



Friday 6th December 2024

Dear parents and carers,

*We anticipate true living in a hope that only you can provide, O God of joy.
We pray this Advent that as you created the world, you might yet again create the hope, peace, joy and
love that our hearts need immediately.
This season, offer us signs of hope in our earthly siblings in Christ.
Amen.*

We were treated to a whole school performance of Jack Frost and the Winter Freeze on Monday afternoon. Thank you to our PTFA who kindly funded the show. It really got us into the Christmas spirit.



Well done to our year 6 chaplains who independently planned and delivered our first advent reflection of the season. They introduced us to the season of waiting and gave us time to reflect and think about things we might be waiting for.



Thank you to everyone who donated a bottle for our Christmas Fair bottle stall. The Christmas Fair will take place on Sunday 2-5pm. Don't worry if you don't have your tickets yet, they are still available online. I look forward to seeing you there!

Christmas dinner Wednesday 11th December

A reminder that it is Christmas dinner day on Wednesday 11th December. If your child is not having a Christmas dinner you need to provide a packed lunch for them. All children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school with their usual school uniform on this day.

Window Wanderland

We are looking forward to hosting Bishopston's Window Wanderland for the third year in a row and this year we want our St Bons families to take part and decorate their own windows making the trail even bigger than last year!

The event will take place on the weekend of 8th, 9th and 10th March. On Saturday 8th March from 6pm we will be opening up our playground and inviting the local community to start their trail with us, sharing our children's art work which will be displayed in the school windows, before people set off around the streets of Bishopston following the trail map. To sign up to the trail please follow this link: [Bishopston, Bristol 2025 - Window Wanderland](#)

We really need your help spreading the word and getting as many windows involved as we can, please follow Bishopston Window Wanderland [Facebook](#) page and share our posts, and encourage your local family, friends and neighbours to get involved.

If anyone can help us to advertise this event please let myself or Gina Beattie in the office know. Thank you in advance 😊

Gromit Unleashed 3- Schools Programme

We have signed up to receive a school-sized 'Norbot' sculpture, a brand new character from the world of Wallace and Gromit which we will design and decorate. We hope to raise £500 to pay for the cost of the sculpture. To raise money we are planning to have a non uniform day on Friday 10th January and are inviting all pupils to come dressed in their home clothes and bring a donation of a £1.00.

Best,
Sarah Ballantine
Head teacher

UP COMING DATES:

Week beginning 9th December (Menu week 3)

Tuesday 10th- year 5 swimming

Wednesday 11th - Christmas lunch - wear Christmas jumpers with uniform.

Friday 13th - SEND parent/carers support session 9:00-10:00

W/B 16th December

Monday 16th - Thursday 19th KS1 Nativity 2:00-3:00

Tuesday 17th - KS2 Carol concert 6:30

Year 5 swimming

Friday 20th- Advent Mass 9:15 parents welcome

- Last day of term

Dates
for your



Catholic Life at St Bon's this week

This week at St Bon's, we've embarked on our Advent journey, a time of preparation and anticipation for the birth of Jesus Christ. Our Year 6 chaplains led a beautiful whole-school reflection, setting the tone for the weeks ahead.

During our Celebration of the Word assemblies, we've explored ways to deepen our relationship with Jesus. We've decorated our classroom reflection areas with purple cloths, nativity scenes, and Advent wreaths, to create a prayerful atmosphere. Our focus has been on preparing our hearts to welcome Jesus by spending quality time in prayer and reflection.



Our Year 6 chaplains have diligently crafted a Saints Trail, providing narratives about each of our school saints. These narratives highlight the saints' lives, their contributions to the Church, and how their examples can inspire us today.

In our "Walk the Walk" assembly, each class shared their plans for their Faith Award, focusing on our theme of "Love Thy Neighbour." The children have been encouraged to think about how they can apply their knowledge (head), emotions (heart), and actions (hands) to demonstrate love for others. Through these activities, our pupils are gaining a deeper understanding of Catholic Social Teaching and the importance of living out their Gospel values.



