



Friday 15th November 2024

Dear parents and carers,



It is with sadness that I inform you that Miss Hetherington, year 4 teacher, has made the difficult decision to leave St Bons at the end of this term. Miss Hetherington is currently not in school. If you wanted to leave a card for her with the school office I will ensure this is passed on for you.

ERIC, The children's bladder and bowel charity

We are fortunate that ERIC, The Children's bladder and bowel charity, have agreed to provide us with a face to face session for parents/carers at 9-10am on Thursday 21st November.

This session is open to all parents and carers, you do not need to book on, simply sign it at the school office on the day.

The session will cover understanding the bowel, constipation, drinking and common bladder and bowel problems including bed wetting.

It would be great to see as many of you as possible at this session. Babies and toddlers are always welcome to our parent/carer sessions. Tea and coffee will also be served.

Reception/KS1 nativity tickets

Tickets to our Reception and KS2 nativity performances will be sent home with children on Monday next week. Please look out for these in your child's book bags. All families have been issued with 2 tickets and all tickets are numbered as we have a maximum capacity for seated events in the hall.

If you would like more tickets please contact the school office who will add your name to a waiting list. Dual residence families will have priority for additional tickets.

If you have tickets you do not need please return these to the school office.

KS2 family carols

We are doing things slightly different this year and moving our KS2 carols outside. We'd like to invite all families to join us for carols on the playground on the evening of Tuesday 17th December, the PTFA will be selling mulled wine and mince pies. More details will follow.

Best,
Sarah Ballantine
Head teacher

Celebrating Catholic Life at St. Bonaventure's!

This week at St. Bon's, we've witnessed incredible acts of kindness and a vibrant celebration of our diverse Catholic community!

Embracing Our Global Family:

Our week kicked off with an inspiring assembly about our unique community. Did you know that 24 different languages are spoken at St. Bon's? That's amazing! To welcome new students and celebrate our multicultural environment, Key Stage 2 will be appointing Language Ambassadors. These special students will work with Mrs. Cela to organize events showcasing our rich tapestry of cultures, making everyone feel welcome and included.

Year 5 Chaplains Step Up:

We're thrilled to announce our newly appointed Year 5 chaplains! They've already started brainstorming ways to strengthen the school's Catholic and prayer life. Their enthusiasm is contagious!



Showing Compassion:

Facing difficult situations is part of life. This week, Mrs. Ballantine and I shared some sad news with Year 4H. Touched by this, two of our new chaplains volunteered to support the class. This act of kindness perfectly reflects the story of the widow in our Gospel reading, who displayed unwavering trust in God. We also shared the Litany of Trust, reminding everyone that even during hardships, God has a plan. To further support Year 4H, the Year 5B chaplains are adapting the Litany to share with them daily next week.

Kintsugi: Our Golden Strength:

In her assemblies, Mrs. Ballantine introduced the Japanese art of Kintsugi, where broken pottery is repaired with gold, making it even stronger and more beautiful. She explained how our faith is like the golden glue, holding us together through good times ("wows") and difficult times ("ows"). Ultimately, it helps us live in the present ("nows").

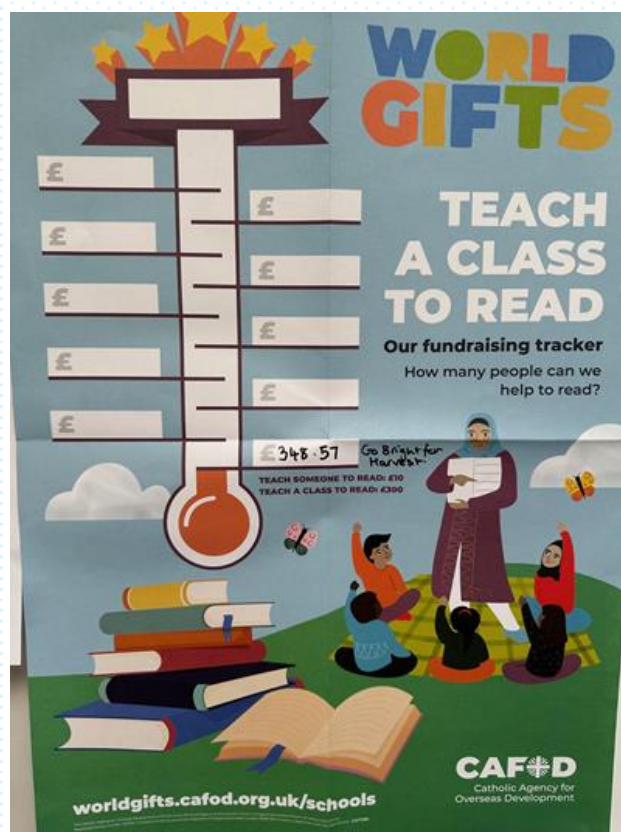
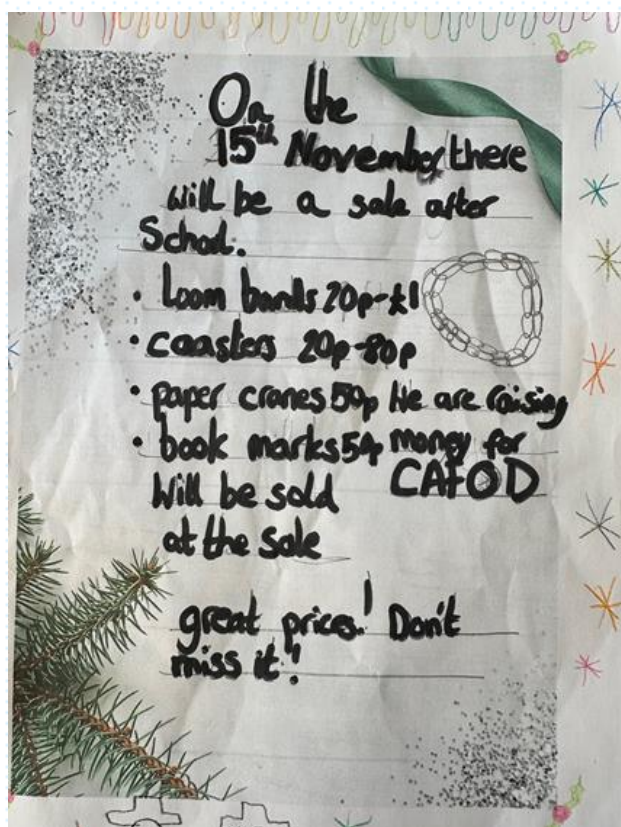
Fundraising for a Cause:

