



Friday 17th January 2025

Dear parents and carers,

*Father, teach us to help young people appreciate their own worth.
Enable us to touch their hearts and empower us to reveal your love for them.
Inspire us to support and encourage and build others up as members of one body.
Help us to follow Christ our teacher, and be credible witnesses of your love.
Amen.*



This term we have introduced a new pupil role, welcome to our KS2 language ambassadors!

At St Bons our families speak over 24 different languages. We want to celebrate this and our language ambassadors are going to be helping us to do this. The first thing our ambassadors are organising is a non-uniform day on the last day of this term, Friday 14th February, to raise money so we can purchase dual language books for each classroom.

Watch this space- they have so many good ideas which we'll share with you all very soon.

Our PTFA need your help

Our PTFA has some vacancies and we need your help to fill them. We are currently looking for a Treasurer, a Secretary and other committee roles. Our PTFA is so successful in raising funds for our school but this is only possible with a full committee. We need all parents and carers to consider if they could take on one of these roles. Please contact Helen, chair of the PTFA on contact@stbonsptfa.com

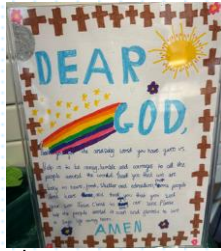
To find out more.

Best,
Sarah Ballantine
Head teacher

Catholic Life at St Bon's this week

This week at St Bons, we've been exploring what it means to let our lights shine.

- **Ethos Assembly:** We began the week reflecting on how we can all be a light for others in this new year. Children thought about their own challenges and how they can overcome them to become the best versions of themselves.



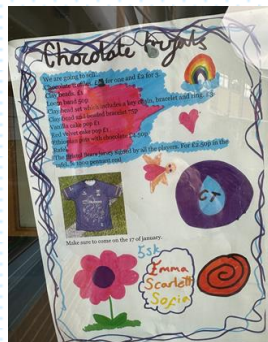
- Year 2 Reflection:** Thomas and Benji, two Year 2 pupils, planned and led a reflection inspired by the Gospel of Luke. They encouraged their classmates to think of someone they would like God to help and to place a pebble in a jar to represent their prayers.



- **"Walk the Walk" Assembly:** We celebrated the impact of our "Love thy Neighbour" theme, with input from the children who visited the Julian Shelter last term. They shared their moving experiences, highlighting the challenges faced by homeless people and the vital work of the shelter. We also recognized individuals and groups who have gone above and beyond to support charities and show kindness to others. Emilio, Vincenzo, and Illaria from Year 6 shared their inspiring acts of kindness with the school.



- **Certificates of Excellence:** Teachers presented certificates to children who exemplify "Seek the Truth" by standing up for fairness and equality, helping to create safe and happy learning environments for everyone.
- **Year 5 Charity Fundraiser:** After school today, some Year 5 pupils have organised a sale of crafts and cakes to support For-Ethiopia, a local charity working to alleviate poverty in Ethiopia.



These are just a few examples of how our school community is shining brightly this week. We are incredibly proud of our children's compassion, kindness, and commitment to living out our Catholic values.

UP COMING DATES:

Week beginning 20th January (Menu week 1)

Tuesday 21st – Year 5 Swimming

Friday 24th – 4G Class assembly

Week beginning 27th January

Tuesday 28th – Year 5 swimming

Friday 31st – Parent/carer SIP session with Head teacher 9:00-10:00

- 3J class assembly

Dates
for your



**KidZone will be running February playscheme during half term.
Bookings will go live on School Gateway on Wednesday**



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 20th January



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 This club is full and running a waiting list
Circuits	Yes	Thursdays - Y's 2-6 - 8:00am in hall with Mr Morgan
Drama	Yes Yes	Monday 3:20-4:30 As per the schedule Thursday 3:20- 5:00 Whole cast
Running club	Yes	Wednesday - 7.45am - all welcome - meet outside foyer.
Dodgeball	Yes	Friday -Year 4 & 5 - 8:00-8:30
Football	Yes	Wednesdays 3:30 - 4:30 Girls training
Rugby	Yes	Thursday - 8:00 - 8:30 year 5 & 6
Chess		Friday Year 5&6 - lunchtime.
Choir	YES	Mondays 12:15- during lunch break



TERM 3 CWS AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



MONDAY

FOOTBALL CLUB

3.30PM - 4.30PM

RECEPTION/Y1/Y2/Y3

£20 FOR 5 WEEK COURSE

TUESDAY

FOOTBALL CLUB

3.30PM - 4.30PM

Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6

£24 FOR 6 WEEK COURSE

WEDNESDAY

MULTI SPORTS

3.30PM - 4.30PM

RECEPTION/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6

£24 FOR 6 WEEK COURSE

THURSDAY

CRICKET/TAG RUGBY/
BASKETBALL/FOOTBALL

3.30PM - 4.30PM

RECEPTION/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6

£24 FOR 6 WEEK COURSE

CLUB WILL START BACK TUESDAY 7TH JANUARY

BOOKINGS WILL OPEN ONLINE ON FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER

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

**YEAR 3 FOOTBALL IS BOTH MONDAY AND TUESDAY PLEASE
FEEL FREE TO POP THEM INTO THE GROUP YOU FEEL THEY
WOULD ENJOY THE MOST AND GET THE MOST OUT OF**

**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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Your PTFA needs you!



Our AGM will be held on **Thursday 6 February at 8pm online** and we will need to vote in a new Treasurer and a Secretary, as well as new committee members. We haven't heard from anyone yet about these roles, and we are getting a bit nervous that we won't be able to run the PTFA beyond the AGM in February...

We are a friendly and supportive committee (you can see who we are [here](#) on our website!) and would really welcome anyone who would like to join.

A heads up...

There are also several other committee members, including our chair, who will be stepping down at some point next academic year because their children will be in year 6 then, and will be leaving St Bon's. So... if you have a child who is younger, perhaps in reception or KS1 currently, you might want to take the opportunity to join the committee this year to find out what it's all about and shadow us as we organise various events. This will make the handover much easier when the time comes. The future of the PTFA is in your hands!

What roles are available now?

Committee members support the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary, make decisions, contribute to discussions, bring ideas, support events, and they might take on responsibility for different things - for example, shopping for food and drink for events, or running a specific event each year.

Interested?

If you are interested in putting yourself forward for any of these roles, or just want to find out more, please get in touch with Helen Albon directly (contact@stbonsptfa.com).

Plans for 2025

The [minutes of last night's PTFA meeting](#) are now available on our website. You will see we have lots planned for this term and next, but as mentioned above, if we can't find new committee members - particularly a Treasurer and a Secretary - we cannot run these events.

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

As the children settle back into school after the excitement of the Christmas holidays, let's recognise how difficult it can be to keep them well-clothed, well-shod and well-fed so they can play and learn together. While the Food Pantry can't help with the expense of clothes, we can help ease the pressure on parents struggling with the cost of food by providing a source of free, no-questions-asked, long-lasting groceries. When doing your shopping this week, could you put a few extra items in your trolley and bring them along to the Pantry for others to take? Have a look below for a list of things that are particularly popular.

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

Please donate:

Vegan tinned meals
Vegetarian tinned meals
Meaty tinned meals
Tinned fish
Pesto
Stock cubes
Plain or self-raising flour
Tortilla-style wraps

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

The RWA are holding free art activities over half term - follow the link for more information:
[Events for Children and Families | RWA Bristol](#)