We're proud of our pupils who have been exemplary role models of love and compassion. Their commitment to living out their faith is truly inspiring. As we continue our Advent journey, we pray that we may all grow closer to Jesus and embrace the true spirit of Christmas.



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

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 9th December




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 Club now full and running a waiting list.
Circuits	YES	Thursdays - Y's 2-6 - 8:00am in hall with Mr Morgan
Drama	YES	Monday- 3:20-4:20 see schedule for characters needed Thursday 3:20- 5:00 Whole cast
Running club	YES	Wednesday - 7.45am - all welcome - meet outside foyer.
Bench ball	YES	Friday -Year 4 & 5 - 8:00-8:30
Football	YES	Wednesdays 3:30 - 4:30 - boys training
Rugby	YES	Thursday - 8:00 - 8:30 year 5 & 6
Chess Lunch break		Friday Year 5&6 - lunchtime
Choir	YES	12:15- during lunch break



TERM 2 CWS AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



MONDAY

FOOTBALL CLUB
3.30PM - 4.30PM
RECEPTION/Y1/Y2
£28 FOR 7 WEEK COURSE

TUESDAY

FOOTBALL CLUB
3.30PM - 4.30PM
Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6
£28 FOR 7 WEEK COURSE

WEDNESDAY

MULTI SPORTS
3.30PM - 4.30PM
RECEPTION/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6
£28 FOR 7 WEEK COURSE

THURSDAY




CRICKET/TAG RUGBY/
BASKETBALL/FOOTBALL
3.30PM - 4.30PM
RECEPTION/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6
£28 FOR 7 WEEK COURSE

CLUB WILL START BACK MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

BOOKINGS WILL OPEN ONLINE ON FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER

**TO BOOK PLEASE GO TO -
WWW.CWSOPHIE.CO.UK**

**GIVE OUR SOCIALS A LITTLE
FOLLOW KEEP UP TO DATE WITH
ALL OUR HOLIDAY CLUBS,
BIRTHDAY PARTIES AND ALL THE
OTHER FUN WE HAVE GOING ON**

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See you at the Christmas Fair on Sunday 8 December from 2-5pm!

The PTFA cupboard and the staffroom are now both full to bursting with lovely Christmas treats, prizes, bottles, hampers and donations in preparation for this Sunday's Christmas Fair from 2-5pm. Thank you to everyone who has supported the fair preparations. We are really looking forward to seeing you all on Sunday!

Cake donations: Please donate any **nut-free** cakes or biscuits to sell at the fair (homemade or shop bought) and also consider entering your homemade delights into our **Christmas Bake Off Competition** with prizes kindly donated by Joe's Bakery! What a perfect opportunity for all those budding bakers out there! Remember to label any donations/ Bake Off entries, and include a list of ingredients and bring them to the school hall before 2pm on the day of the fair, Sunday 8 December. **The Bake off Competition judging will take place at 2pm.**



ST BON'S PTFA

Raffle tickets: Each family should have been provided with raffle tickets for the fantastic Christmas Hamper Raffle with 14 magnificent hampers to be won. Tickets are £1 each. Bring the money, and completed ticket stubs (the part that you fill in) with you to the fair. More tickets will be available at the fair. The hamper raffle draw will take place at 4pm in the school hall on Sunday 8 December.

Payment: Payment for games and stalls at the fair will be via pre-paid tokens. If you want to get really organised and avoid the queues at the fair, you can still buy your tokens in advance online. We can also take cash at the fair, and at some stalls such as the bar, we'll be able to take payment by card/contactless.

Fair programme:

- Doors open: **2pm** (although those setting up will need to be ready for people arriving from 1.45pm)
- School choir (KS1 and KS2): **3pm**
- Hamper raffle winners announced, & name the Giant Elf winner: **4pm**
- Silent auction closes at 4pm, and winners announced **4.15pm**
- Fair closes: **5pm**

Silent auction: We've added even more prizes to our online Christmas silent auction in the last few days. [Bid now](#) for items such as lunch for two at the Pig, a £50 voucher for the Wave, a signed Bristol Rovers top, family tickets to Aerospace and the Avon Valley Railway, gardening, forest school, wellbeing coaching, holiday club sessions, golf and plenty more.

