



Friday 14th February 2025

Dear parents and carers,

God of love, you give us St. Valentine as an example of love.
As we gather to celebrate the feast of this loving and caring saint
we ask you to bless our friendships.
May the love and affection we share with each other,
always come from a sense of care and respect.
Amen.

Thank you to everyone who took part in our non-uniform day, organised by our pupil language ambassadors, to raise money to purchase dual language books for our classrooms. We'll let you know how much we raised and what we've purchased next term.

Safer Internet Day

To mark Safer Internet Day this week, the PTFA funded an Online Safety programme led by Unique Voice. All children took part in an assembly where they were taught how to practice good online safety. This was followed by workshops for KS2 classes. We have been given access to a FREE parent/carer session which will take place during half term- please see the letter attached to this newsletter for further details.

Window Wanderland

If you haven't signed up to take part in Bishopston's Window Wanderland please do so soon by following this link: [Bishopston, Bristol 2025 - Window Wanderland](#)

We'd love to get as many members of our school community signed up and involved in this year's Window Wanderland.

Dates for your diary:

- World Book day Thursday 6th March -come to school dressed as your favourite book character or author.
- Saturday 8th March 6-7pm opening of Bishopston Window Wanderland at St Bons playground. Refreshments and entertainment.
- Thursday 3rd April St Bons Easter Festival- last day of term for pupils
- Friday 4th April Inset day- school closed to all pupils.

The first day of term 4 is Monday 24th February. I wish you all a restful half term and look forward to seeing you next term.

Best,
Sarah Ballantine
Head teacher

Catholic Life at St Bon's this week

This week at St. Bon's has been a vibrant example of our faith in action, filled with learning, generosity, and community spirit.

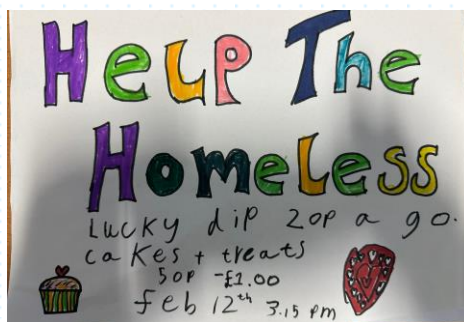
Our Key Stage 2 children focused on the inspiring story from Luke's Gospel (5:1-11) during their Celebration of the Word. They explored the moment Jesus called his disciples to become "fishers of men," reflecting on how Jesus calls each of us to follow him. The children's mission this week has been to notice and thank Jesus for the moments of joy He surprises them with throughout their day.

We've witnessed incredible acts of kindness and fundraising this week. A huge thank you to Jack and Luca in Year 3 who organised a fantastic after-school bake sale and lucky dip, raising over £200 for the Julian Trust! Their delicious cakes and biscuits were a real treat, and their efforts are truly commendable. Following our recent appeal for warm clothing, we were overwhelmed by your generosity. Thank you to everyone who donated coats and warm clothes; these were collected from school today and will be delivered to those in need at the homeless shelter.

Emilio from Year 6 has also shown incredible initiative, organising a raffle to win a delicious homemade cake! All proceeds will go to Designability, a charity that provides fun, powered wheelchairs for children with mobility challenges. What a wonderful way to make a difference!

Today's "Walk the Walk" assembly was a celebration of the fantastic work the children have been doing this year, linking it to our Gospel value, "Seek the Truth." It was inspiring to hear how different year groups have connected this value to their learning. Many classes explored "Seek the Truth" through their History topics, including Brunel, the Great Fire of London, the Egyptians, and the Mayans. Other year groups made connections through Geography and Science. Year 6 pupils particularly enjoyed sharing their experiences of dissecting sheep's hearts and making fake blood to understand the human body – a truly memorable way to learn!

The "Walk the Walk" awards recognized children who demonstrate fairness and justice, model Catholic Social Teaching, and "Seek the Truth" in their learning. Congratulations to all the award winners! They are shining examples of our Catholic values in action. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this week so special.



UP COMING DATES:

17th - 21st February - Half term.

Week beginning 24th February (Menu week 2)

Monday 24th - Term 4 begins

Tuesday 25th - Year 4 swimming

Friday 28th - Reception height & weight checks
- Funky Friday Hair Day - Bring £1

Dates
for your



On Friday 28th February, Year 2 invite you to join us in 'Funky Friday Hair Day' to raise money for communities affected by flooding in Bangladesh. The money will go directly to CAFOD.

Children and teachers are invited to create a funky hairdo! We can't wait to see your amazing ideas. The suggested donation amount is £1.

Thank you for your support!
Year 2 Team

On Thursday, we were thrilled to welcome author Mevan Babakar to St Bonaventure's Primary School. She spent time with children in key stage one sharing her book 'The Bicycle'.

Her story shares the message of kindness and the children loved interacting with her, asking questions and thinking about acts of kindness that they do for others.

A big thank you to Max Minerva's book shop in Henleaze who made this event possible.

The book is available to buy here: <https://uk.bookshop.org/p/books/the-bicycle-patricia-mccormick/7751607?ean=9780008720391>

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



Sports and clubs at St Bons

Sport and club's - week starting 24th February



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	NO	Friday - Year 4 & 5 - 8:00-8:30 Not running 1 st week back
Football	Yes	Wednesdays 3:30 - 4:30 Yr 5&6
Rugby	Yes	Thursday - 8:00 - 8:30 year 5 & 6
Chess		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

PTFA dates for your diary!

We've got some great [events](#) lined up for the rest of this school year. We're kicking things off with a daffodil sale on 28 February just in time for St David's Day, and we're excited to be serving refreshments at the Window Wanderland event on 8 March. Year group bake sales and Frozen Fridays are also back. Rotas for these will be circulated via your class rep.



WHAT'S ON

2025 Dates for your diary 

<p>Feb: Daffodil sale (28 Feb)</p> <p>Mar: Bake sales (Mar to May)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Window Wanderland refreshments (8 Mar)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Wonderlicious chocolate 'Win a golden ticket' event (w/c 17 Mar)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Spring Refresh (28 Mar)</p>	<p>Apr: Quiz night (25 Apr)</p> <p>May: Discos (16 May)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Frozen Fridays (May to July)</p> <p>June: Summer fair (22 June, 2-5pm)</p> <p>July: Sports day refreshments (8 & 9 July)</p>
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Wonderlicious w/c 17 March: This year's school play is Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. To celebrate, we're selling our very own 'Wonderlicious'* chocolate bars (*another version of the trademarked 'Wonka bars!'). Hidden inside some bars are golden tickets with small prizes for the lucky winners. We'll be catering for some other dietary requirements too. More details will be shared soon.

Spring Refresh, Friday 28 March: This is a women's wellness event with invited speakers who will be sharing some top tips on topics such as self-care, and decluttering. There will also be an opportunity to refresh your wardrobe, and indulge in some well-deserved pampering!

Join an organising team: We're looking for more volunteers to help organise events. We've created Whatsapp groups for each of the events listed above, so if you'd like to join any of them, please get in touch at <mailto:contact@stbonsptfa.com>.

Annual report: Our [2024 annual report](#) shows what an incredible year it has been for the St Bon's PTFA! In 2024 we had a total income of **£31,637.90**, and our support for school projects reached record levels. Please do have a read of the report if you haven't already, and read the [minutes of our recent AGM](#).



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