



Friday 20th June 2025

Dear parents and carers,

God Bless this school and those within,
Bless our 'wows' and wondering.
Bless and heal our 'ows' and pain.
Bless our 'nows' again and again.
Bless all who enter and depart
Bless this school, may we know Your heart.
Amen.

The weather has been phenomenally hot in school this week. Thank you to everyone who has sent their child/ren into school with a refillable water bottle, sunhat and applied sun cream before school.

We're looking forward to seeing you at our summer fair on Sunday. All of the stalls and activities will be outside so please do bring a sunhat!

Year 6 Leavers

Our year 6 pupils took part in a Leavers Mass at SS Peter & Paul Cathedral yesterday. They proudly presented our new school banner which has been co-designed by our children and Lizzie Barnes, Year 6 HLTA. Thank you Lizzie, you've done a fantastic job.



Class organisation 2025-26

I will be sharing a letter with all parents/carers of pupils in Reception-Year 5 on Monday which will inform you of your child/ren's new class teacher(s) for 2025-26.

The children's current class teacher will inform the children within the school day on Monday who their new teacher(s) will be. This will allow us to ensure all children receive a thorough transition ahead of September. If you have any concerns or questions please speak to myself or Mrs Woolley on the school gate.

Gromit Unleashed 3

You may be aware that we are taking part in the Gromit Unleashed 3, the award-winning art trail returning to Bristol this summer. Our PTFA have funded the purchase of our very own Norbot sculpture.

All of our pupils will be helping to decorate our Norbot sculpture and we cannot wait for the grand reveal later this term. Our finished sculpture will be part of the Gromit Unleashed 3 exhibition this summer before returning to school.

We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 4th July to raise money to support The Grand Appeal, the dedicated charity for Bristol Children's Hospital.

Dates for your diary:

- Sunday 22nd June 2-5pm St Bons summer fair
- Thursday 26th June changeover morning for pupils in current year 3, 4 and 5.
- Wednesday 2nd July changeover morning for pupils in current Reception, year 1 and 2.
- WB: 30th June Year 6 residential.
- Friday 11th July 9-10am SEND parent/carer group. School nurse facilitating the session. All parents/carers are welcome to attend.
- Friday 11th July pupil reports go out to all pupils.
- Wednesday 16th July 3.30-4.30 parent/carer 'Report Drop In'
- Friday 18th July end of year leavers Mass in St Bons church. Time TBC. 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

Catholic Life at St Bons this week

What a busy and faith-filled week it's been at St Bons! Our school community has truly embodied our mission, reflecting on our values and reaching out to others.

We began the week with a thoughtful ethos assembly, where the children reflected on our mission statement and school rules: Be Kind, Be Ready, Be Respectful. It was inspiring to see them consider the challenges of consistently living by these rules and acknowledge moments when they might not have been their best selves. We reminded everyone that at St Bons, we are actively building God's Kingdom, and each one of us plays a vital part in that endeavour.

This week also saw the continuation of our 'Grow with It' project with the PTFA, a special action for the Jubilee Year of Hope and a beautiful way to live out our Gospel theme of Care for Our Common Home. Every class received their terracotta pot to decorate and plant out their seedlings of hope! We can't wait to see these plants bloom, a symbol of the hope we are nurturing in our school and beyond.

A truly special day was had by our Year 6 leavers on Thursday, as they attended the Clifton Diocese Leavers' Mass at Clifton Cathedral. Joining other Year 6 pupils from Catholic schools across the diocese, it was a lovely service. Bishop Bosco shared a reassuring message with the children, reminding them that God sees and knows each one of them individually, and how truly precious they are. As they look ahead to their transition to secondary school, he reinforced the powerful Gospel message: "Do not be afraid." The first reading from St Paul encouraged them to "clothe themselves in compassion," reminding us all of the importance of:

"heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another." (Colossians 3:12-17)

We were incredibly proud as two of our Year 6 children carried our new school banner, beautifully designed and embroidered by Miss Barnes in Year 6, based on ideas from the children themselves.

Entries for our Year of Hope art competition continued to flood in at the start of the week. With over 400 pieces of artwork submitted, it was an incredibly tough decision to select just one to go forward into the Newman Trust art competition. However, every single piece submitted was so thoughtful and creative, overwhelmingly conveying a powerful message of hope. Well done to all our talented artists!

Finally, a huge thank you to a team of year 5 boys, Alfie, Filippo, and Theo, who have been busy selling raffle tickets and cakes after school this week. They've been working hard to raise money for H2O, with a fantastic prize of a signed Bristol Rovers shirt, very kindly donated by Alfie himself. What a wonderful display of charity and community spirit!