Read more about [what to expect at the fair](#), and [buy your fair tickets now](#).

Christmas shop: Our Christmas shop on My Child's Art has made an amazing £475 so far. Thank you to all who have purchased. There is still a bit of time to buy goodies before Christmas. Just follow [this link](#), or visit the [My Child's Art website](#) and log in with the user name **StBonaventures** and access code **tbcgmr5b**

Pre-loved uniform: The shed is open all day, Monday to Friday, so feel free to pop in whenever you can. **We are currently in need of cardigans with the St Bon's logo.** Please bring any donations to the school office and not the shed - many thanks. [Take the shed tour now!](#)

Dates for your diary:

-  **Pre-loved uniform shed:** Open all day, Monday to Friday, so feel free to pop in whenever you can.
-  **Christmas Fair:** Sunday 8 December, from 2-5pm
-  **PTFA social:** Thursday 12 December, 8pm. We've booked a space in the Gloucester Old Spot on Kellaway Avenue. All are welcome. Please do come along and say hello, we would love to see you.
-  **Refreshments for KS2 family carols:** Tuesday 17 December, 6.30pm.

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

When something *just works*, it can be easy to take it for granted - for several years those pantry shelves at the back of St Bons have been filled by volunteers and then emptied by those in need six days a week with seemingly clockwork simplicity! But when you stop to think about it, it's quite an amazing thing. The beauty of the Community Food Pantry is that it runs on an honesty basis: people come to take whatever is available, when they most need it. And, even more amazingly, week by week our volunteers, parish members, school and local community show their kindness and generosity, enabling the whole endeavour to keep on going. We definitely don't take your support for granted, and we know Pantry users don't either. Thank you!

For those in need, the Pantry is open between 8am - 5pm every day, except Monday.

Please donate:

- Christmas treats - selection boxes or other Christmassy things
- Tinned vegan meals
- Tinned meat meals
- Cereal
- Pesto
- Tomato purée
- Dried lentils
- Shampoo

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.



Applications are open on you LA website for Reception 2025.
The deadline for applications is 15th January.

We still have spaces on our open days if you would like a tour of the school, please find dates on our website and book with the office.

Community News

Soccer shooters are offering a free taster session of their inclusive football classes on Tuesday 10th Dec 5-6pm at Redland Green sports hall

These are catered to children aged 5-10 years old who struggle with 'standard' football classes for any reason. Sessions are adapted to the needs of those who attend.

For more information visit [CONTACT | Soccer Shooters](#)

⚽⚽ GIRLS AND FOOTBALL ⚽⚽

Brunel Bantams is a grassroots football club for girls and boys (years 1 to 11). As a club we are working to increase the number of girls playing for the Bantams, and our first step is to hear directly from girls about their experiences with football.

If you have a female child in Year 1 or older, could you please spend 5-10 minutes answering this survey before 22nd December.

<https://forms.gle/GbjoszPJyiLGxyFx8>

The information will help us to understand how to engage more girls in football, what is going well for existing girl football players, and where we can improve.

As a thank you, we will have a drawing for three £5 gift vouchers to Boston Tea Party. Please email brunelbantams@gmail.com with any questions. We appreciate your time!

St Bons prayer group

If you would like to join other parents / carers of St Bons to support our school community in prayer, we have a new informal prayer group meeting once a month, 9-9.30am in the Presbytery on the following dates:

- Tues 10th Dec
- Fri 24th Jan
- Thurs 13th Feb

We would LOVE to see you there! More info, message Lorna on 07855108729

St Bon's Brownies meets on a Monday evening from 6.30 to 8pm in the Parish Hall and has vacancies for new Brownies. If you have a daughter in Year 2 or above and would like your daughter to join the parish Brownie group, please contact stbonsbrownies@gmail.com

There are currently places for 10 -11 year olds at first Bishopston Scouts on Mondays and Fridays- for more information please email bishopstonscouts@gmail.com