Inspired by our Harvest World Gifts campaign, some Year 4 students organised a fantastic craft sale to support CAFOD and help children in other countries to learn to read. Their initiative is a true testament to our school's value of "Love Thy Neighbour."

A Spotlight on Stewardship:

A big shout out to Robyn and Juno from Year 3! These responsible young ladies were spotted collecting litter during their lunch break, demonstrating fantastic stewardship for our environment.

This week at St. Bon's has been a heart-warming display of faith in action. We're so proud of our students for exemplifying kindness, compassion, and a commitment to our Catholic values! Keep up the fantastic work, everyone!



UP COMING DATES:

Week beginning 18th November (Menu week 3)

Monday 18th – unique voice anti bullying workshops, parent session 2:45 all welcome

Tuesday 19th – Year 6 swimming

Wednesday 20th – Friday 22nd Year 6 Kintbury trip

Thursday 21st – SEND parent/carer child continence pathway 9:00-11:00

Friday 22nd 5B Class assembly 10:00-10:30

Week beginning 25th November

Tuesday 26th – Year 6 swimming

Wednesday 27th – Year 5&6 tag rugby

Dates
for your



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



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

Well done Marcello in year 4 who won 2 trophies, he took part in his first Tang Soo Do and came first in both his matches.



Sports and clubs at St Bons


Sport and club's - week starting 18th November




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	Tuesday 3:20-4:20 Year 3 Not running this week Please sign permission slip in office
Circuits	NO	Thursdays - Y's 2-6 - 8:00am in hall with Mr Morgan
Drama	YES	Monday- 3:20-4:30 see schedule for characters needed Thursday 3:20- 4:45 - 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	NO	Wednesdays 3:30 - 4:30
Rugby	YES	Thursday - 8:00-8:30 year 5 & 6
Chess Lunch break	YES	Friday Year 5&6 - lunchtime



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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We need your help for the Christmas fair!

Fasten your seatbelts we're heading towards the Christmas Fair on Sunday 8 December from 2-5pm!! Preparations are now in full swing, and we need your help to make it a success. The school office team kindly emailed all St Bon's parents and carers a PTFA letter with all the details and dates. If you want the short version, see the key dates below. Don't worry we'll try and send reminders...



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

Silent auction: We've had some brilliant prizes donated for our [online silent auction](#) which is now live, including lunch for two at the Pig, a £50 voucher for the Wave, a signed Bristol Rovers top and plenty more. We've added even more items over the last few days. Bid now - you've got to be in it to win it!!

Christmas Crafts & Fizz: We are looking forward to welcoming guests to our Christmas Crafts & Fizz evening later on today, hosted by [Art-K Henleaze](#)! Thank you also to [Lusso Events](#), [Moda hairdressing](#) and [FED café](#) for their support in helping to put together what we are sure will be a fabulous evening.

PTFA meeting: Read the [minutes of our 14 November meeting](#). We are now planning fundraising events for 2025. If one of the possible events in 2025 is of interest and you would like to get involved in developing ideas and making things happen, we would love to hear from you. Email, phone, Whatsapp, catch us in the playground, and / or come along to our social in December!

Pre-loved uniform: The shed is open all day, Monday to Friday, so feel free to pop in whenever you can. We are in need of jumpers, cardigans with the St Bon's logo, and shoes to keep the shed fully stocked. Please bring any donations to the school office - many thanks. [Take the shed tour now!](#)

Dates for your diary ([Read our blog](#) for all the dates and details! Also see our [Instagram reel](#)):

- 🌟 **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.

ST BON'S PTFA

St Bonaventure's Primary School

Christmas

FAIR

Sun 8th

DECEMBER 2024

2:00 - 5:00 PM

BUY TICKETS AT:
WWW.STBONSPPTFA.COM

GIFTS
GAMES
INFLATABLE
FOOD

CRAFTS MUSIC RAFFLE

St Bonaventure's Catholic Primary School, Egerton Road, Bishopston, BS7 8HP


Silent auction

Rachel Joshi
HEALTH & WELLBEING COACHING

AEROSPACE BRIS

Plantscapes Bristol

BID NOW ONLINE!



ST BON'S PTFA

Welcome to Reception

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

**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**

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:

- Wed 20th Nov
- 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



First Holy Communion 2025

The application process for the First Holy Communion programme is now open.

If your child is in year 3 or above, and you wish to enrol him/her for the preparation programme starting in January, please complete an [online application form](#).

First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 17th May 2025.

For more details, please contact the parish office on 0117 942 4448 or email bristol.stbonaventure@cliftondiocese.com.