



Friday 2nd May 2025

Dear parents and carers,

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

Amen.

Our youngest and oldest pupils crowned a statue of our lady, Mary on Tuesday in our annual Crowning of Mary service. During the service, we spent time reflecting on the lessons that Mary teaches us: to know the joy of Jesus deep in our hearts, to help those in need and how to persevere. Thank you to everyone who donated flowers for this very special occasion.



Section 48 inspection

As you are aware, we received our Section 48 inspection today and yesterday. Thank you to everyone who completed the online survey and contributed their views. We have enjoyed the opportunity to share what we do at St Bons and what makes our school community so special, with the inspectors.

Illness

Please can I ask that when reporting your child's absence due to illness either via email or phone you please provide the reason for their absence. This enables my office team to monitor and track the number of cases of different types of illness which helps to identify if we have an outbreak. Thank you in advance.

Pupil language ambassadors

Our pupil language ambassadors have been busy ordering and organising dual language books which we've purchased using the money raised at a non-uniform day in term 3. Boxes of these books will be available in every classroom and used to celebrate the different languages spoken at St Bons.



Dates for your diary:

- Friday 2nd May 9-10am parent/carers SEND group facilitated by SEND & You.
- Monday 5th May school closed Bank Holiday Monday.
- Tuesday 6th May Parents evening for Reception and Year 1-5.
- Friday 9th May parent/carers school improvement session 9-10am.
- WB: Monday 12th May KS2 SATS
- Wednesday 21st May 2.45pm First Communion Service for all Year 3 pupils and other pupils who have made their First Communion this school year. Parents/carers of all these children are welcome to attend.
- Friday 23rd May last day of term 5.

Best,
Sarah Ballantine
Principal
St Bonaventure's Catholic Primary

St. Bonaventure's This Week: Growing in Faith and Action

What a wonderful week it has been here at St. Bonaventure's, filled with reflection, action, and a blossoming sense of our Catholic mission!

We began the week with an inspiring ethos assembly on Monday, where we officially launched our Gospel theme for Terms 5 and 6: Care for Our Common Home. We revisited Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, and the children thoughtfully considered their role in looking after God's beautiful creation. Our Stewards are already preparing to lead us in the actions outlined in our Live Simply plan. Keep an eye out for more information from them in the coming weeks about how we will be making our own Live Simply pledges and organising a "Buy Less, Share More" event - exciting times ahead!

As part of our ongoing Jubilee Year as Pilgrims of Hope, we were delighted to receive gardening kits and seeds for each class, courtesy of our PTFA. The children have embraced this opportunity with enthusiasm, planting their own "seeds of hope" which have been placed in the greenhouse and will be taken care of by the children over the next few weeks until they are ready to be planted out in class pots.

Our fundraising efforts for CAFOD continue, and we are so grateful for the £290 raised so far through our Big Lent Walk. We are still striving towards our target of £500, so if you are able to contribute, please do so via the Just Giving page. <https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-bonaventures-fundraising-page> Every little helps us to make a big difference.

Wednesday saw us come together to celebrate Our Lady Mary. In Preparation for the service Mary was surrounded by a beautiful array of flowers, donated by the children. During the service, the children reflected deeply on the significance of Mary in their lives. Their personal depictions of what Mary means to them were a moving part of the assembly and are now displayed in the corridor for all to see.

This week also marked the completion of our St. Bonaventure's Catholic Social Teaching symbols. Miss Barnes has skilfully used the children's own artwork and designs representing each of the CST principles to create unique school visuals that align with our Gospel values. These designs are now on display in the hall and around the school, serving as a constant reminder of our faith in action.

Finally, today's class assembly, led by 2TR, was a wonderful start to our "Care for Our Common Home" theme. The children shared the story of creation and offered thoughtful ideas on Stewardship, highlighting practical ways we can all take care of the precious world God has entrusted to us.

It has been a truly enriching week, filled with opportunities to grow in our faith, connect with our values, and take positive steps towards living out our Catholic mission. We look forward to continuing this journey together next week!





Chaplains Chat -

Woody says 'My fundraising sale of for the Cheslin Kolbe foundation has raised over £100 so far. Thank you to the people who donated sports equipment and to the people who came and supported us. This money will go to help vulnerable young people in South Africa to have access to sports clubs and equipment. If there is anyone that would still like to donate please give money to the school office in an envelope marked for the Cheslin Kolbe foundation.'

UP COMING DATES:

Week beginning 5th May (menu week 3)

- Monday 5th - Bank holiday - school closed.
- Tuesday 6th - Parents evening
 - Year 3 swimming
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- Wednesday 7th - Year 4 Kilve court trip
- Thursday 8th - Benefits of active travel sessions yr. 3&4
- Friday 9th - 2G Class assembly 10:00-10:30
 - Parent/carer SIP session 9:00-10:00
 - Year 4 bake sale

Week beginning 12th May
 Tuesday 13th - Year 3 swimming
 Friday 16th - Reception, KS1 & KS2 discos

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

Disco tickets now available, quiz success, and gardening kits galore!

It's disco time!

Don't forget to buy your tickets for the school discos on Friday 16 May. [See all details and buy tickets now](#) on our website.

- Reception disco: 3.45-4.30pm
- KS1 disco (years 1 and 2): 5-6pm
- KS2 disco (years 3, 4, 5 & 6): 6.30 - 7.45pm

Quiz night highlights

Thanks to Quizmaster Matt for another legendary night at the Big (St) Bon's Quiz of the Year! Thanks also to everyone who attended and supported the event. We raised a fabulous £500!! [Read our blog.](#)



Gardening kits galore!

We were delighted to be able to provide each class with a gardening kit this week, to support seed planting for the Jubilee Year of Hope, and also for our Sunflower competition! [Read more in our latest 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

- ✚ **Bake sale:** It's the year 4 bake sale on Friday 9 May.
- ✚ **Discos:** Friday 16 May
- ✚ **Frozen Fridays:** May to July
- ✚ **Summer Fair:** Sunday 22 June, 2-5pm
- ✚ **Sports Day refreshments:** 8 and 9 July.



ST BON'S PTFA 

Sunflower competition

All St Bon's children are invited to take part in a sunflower growing competition! With a prize for the tallest sunflower!!

Each child will sow a couple of sunflower seeds in a pot in school to bring home.

Once at home you will need to water the pot so the compost is moist, and place it on a warm windowsill.

You should see the seeds begin to shoot within 7-10 days.

Keep the compost moist but make sure it doesn't get too wet.

When the sunflowers are ready you can either move to a bigger pot, or plant them into the ground.

Choose a sunny spot and water regularly.

Support your sunflower with a cane to keep it upright.

Can you grow the tallest sunflower?

Simply measure the height of your sunflower and email the details to the PTFA by 5 Sept (contact@stbonsptfa.com). Send in a photo if you can!



St Bon's 

SCHOOL DISCO

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BUY TICKETS AT WWW.STBONSPTFA.COM