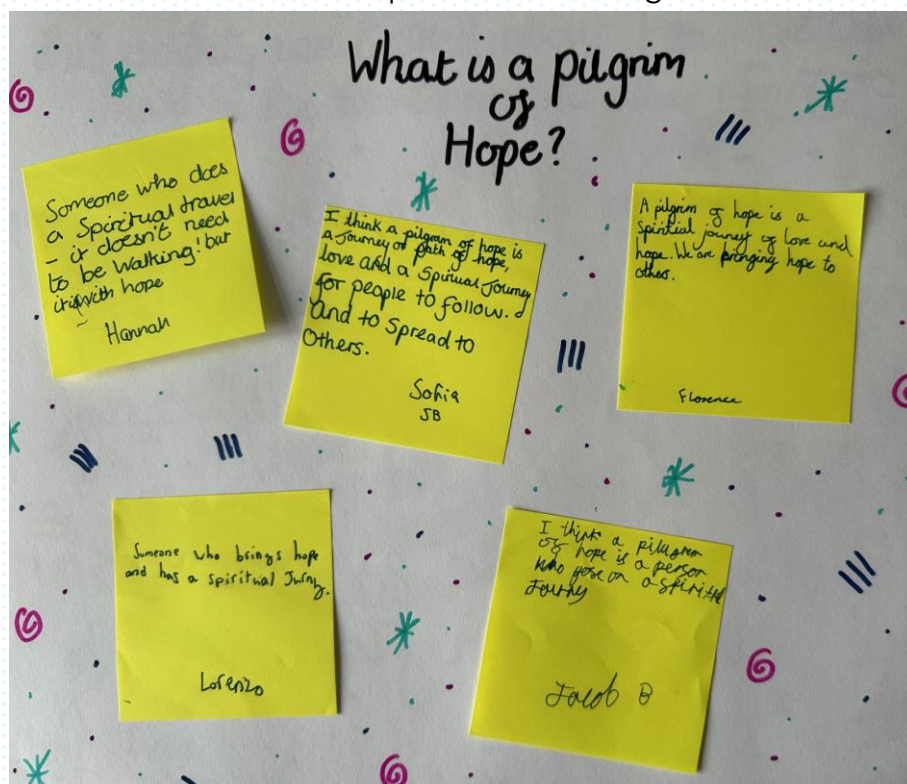
We are incredibly proud of Rosa in Year 5, who demonstrated true compassion and service this week. Rosa bravely had her hair cut to support the Princess Trust and organized an after-school sale to raise funds for children impacted by cancer. Her actions are a shining example of what it means to be a "Pilgrim of Hope," showing us how we can make a difference in the lives of others.

In today's class assembly, Year 4 beautifully linked their history learning about the Anglo-Saxons with the theme of "Seek the Truth," including the introduction of Christianity and the lasting legacy of the Anglo-Saxons on modern Britain. To conclude their assembly, Ava wrote a beautiful prayer, which we have shared at the beginning of this newsletter.

It has been a truly inspiring week, filled with faith, reflection, and action. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed to the rich and fulfilling Catholic life at St. Bons!



Chaplains Chat - What have the Chaplains been talking about this week?



UP COMING DATES:

Week beginning 17th March (Menu week 2)

Monday 17th - **St Patricks day - St Patricks house wear green**

Tuesday 18th - Year 4 swimming

Friday 21st - Parent / carer SIP session 9:00-10:00

- Drama cast rehearsal all day
- Year 6 cake after school

Week beginning 24th March

EYFS seasons week (Reception wear seasons all week)

