



Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dear parents and carers,

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore.  
Amen.

Thank you to everyone who attended our parent/carer school improvement session, SIP, this morning. This was the last of these sessions to take place in this school year. Parents/carers who attended received an update on progress made on SIP priorities and had the opportunity to have a tour of the school and see some of our priorities in action.

This week our Reception and KS1 pupils have had the opportunity to take part in our pop-up prayer spaces which have been planned and delivered by a team of parent volunteers and members of local Christian churches. My heartfelt thanks go out to all adults who have been involved in facilitating these sessions.



#### **Inset dates for 2025-26**

In response to requests from a number of parents/carers I have released the 2025-26 inset dates.

I'd like to take this opportunity to remind all parents/carer that family holidays should not be taken in term time. A research report recently published by the DfE, drawing on evidence-based research into attendance and attainment has revealed that at primary school, children who attend school nearly every day in year 6 (95-100%) are **30% more likely** to reach the expected standard in reading, writing and maths compared to similar pupils who attend 90-95% of the time.

Next school year we have a total of 7 inset days and 6 of these dates have been set. 1 date remains outstanding and will be agreed by the end of this term.

- Tuesday 2nd September 2025
- Wednesday 3rd September 2025
- Friday 24th October 2025
- Monday 5th January 2026
- Thursday 2nd April 2026
- Wednesday 22nd July 2026

#### **Dates for your diaries:**

- Monday 12th May- Thursday 15th May KS2 SATS week. Please make sure all year 6 pupils arrive at school no later than 8.30am so they can enjoy their SATs breakfast before their tests.
- Saturday 17th May First Communion at St Bonaventure's Catholic church.
- 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.
- Monday 2nd June first day of term 6.

Best,  
Sarah Ballantine  
Principal  
St Bonaventure's Catholic Primary



## Catholic Life at St Bons This Week: Spreading Hope and Caring for Our Common Home

What a wonderful week it has been, filled with reflections on hope and our responsibility to care for God's creation!

Our week began with the Headteacher Assembly. Following thoughtful class reflections on the theme of hope during this Easter season, each class presented their 'pebbles of hope'. These weren't just ordinary stones; each one represented a commitment from the children about how they are going to actively spread hope in the weeks ahead. These symbolic pebbles are now displayed in our entrance corridor, serving as a visual reminder for us all to keep those promises of hope alive.

Adding another layer of spiritual richness to our week were the wonderful pop-up prayer spaces. Thanks to the generous support of volunteers from our local churches and some of our own parents, both the Wellbeing Pod and the back playground were transformed into a prayer space centred around our current Gospel theme: 'Care for our Common Home'. Children from Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 had the opportunity to visit these spaces in small groups. They engaged in thoughtful activities and reflections, exploring the wonders of God's creation and considering our important role in looking after it. It was lovely to witness their engagement and their growing understanding of this vital message.

The week culminated in a wonderful Year 2 class assembly. 2G built upon our 'Care for our Common Home' theme, cleverly weaving together their learning across different subjects. They made links between their Science and Geography lessons, their Power of Reading book, 'The Extraordinary Gardener', and the concept of Stewardship – our responsibility to care for God's creation. The children looked fantastic in their self-made hats decorated with flowers, and their joyful rendition of 'It's a Wonderful World' made everyone smile. Most importantly, they shared thoughtful and practical suggestions about how we can all take better care of our planet, encouraging everyone to do their part and spread the word.

It has been a truly enriching week at St Bons, witnessing our children actively embracing our Catholic values and demonstrating their understanding of hope and our shared responsibility for our world. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making it so special





## UP COMING DATES:

### Week beginning 12<sup>h</sup> May (menu week 1)

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Year 6 SATS

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> - Year 3 swimming

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> - Reception, KS1 & KS2 discos

Week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> May

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> - Year 3 swimming

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Last day of term

Frozen Friday - after school - year 5

Dates  
for your



Year 4's geography trip took them to Kilve Beach in North Somerset this week. The main focus of our visit was to study the signs of coastal erosion along the beach which is their topic for geography during terms 5&6 in 'Care for our common home'.

During our trip, they completed three fieldwork tasks: a data collection activity where we examined various sections of the beach to observe changes in rock size; a scavenger hunt that identified both natural and man-made objects on the beach; and a rock sculpture activity that encouraged them to explore the size and texture of different rocks. Additionally, they observed evidence of recent rockslides from the winter of 2024-2025, which had caused a significant collapse in the cliff face.

They had a marvellous time exploring the beach and found many amazing fossil imprints and shells.



**Afterschool club and breakfast club term 6 are now bookable on school gateway.**  
**Please note that we do not run playscheme in the May half term holidays.**



### **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](mailto:Esmeralda.cela@bristol-schools.uk)





## Preparations for the summer fair, and get set for Frozen Fridays

### Summer fair

Preparations are well underway for our St Bon's Summer Fair on Sunday 22 June from 2-5pm. Get the date in your diaries now! Tickets will be available shortly via our website. More info will be coming soon...

If you can help with any of the following, we would love to hear from you:

- Contacting local businesses for donations for stalls, and our silent auction.
- Setting up the fair on the morning of Sunday 22 June, and / or packing away between 5 and 6pm.
- Printing flyers and stall signage.
- Volunteering on a craft stall at the fair.
- Finding sponsorship for the fair.

### Disco!

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



Frozen Fridays are coming soon

## FROZEN FRIDAYS ROTA

**Fri 23 May** year 5  
**Fri 6 June** year 6  
**Fri 13 June** year 3  
**Fri 20 June** reception  
**Fri 27 June** year 1  
**Fri 4 July** year 2  
**Thurs 10 July** year 4



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### Dates for your diary

-  **Discos:** Friday 16 May
-  **Frozen Fridays:** Year 5 on Friday 23 May
-  **Summer Fair:** Sunday 22 June, 2-5pm
-  **Sports Day refreshments:** 8 and 9 July.

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## 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.

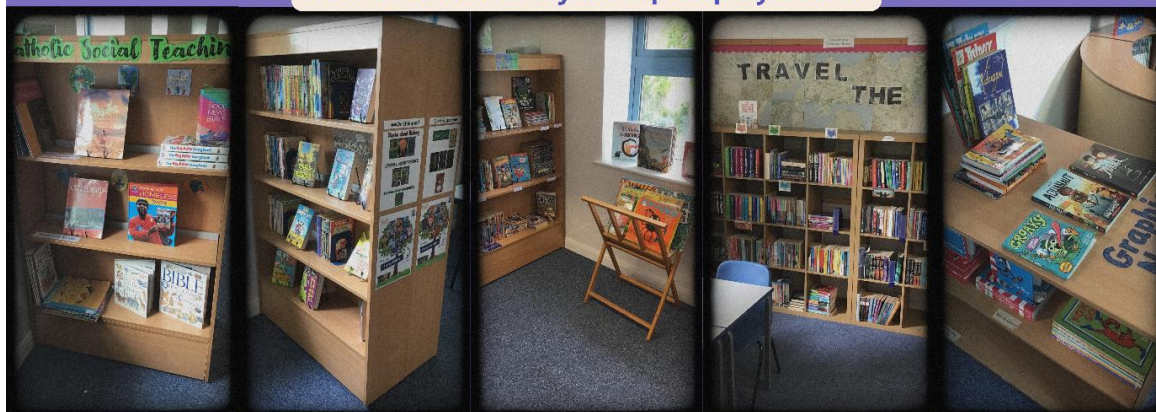
Support your sunflower with a cane to keep it upright.

**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!



We recently purchased plate stands, label holders and book ends for the school library to help display books.



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