The reason this piece of art's background is because glass has like hope. The glass may smash but it can be made into stronger more beautiful glass also like hope.

In the middle there is someone in the middle with a cross. The cross represents us and that we can be pilgrims of Hope. The dove represents peace and our hope that our wars will end. The cross represents us that God loves us and that we will hopefully go into heaven.

In the left there is a sign to be hopeful and a house saying everyone is welcome. The house tells us that we are all welcome into his house and family.

In the right there is somebody giving hope to someone to someone sharing love with others and a sign of Hope.

Albon

I made this because this is the sign I make when I want to express myself & what I'm feeling hope in me. It's also a sign that other people would recognise around the world. In the middle of the picture, I drew a cross because it reminded me of when Jesus died on the cross to save us all. The cross to me is a symbol of hope. Hope is a feeling of desire that things will go well in the future. It is a feeling of trust to me.

HOPE

Hope gives us with strength to stay present, to abide in the flow of Mercy, no matter what outer storms assail us. Hope needs action to win victories!

UP COMING DATES:

Week beginning 23rd June (Menu week 3)

Monday 23rd - Class photos

Tuesday 24th - Year 2 swimming

- Drama performance from RGS year 9 students

Wednesday 25th - Year 5 choir concert @ St Bedes

Thursday 26th - KS2 Transition class change over morning

- Year 6 Fiver challenge

Friday 27th - RH Class assembly

- Frozen Friday (year 1)

Week beginning 30th June

Monday 30th - Friday 4th - Year 6 residential trip

Tuesday 1st July - Year 2 swimming

Wednesday 2nd - KS1 Transition class changeover morning

Friday 4th - RLM class assembly 10:00-10:30

- Frozen Friday (year 2)

Dates
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FIVER FAIR - Thursday 26th June after school

Year 6 have been working hard on their Young Enterprise project this year and now we need your help! Please bring some cash and come along to our Fiver Fair on Thursday 26th June in the playground after school and see what each company has been working on to grow their £5. We have tasty treats, bookmarks, entertainment, artwork and much more. 90% of the profits will be going to Hope International (remember every £1 will be matched to add 50p) and 10% will be used for a little celebration for Year 6.

Please try to bring cash if possible although we're hoping a card machine will be available if necessary.

Year 6 can't wait to see you there!

**Thanks,
Year 6 team**

Year 6 would like to say a big thank you to the PTFA for all the amazing new books they have bought for the library.



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



See you on Sunday for the Summer Fair!

Join us this Sunday 22 June from 2-5pm for the St Bon's Summer Fair - an afternoon of fun, games, food, and community spirit!



Bid now at our silent auction!

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.](#)

Raffle tickets

Raffle tickets and money can be returned on Sunday ready for the draw at 4pm.

Cakes

If you would like to enter our St Bon's Bake Off competition, please bring your cakes to the café stall by 2pm on the day of the fair, ready for judging by Joe's Bakery! We encourage all ages to have a go at baking!! **(No nuts please).**

Plants

If you have surplus plants you've grown at home this year, please consider donating to the plant stall at the fair! Please bring plants along by 2pm on the day - thank you!

Read about [what to expect at this year's fair](#), and [buy your tickets now](#).

New playground

If you missed the news last week, we're excited to share that we'll soon have a brand-new playground ready for the children to enjoy at the back of school, all funded by the PTFA!!

Thanks to Pentagon Play (who also installed our trim trail), work has already started to add new line markings to the back playground, and you might have also spotted a new line marking / game in the front playground too. Last

term we held a focus group with the children and we're pleased to say that many of their ideas are being brought to life:

- Line markings for games and sports, which have already gone down
- Play equipment will be installed along the grassy edge between the trees later this month, including forest pull up bars, and roll over bars, forest monkey bars with step up logs, and a grip and grasp traverse.

See this [PTFA blog](#) for more details, and pictures, and check out our [Instagram reel](#).



New gazebos!

Thanks to your support, the PTFA has been able to buy two brand-new gazebos to help keep the children cool and shaded. Plus, a third gazebo has been kindly donated by a St Bon's parent! They are already proving to be really useful in this hot weather!

Dates for your diary

- 🌈 **Frozen Fridays:** Year 1, Friday 27 June.
- 🌈 **Summer Fair:** Sunday 22 June, 2-5pm
- 🌈 **Sports Day refreshments:** 8 and 9 July.



EARLIER THIS WEEK, WE WERE DELIGHTED TO SAY HELLO TO NEW RECEPTION PARENTS AND CARERS WITH CHILDREN STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPT. WE SHARED A FEW LITTLE TREATS AND OFFERED SOME PRE-LOVED UNIFORM FOR SALE.