Tuesday 25th - Cast A Matinee drama performance

- Year 4 swimming

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

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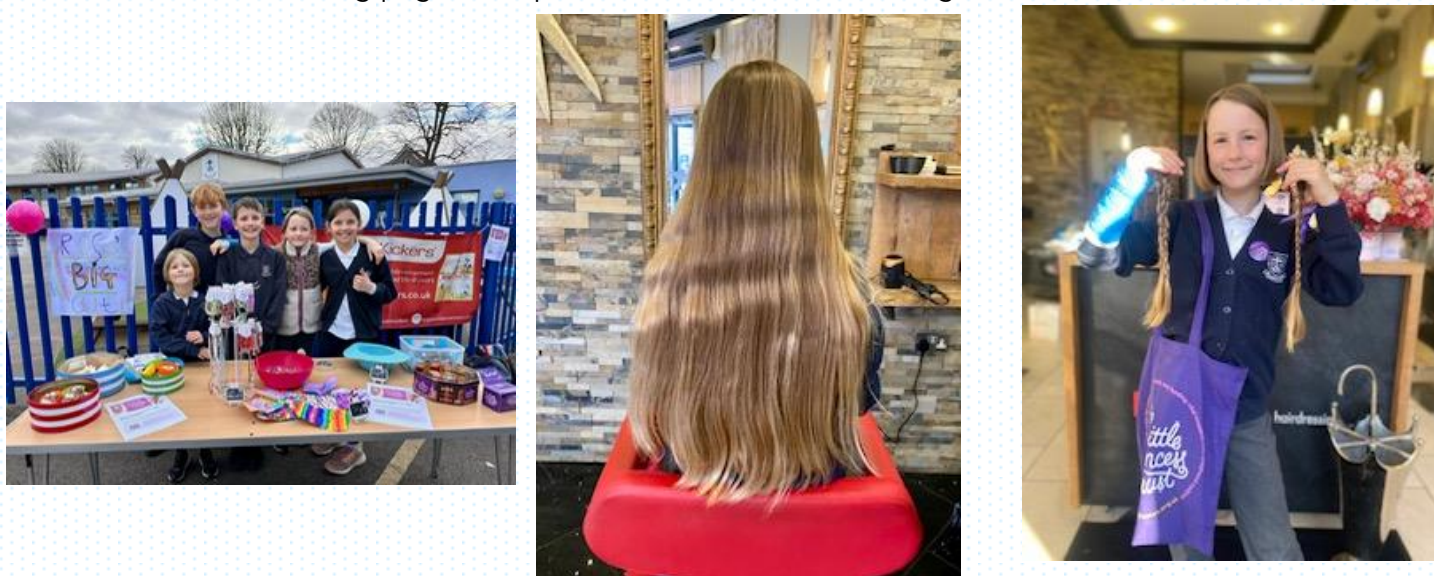
A group of girls from year 4, 5 & 6 had an amazing day at a football festival at St Bedes last week. They played some great games of football and got to meet some Bristol City players.



Well done to the netball team who took part in a tournament on Monday, the squad did really well and came away as runners up, receiving the second place trophy.



A massive well done to Rosa who on Tuesday cut her hair for the Little Princess Trust. Thank you to everyone who supported her on Tuesday, Rosa raised an amazing £92 from the fundraising stall and added to her Just Giving page has a phenomenal total of £635 altogether.



Sports and clubs at St Bons

Sport and club's - week starting 17th 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	Yes	Tuesday 3:20 - 4:20 Year 3 & 4 This club is full and running a waiting list
Circuits	Yes	Thursdays - Y's 2-6 - 8:00am in hall with Mr Morgan
Drama	Yes Yes	Monday 3:20-5:30 All Cast A Thursday 3:20- 5:30 All Cast B
Running club	Yes	Wednesday - 7.45am - all welcome - meet outside foyer.
Dodgeball	Yes	Friday -Year 4 & 5 - 8:00-8:30
Football	Yes	Wednesdays 3:30 - 4:30 Yr. 5 & 6 - girls practice
Rugby	Yes	Thursday - 8:00 - 8:30 year 5 & 6
Chess	No	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



Wonderlicious – golden tickets found!!

We've hosted two Wonderlicious Chocolate 'Find a Golden Ticket' events this week inspired by Roald Dahl's 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory', and of course the upcoming school play! There should be 14 golden ticket winners out there now who will experience a prize from the magical world of one of our favourite authors Roald Dahl!

