



Thursday 24th October 2024

Dear parents and carers,

*Creator God, your world is full of life and love.
We thank you at the harvest time for every good and perfect gift
And for those who bring them to us.
In Jesus name we pray,
Amen.*

Thank you to everyone who came dressed in bright colours today to support our CAFOD fundraiser. All money donated will be donated to CAFOD appeal- Brighten Up! We'll let you know how much was raised next term once your donations have been counted.

We celebrated our Harvest Mass in church today. Thank you to everyone who celebrated with us. A special thank you to Joe's bakery who donated our Harvest Loaves. The loaf was shared amongst all the children today, thank you.



Parent focus group

Our parent focus group has met to discuss the things we would like to improve identified in our end of year parent/carers survey. We are looking for the help of a parent/carers who can help us to streamline our communication. If this is an area of expertise for you and you have the capacity to provide us with some advice please get in touch with me: head.st.bonaventures.p@bristol-schools.uk

You can contact the parent group on: parentfocusgroup@stbons.uk

Window Wanderland- help urgently needed!

We are hosting Bishopston's Window Wanderland next year. This will take place over the weekend of 8th-10th March 2025.

I am setting up a working party of volunteers who are willing to take a lead role and support us to run this event. If you are interested in joining our working party please email me on head.st.bonaventures.p@bristol-schools.uk. I will be organising an initial planning meeting in mid-November.

I hope you all find time to take a break and recharge at half term.

Best,
Sarah Ballantine
Head teacher

Celebrating Catholic Life at St. Bonaventure's!

This week has been a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together and live out the Catholic Social Teaching principles we have been exploring this term.

On Monday, Jack from 3H inspired us all with his ideas for supporting the Julian Trust in Bristol. His passion for helping others was contagious, and we are excited to see how our classes will contribute to this important charity.

Many of our children have already shown their generosity by supporting the food bank for Harvest. Now, we are turning our attention to helping homeless people in Bristol over the winter. We are collecting clothing, gifts, cards, and fundraising to deliver to the Julian shelter before the end of term.



A special shout-out goes to a group of Year 4 children who are planning their own fundraising craft stall on 15th November. Their goal is to raise enough money for a CAFOD world gift to teach a class to read in a country where children don't have easy access to education. And Scarlett in Year 5 went above and beyond by making her own collection of socks and toiletries for the Julian Trust.



On Thursday, we celebrated our Harvest Mass in the church. The children looked beautiful in their bright colours and brought in money to support CAFOD. 6WA and 5B also donated food items to the church food bank. Joes bakery generously donated two harvest loaves, which were shared among all the children as we reflected on the gifts of creation.

Although All Saints' Day falls during half term, we will be celebrating it when we return with a special assembly and reflections led by the children. On Friday, 8th November, we are inviting everyone to adopt a saint for the day. Children will research a saint and dress up or wear something that represents them. For Key Stage 2 children, we are asking them to think about what their saint would think of the world today and what they would do to help. They will be sharing their information with their classmates.

It has been a wonderful week of service and reflection, and we are proud of our children for their compassion and generosity.



UP COMING DATES:

Week beginning Monday 28th HALF TERM

Week beginning 4th November (Menu week 1 of new menu)

Monday 4th - Boys football match at St Bedes (for those invited)

Tuesday 5th - Year 6 swimming

Friday 8th - All Saints day- dress as a saint

Dates
for your



We will be selling poppies during the first week of term, we will send an email to confirm which days this take place.

All Saints' Day

Whole School Project

On Friday 8th November we will be holding a saint's day celebration. Your challenge is to 'adopt' a saint for the day. You will need to do your research and learn about the saint so you can tell your class who you are.

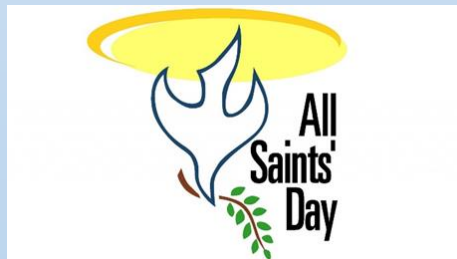
Think about all of the wonderful people who have done extraordinary things for Christ.

On Friday 8th November you can come dressed as your saint or wearing something to represent your chosen saint.

In class you will be taking about and sharing information about your chosen saint.

Challenge for KS2- We also want you to think about how your chosen saint is needed today? What would your chosen saint think and say about what is going on in our world today? What do you think they would want us to do.

We look forward to seeing and hearing what you come up with!



We are still looking for reading volunteers, if you have some regular spare time and would like to come in and read with the children please contact the office for more information.



