



Friday 23rd May 2025

Dear parents and carers,

Mother Mary,
May we rest in your heart.
May we be open to grace.
May we be peaceful.
May we be safe.
May we be kind as you are kind.
May we love ourselves just as we are.

Holy Mary, Mother of us all
hold us in your arms
and teach us to love; without
boundary, in infinite mercy.
Amen.



It has been such a wonderfully busy and productive term. Thank you to the parents/carers who attended our service this week to celebrate with the children who received their First Holy Communion recently.

We've achieved so much this term. Years 4, 2 and 1 have all been on a school trip, we've had a visit from Esio Trot and had sweet making workshops- both prizes from our PTFA's Wonderlicious bars. Thank you everyone for your continued support.



Summer uniform

A reminder that we are encouraging pupils to wear summer uniform which consists of the following:

- Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan **with school logo**.
- White or navy blue polo-shirt or shirt/blouse.
- Navy blue or grey shorts or skirt
- Blue checked dress/playsuit for the summer.
- Navy blue, grey or white socks.
- Black school shoes, trainers, sandals.

If you do not have any of these items for your child/dren please pop into our preloved uniform shed and take a look at the items we have available.

If you do send your child to school in sandals it is essential that they wear socks to avoid unnecessary accidents.

Dates for your diary

- 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.

I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable half term break, I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 2nd June.

Best,
Sarah Ballantine
Principal
St Bonaventure's Catholic Primary

Catholic Life at St Bons: A Week of Compassion and Action!

What a busy final week of term it has been for Catholic life at St Bons. It makes us proud to see so many of our children not just learning about our Gospel values, but actively living them out and making a real difference in our community. This week kicked off with a wonderful example of compassion and initiative from Jack Shaw in Year 3. Jack visited the Julian Trust Shelter to present the incredible £475 he raised through his cake sale and raffle. The Julian Trust were so touched by Jack's efforts that they gave him a special shout-out on their social media, highlighting his dedication which will make a huge difference to the lives of the people they support. Well done, Jack!

Running for a Cause: Hope International

We were also excited to launch our 'Run for H2O' fundraising campaign with Hope International Development Agency. The launch assembly was an inspiring start and we were especially grateful to welcome Tim Bains, who runs a charity that match-funds children's contributions. Our ambitious school target for fundraising this year is £10,000, and with Tim's match funding, this could become an incredible £15,000! Imagine the impact this will have on communities in Ethiopia, where pipelines for clean water will be built.

During the assembly, the children heard directly from the community in Arat Ber, who encouraged them with the powerful message to 'run, run, run!' Our pupils across the school have already begun brainstorming fantastic fundraising ideas to add to their sponsorship efforts, including a brilliant Year 4 initiative to sell tote bags made from recycled t-shirts. This not only raises funds but also perfectly ties into our 'Care for our Common Home' theme and the Catholic Social Teaching principle of stewardship.

Caring for Our Common Home

Our 'Walk the Walk' assembly today showcased even more amazing examples of our children living out the Gospel value of 'Care for our Common Home'. It was fantastic to hear how many classes have linked their science and geography learning to this theme, deepening their understanding of climate change and their role as stewards of God's creation.

During the assembly Year 4 shared the details of their geography field trip to Kilve to observe the impact of coastal erosion first-hand, while Year 1 explored Horfield Common, learning more about nurturing plants and caring for their local environment. We were also delighted to give out individual awards to children who have been particularly proactive in taking care of their environment. Inspired by their learning, Isla and James Tabor took the initiative to go litter picking in their local area - what wonderful examples of active stewardship!

Celebrating First Holy Communion

Finally, this week we held a beautiful service in school for all the Key Stage 2 children who have made or will be making their First Holy Communion this year. It was a truly special occasion where the children had written their prayers of hope on tags. These tags were hung on a tree during the service and are now displayed in our entrance corridor, a lovely reminder of their faith journey.

It has been a truly inspiring week at St Bons, filled with so many examples of our children living out their faith with joy and dedication. Thank you for your continued support in nurturing these values at home.



UP COMING DATES:

Week beginning 26th - Half Term

Week beginning 2nd July (menu week 3)

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.

Pokémon cards are not to be brought into school - this includes afterschool club



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





Dear supporters – This year with your help I hope to raise £10,000 to support another water project in Ethiopia, Arat Ber (last year we raised £8,055). We are really lucky this year as we have someone who is going to **match fund** the monies raised by the children up to £5K (more information here (<https://www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/RunforH2O2025>)) we have been given us a target of £10k which means for every £1 raised, each child will get an additional 50p, £10 = £5, £20 = £10 etc. AMAZING!!



In the week leading up to Friday 13th June - the day of the event - there will be an opportunity to buy tickets to enter into a raffle to either win a signed Bristol Bears top or a signed Gloucestershire Cricket T20 top. Cash or card will be accepted.