Children will need to show any winning tickets to the school office or get in touch with us (contact@stbonsptfa.com) or via your class rep. We need the number on the back of the ticket to tell you what prize you've won. Each of the winners will receive their prize in a special school assembly. Read more about the event in our [blog](#) and [watch us](#) on Instagram wrapping 620 chocolate bars...



Spring Refresh: 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](#).

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

Window Wanderland: We were excited to be part of the Window Wanderland event last Saturday with St Bon's contributing special book-themed window displays. We raised £409 from selling refreshments which will all go directly towards buying more books for classes. Teachers have been asked to choose books they would like purchased for their classes.

Books, books, books: St Bon's children received boxes of new books last week for the school library – all made possible with £1k of funding from the PTFA. Watch our [Instagram reel](#) of children preparing the new books for the library and read our [blog](#).

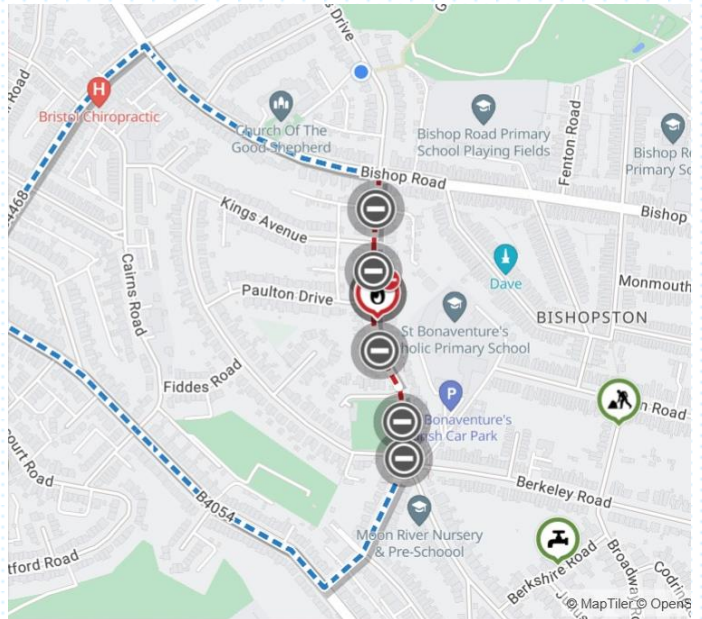
Summer fair: If you would like to be part of the summer fair planning team looking for sponsorship / donations and coming up with ideas for stalls, please get in touch and we can add you to the team Whatsapp group (contact@stbonsptfa.com).

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

-  **Bake sales:** Next up is Year 6 on Friday 21 March, and then 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.

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.



Girls Cricket at Golden Hill Cricket Club

We are looking for girls in year 1 and year 2 to join our U7's soft ball cricket on Wednesday's nights throughout the summer!

Girls cricket is great fun, creates a great team spirit and everybody has a part to play. Starting at year 1 & 2 (U7's) with soft ball kwik cricket we provide active and fun training sessions which can progress during the cricket season into friendly soft ball games against local sides.

We run girls' cricket for all age groups right through to women's cricket. The older age groups tend to be full and a waiting list applies so best to get involved at a young age.

All coaches are DBS approved and with First Aid training.

Wednesday evenings is Girls Cricket Night

Soft ball training runs from 5:00pm to 6:00 pm on Wednesday's evenings starting on the 23rd April 2025 at Golden Hill Sports Ground - access via top of Henleaze Park Drive or Wimbledon Road (BS6 7YA)

Equipment

Ideally we like players to have their own soft ball equipment which is simply a plastic bat and soft ball (windball) but we do have a kit bag if not. In addition, your daughter will need to wear a good pair of sports shoes and a water bottle!

To register your interest please email:

membership@goldenhillsports.com

or for more information

www.goldenhillsports.com or contact **chris.drew@goldenhillsports.com**

Hi, my name is Freya. I am 14 and am an old St Bons pupil. I'm currently at Badminton school and am looking for babysitting work. I live locally. I am just about to start volunteering at the St Bons Brownies as part of my Bronze DofE. If you are interested please text or call my mum, Sarah, on: [07766366569](tel:07766366569)