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 4th 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 Yr 3&4 Tuesday -Yr 5&6
Hockey	Yes	Fridays- Y5 & 6 - 3:20 - 4:30 Paid club Booked through Mrs Hinkins
Circuits	NO	Thursdays - Y's 2-6 - 8:00am in hall with Mr Morgan
Drama	YES	Monday 3:20 - 4:30- shop keeper, shop keepers assistant, children, Veruca, Mr & Mrs Salt, reporter Thursday 3:20- 4:30 - All Cast
Running club	YES	Wednesdays - 7.45am - all welcome - meet outside foyer.
Bench ball	YES	Fridays -Year 4 &5 - 8:00-8:30 contact office for availability
Football	NO	Wednesdays 3:30 - 4:30
Rugby	Yes	Thursdays - 8:00-8:30 yr. 5 & 6
Chess Lunch break	YES	Year 5&6 - lunchtimes in music room - Fortnightly

Hi All,
Thank you for another brilliant first term back 😊,
it has been great seeing all the children.
please see below our sports courses for next term.
Bookings will go live Friday 25th October on our website.
You can click the link below to take you right to our bookings.
<https://www.cwsophie.co.uk/st-bonaventures>
Thank you again for your continued support.

Kind Regards,
Sophie 😊



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TERM 2

CWS AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



COACHING
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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**

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ALL OUR HOLIDAY CLUBS,
BIRTHDAY PARTIES AND ALL THE
OTHER FUN WE HAVE GOING ON**



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On Monday the year 4 netball girls played against St Ursula's. The girls played some great netball, dominating much of the game and shooting so well. For some it was their first ever match and although nervous they soon settled into it. The final result was an 8-0 win to St Bons. Congratulations girls!

And then the year 6 netball girls played against St Ursula's yesterday afternoon, they all played so well and came away with a win 11-1.



St Bons football team did an amazing representing us in two football matches this week. Well done to every who played

Disco success, and buy your tickets now for Christmas crafts & fizz!

We raised an amazing £2536 at the discos last week!! Thank you to everyone who came and supported, including all our volunteers. What a night! A huge thanks, in particular, to DJ Morgan who once again scored top marks for DJ skills. Watch our [reel on Instagram](#).

Christmas crafts & fizz hosted by Art-K Henleaze: Tickets are selling fast for our Christmas Crafts & Fizz evening on Friday 15 November from 7-9.30pm. Join us for festive fun creating your own Christmas decorations. There will also be live music, fizz and mulled wine, nibbles, and a bar, plus graze boards including culinary delights generously donated by Fed café (which you can pre-order when you buy a ticket). [Grab your tickets now](#) via our website before they sell out!

Grow With It: We planted a lot of blubs last Saturday in the raised beds and the St Francis garden. Thanks to those who gave up time to do this. [Watch our Instagram reel](#) and keep tuned for news of the next phase of the Grow With It project.

PTFA meetings: [Read the minutes](#) of our meeting on 16 October. The next PTFA meeting will be on Thursday 14 November at 8pm, online. A meeting link will be circulated nearer the time.

Christmas Fair: It's the one and only St Bons Christmas Fair on Sunday 8 December from 2-5pm! Father Christmas will be there along with the usual stalls and more mulled wine and mince pies than you can shake a stick at. And we have something brand new at the fair this year so keep a look out!! Tickets and all the details will be coming soon!

Game, set match: Matched funding is easy to claim and can often double our fundraising overnight. If you work for a company that offers it, we would love to hear from you. Read more in our [our blog](#).

Pre-loved uniform: The shed is open all day, Monday to Friday, so feel free to pop in whenever you can. We are particularly 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](#))

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- ✚ **PTFA meeting:** Thursday 14 November, 8pm online.
- ✚ **Christmas Craft Evening hosted by Art-K Henleaze:** Friday 15 November (read [PTFA blog](#) for more details)
- ✚ **Christmas Fair:** Sunday 8 December, from 2-5pm



ST BON'S PTFA PRESENTS

Christmas Crafts & Fizz!

Friday 15 Nov | 7:00 - 9:30pm
St Bonaventure's Primary School Hall

Hosted by **Art-K Henleaze**

Festive fun creating your own Christmas decorations with live music, fizz & mulled wine, nibbles, graze boards and a bar!

Buy tickets now at:
www.stbonsptfa.com



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 FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

A big thank you this week to those who bought plants and cakes at the recent sale in the Church - you raised a smashing £133 for the Community Food Pantry. We really rely on your generosity - both from events like one and from individual donations of food or cash - to keep this venture going. Take a look below to see the food we particularly need at the moment.

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

Please donate:

Tinned tuna
Tinned fish
Tinned fruit
Toilet paper

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.

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:

- Fri 18th Oct
- Wed 20th Nov
- Tues 10th Dec
- Fri 24th Jan
- Thurs 13th Feb

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

Education Mass

Bishop Bosco will be celebrating Mass for all those involved in any way in Catholic education, at Clifton Cathedral, on Thursday **21 November at 6.00pm**. This is an annual Mass, bringing all our school community members together as a diocesan family to celebrate Catholic education. This year's choir will be St Peter's High School, Gloucester. The Mass offers an opportunity for all those connected with Catholic education, teachers, staff, governors, pupils and parents, in Clifton Diocese to renew their commitment to Catholic education. Light Refreshments will be available.



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.