We will be **running** the distance of a **marathon** around the muga and playground shared between the children – listed below:

R - 1: $42.2 / 60 = 0.7 \text{ Km} = 3 \frac{1}{2} \text{ laps / child}$

Year 2-3: $42.2 / 45 = 0.9 \text{ Km} = 5 \text{ laps / child}$

Year 4: $42.2 / 30 = 1.4 \text{ Km} = 7 \text{ laps / child}$

Year 5: $42.2 / 25 = 1.7 \text{ Km} = 9 \text{ laps / child}$

Year 6: $42.2 / 20 = 2.1 \text{ Km} = 11 \text{ laps / child}$

A sponsorship form has been given to each child – All monies raised should be brought into school on the day of the event or the week after. Many thanks.

If you would like to donate online and are a taxpayer, the government gives an **extra 25%** through gift aid to the amount donated – please put the child's name and their class in the comments. There is a **prize** for the top fundraiser in each class.

Please visit to donate online:

<https://www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/RunforH2O2025>

HOPE international development agency believes that all people, regardless of their geographical setting, have basic rights and should be given the opportunity to achieve their potential. HOPE is dedicated to working alongside poor communities, helping set up programs which enable people to cultivate their skills and knowledge, taking advantage of existing resources (when available) to develop self-reliance. With this in mind, the majority of HOPE's energies and resources are expended in favour of development rather than relief. More information can be found at:

<https://www.hope-international.org.uk/>



For this year's project:

- £1 will buy 1m of pipe and
- £18 will bring clean water to 1 person in the community.

Everyone's commitment will be appreciated and valued to make this possible

The Arat Ber Project will provide water for a population of 3,048 people. This includes:

- 11 water points
- 10 water basins
- a pipeline measuring 3.42km
- Plus:
- 100 women will receive basic business training
- 80 farmers will receive agricultural training
- 1,200 trees and 500 fruit trees will be planted

Story

Run 4 H2O is a fundraising initiative generating money for HOPE's next water and sanitation project in the rural Ethiopia village of Arat Ber. Pupils from St Bonaventure's will be participating in a sponsored run to help bring clean water to this remote community. Local clean water access will bring improved health and time for education and earning needed money.



This year the Rev Ted Baines Charity will match each 1 donation with an additional 50p! This charity aims to encourage generosity BY and FOR the benefit of the next generation.

<https://www.revtedbainescharity.org.uk/>

Thank you for your donations! Your contributions will change lives.

<https://www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/RunforH2O2025>

Thank you so much for all the amazing extreme reading competition entries! Here are our final winners and their photos.



Summer Fair plans are taking shape!

A letter has been emailed out to all parents via the school office with details on how you can help with preparations for this year's Summer Fair on Sunday 22 June from 2-5pm. If you missed it, you can [read a copy here](#). Read about [what to expect at this year's fair](#), and [buy your tickets now](#).



Silent auction now live!

We've got an amazing line up of items in this year's auction – from use of a portable sauna, a signed Bristol Bears shirt and family days out, to holiday camps, a family photography shoot, and more. [Browse the items and place your bids](#) – we'll hopefully be adding more in the coming weeks, so keep checking back!

Half-term clear out?

Bring in donations of pre-loved soft toys and clothing on Friday 6 June.

Hamper donations

Please bring items in between Monday 2 June and Friday 6 June.

Raffle tickets

Raffle tickets should have come home in envelopes this week with your youngest child – if not, don't worry the office have plenty more. You can return raffle tickets and money to the school office / drop box any time from Monday 2 June.

Discos

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the school discos such a success – we hope all the children had a brilliant time. Special shoutout to DJ Morgan for powering through three discos in a row! We're delighted to share that we raised £2,628!

Bake sales

Our [after-school bake sales](#) have now wrapped up for the year. A massive thank you to everyone who baked, bought, and helped out. We raised £1,632 – this will be split evenly across all year groups to spend on classroom resources. Special congratulations to Year 3, who raised the most (£314) and will receive an extra £100!

Wonderlicious prizes

Some of our golden ticket winners have been receiving their prizes over the last few weeks. For example, there was a Bruce Bogtrotter cake delivered to a reception class a few weeks ago, an Alfie the tortoise visit (actually 5 tortoises!) for two classes, and a sweet making session earlier today. Thanks for the parents who have volunteered their time to make these happen for classes. We'll do a proper report about these special prizes after half term!

Sunflower competition

Are your sunflowers still going? We hope so! There's a prize for the tallest sunflower – simply measure the height of your sunflower and [email us](#) the details by **5 September**. Good luck!

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.

PTFA meeting

[Read the minutes of last night's meeting](#) to catch up on all the latest developments.



Dates for your diary

- ✚ **Frozen Fridays:** Year 6, Friday 6 June.
- ✚ **Summer Fair:** Sunday 22 June, 2-5pm
- ✚ **Sports Day refreshments:** 8 and 9 July.

Dear Parents and Carers,

4G Girls are doing a sale and they need some old t-shirts that your not going to wear anymore. Please bring 2 t-shirts in that are old and your not going to wear. Please bring them on the 2nd of June Monday. They are raising for RUN FOR 4H20 and WWF.



THANK YOU!



“LET’S TALK ABOUT OUR KIDS AND THEIR TECH”

FINDING A HEALTHY BALANCE FOR YOUR FAMILY

Tuesday 10th June at 9am in St Bon’s school hall

Two parents and members of Papaya will be here to unpack the complex issues around smartphone use in a non-judgemental way. To help you find solutions that work for your family.