



Friday 16th May 2025

Dear parents and carers,

Lord Jesus, we thank you for the precious gift of the Holy Eucharist.
We ask you to bless all those who are preparing to receive
your Body and Blood for the first time.
May this day be a moment of joy and wonder,
as they come to know your love and grace.
Amen.

Please can I ask that you keep the children who are making their First Holy Communion this year in your prayers. Pupils receiving their preparation at St Bonaventure's Church will make their First Holy Communion on Saturday at 11am or 2pm. Pupils receiving their preparation at Sacred Heart will make their First Holy Communion on Sundays 1st and 8th June at 12:30.

We are inviting all parents/carers of children who are preparing to make their First Holy Communion this year to a service in the school hall at 2.45pm on Wednesday 21st May. We look forward to seeing you.



We are already looking forward to our summer fair which will take place on Sunday 22nd June 2-5pm. Please can I ask that you add this date to your diary and look out for a letter from our PTFA which will be sent out next week providing details of how you can help to make this year's fair a success.

Dates for your diary:

- Saturday 17th May First Holy Communion at St Bonaventure's Catholic church.
- Wednesday 21st May 2.45pm First Holy Communion Service for all Year 3 pupils and other pupils who have made their First Holy Communion this school year. Parents/carers of all these children are welcome to attend.
- Friday 23rd May last day of term 5. Non Uniform day and bring a £1- donation go to year 6 fundraising for end of year leavers events.
- Monday 2nd June first day of term 6.
- Friday 13th June 9-10am SEND parent/carer group. Bristol Parent carers facilitating the session. All parents/carers are invited to attend.
- Sunday 22nd June 2-5pm St Bons summer fair
- Friday 11th July 9-10am SEND parent/carer group. School nurse facilitating the session. All parents/carers are welcome to attend.
- Friday 18th July last day of term for pupils.

Best,
Sarah Ballantine
Principal
St Bonaventure's Catholic Primary

St Bon's This Week: Nurturing Our Faith and Our World

This week at St Bon's, our Catholic life has been focused on two important aspects of our faith: Caring for God's creation and growing in our relationship with Him.

Our Headteacher's assembly this week centred on our gospel theme for terms 5 and 6 of Care for Our Common Home. The children were reminded of Pope Francis's encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, which calls on all of us to be responsible stewards of the world God has entrusted to us. To bring this message to life, the children listened to the engaging story of Alba, a hundred-year-old fish whose ocean home was affected by rubbish. This narrative illustrated the impact of our actions on the environment and highlighted the positive change that can happen when communities work together to care for it.

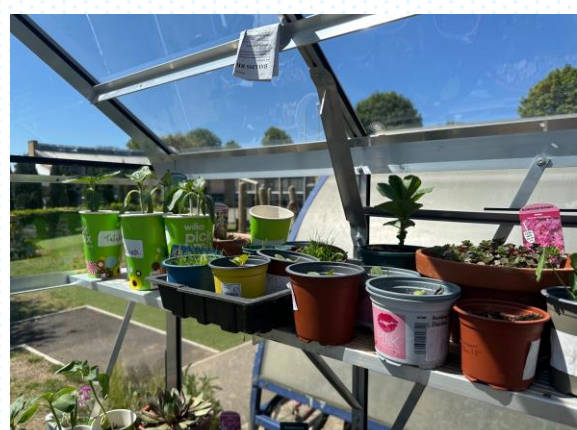
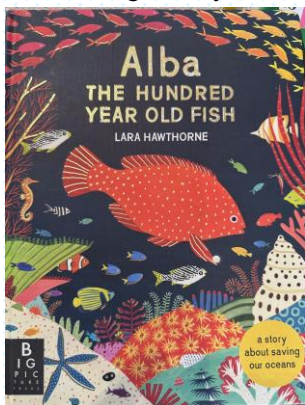
Following the assembly, our pupils took time to reflect on what they could do in their own local environment to show care for our common home. Their responses were inspiring and demonstrated a deep understanding of the issue. Ideas such as "we could try to reduce what we use," "say no to plastic when we are in supermarkets," and "plant trees and flowers" showcased their thoughtful engagement with this important message.

This focus on environmental responsibility continued with our Friday Stewards' Assembly. Our school stewards have been busy planning an exciting initiative to support our Live Simply Action Plan: a "Buy Less and Share More" sale. The children are invited to bring in good quality toys and books that they no longer need. Then, on Friday, 6th June, each class will have the opportunity to visit the stalls and swap their items for a "new" treasure! The stewards eloquently explained that this initiative is a practical way to cut down on waste, as swapping toys and books means we don't always need to buy new ones. What a fantastic way to live out our commitment to caring for our planet!

Our Celebration of the Word this week focused on the beautiful Gospel reading for Good Shepherd Sunday from John 10. The children had the opportunity to listen to the words of Psalm 23 and were encouraged to share any thoughts or worries they might have with God in their hearts. This time of reflection helps us to remember that God is always with us, guiding and caring for us like a loving shepherd.

Finally, this weekend holds a very special occasion for many of our Key Stage 2 pupils as they make their First Holy Communion at St Bonaventure's Church. This is a significant step in their spiritual journey, and we pray that they will feel surrounded by love and support as they receive this sacred sacrament. We ask our whole school community to keep these children and their families in their prayers this weekend.

It has been another enriching week at St Bon's, where we continue to learn, grow, and live out our faith in meaningful ways.



UP COMING DATES:

Week beginning 19th May (menu week 2)

Tuesday 20th - Year 3 swimming

Friday 23rd - Last day of term

- Non uniform day - bring £1 to raise money for year 6 leavers
- Frozen Friday - after school - year 5

Week beginning 26th - Half Term

Week beginning 2nd July

Monday 2nd - First day of term 6

Tuesday 3rd - Year 2 swimming

Thursday 5th - Reception Bugfest visit

Friday 6th - Year 6 visit from St Bedes- Mrs Carmichael

- Frozen Fridays - afterschool - year 6

Dates
for your



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



Can you help with the Summer Fair?

Tickets for the Summer Fair on Sunday 22 June from 2-5pm will be available on our website shortly, and we'll also be sharing information with class reps about hampers for our famous raffle!!

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.
- **Volunteering to run a pre-loved clothing stall.** This will involve sorting through donations before the event, and then selling the clothing at the fair, plus finding volunteers to help. Perhaps you have an older teenager who might like to get involved with this?
- **Setting up the fair on the morning of Sunday 22 June**, any time from 8.30am to 1pm, and / or packing away between 5pm and 6pm.
- **Printing flyers and stall signage.**
- **Finding sponsorship** for the fair.

Matched funding

If you're a St Bon's parent or carer and you work for a company that offers matched funding, we would love to hear from you. Matched funding makes a massive difference to our fundraising totals each year. We know that Barclays and Lloyds offer matched funding schemes so if you work for either of these, please do [get in touch!](#)

[Read our blog](#) for more info.



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



ST BON'S PTFA

Dates for your diary

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