ST BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear parents and carers,

Christ has no body now, but yours. No hands, no feet on earth, but yours. Yours are the eyes through which Christ looks with compassion into the world. Yours are the feet with which Christ walks to do good. Yours are the hands with which Christ blesses the world. Let nothing trouble you, let nothing frighten you. All things are passing; God never changes. Patience obtains all things. He who possess God lacks nothing: God alone suffices. Amen.

It's been a wonderfully busy week in school and we can not believe we are halfway through the term!

Parent/carer School Improvement information session

Our next SIP sessions for parents/carers will take place on Friday 31st January 9-10am. If you want to find out more about our current school improvement priorities please come along. There's no need to book, little ones are welcome and refreshments will be served.

Additional inset day

We have an additional inset day on 4th April where we will be joining other schools in the Newman Catholic Trust to explore the new RE curriculum. This day the school will be closed to all pupils.

Parents evening

We have made some changes to when we are going to run our second parents evening of the academic year.

Parents and carers of pupils in 4L will have the option to book onto an extended parents' evening either at the end of this term or start of term 4. This is because parents/carers with pupils in this class missed term 2 parents evening due to staff absence.

Year 6 parents' evenings will take place on Monday 31st and Wednesday 2nd April. This has been planned ahead of KS2 SATS.

Reception, KS1, Year 3, 4G and Year 5 parents' evenings will take place on Thursday 1st May and Tuesday 6th May. These usually take place at the end of term 4 but we have moved them to the start of term 5 due to the school drama performance and the availability of the staff and the hall.

You will all receive an email providing details about how you can book your parents evening.

Dates for your diary:

- Friday 31st January 9-10am School Improvement session for parents/carers
- Friday 7th February 9-10.30 parent/carer SEND meeting with Bristol Parent Carers
- Friday 14th February last day of term 3
- Monday 24th February first day of term 4

Best, Sarah Ballantine Head teacher

Catholic Life at St Bon's this week

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This week at St Bon's, our focus has been on deepening our understanding of our faith and how we can live it out in the world.

Key Stage 2: Seeking Truth and Living Solidarity

In our Key Stage 2 assembly, we explored our Gospel theme for Terms 3 and 4: "Seek the Truth." We discussed how this connects to Catholic Social Teaching (CST) principles, particularly Solidarity, the Common Good, and the Option for the Poor and Vulnerable.

The children eloquently articulated their understanding of CST, with statements like: "It's our faith in action," "It's doing what we believe in," and "It's the right thing to do." We emphasized that CST isn't just about talking; it's about putting our faith into action.



To further explore Solidarity, we watched a CAFOD presentation and discussed how we can show support for those in need. The children generated inspiring ideas, including visiting Parliament to raise awareness of homelessness, establishing a CAFOD club to learn about global issues, and fundraising for charities supporting the most vulnerable. Our children have already demonstrated remarkable compassion this term. Sophia, Emma, and Scarlett raised an impressive £360.50 for the charity For Ethiopia. Rory in 5SK was the lucky winner of the raffle for a signed Bristol

Bears shirt.





Key Stage 1: Spreading Good News

In our Key Stage 1 assembly, we shared the Gospel from Luke 1:1-4 and discussed how Jesus is the Good News. The children considered how they can be "Good News" to others at home and school this week.

4G: Seeking Truth Through History

4G's class assembly, the first in a series of class assemblies based on our "Seek the Truth" theme, delved into life before and during Roman occupation of Britain. They explored how the Romans impacted British society and left a lasting legacy. The class then led a powerful reflection on the theme of courage.

We are incredibly proud of our St Bon's community and the ways in which our children strive to live out their faith.



UP COMING DATES: Week beginning 27th January (*Menu week 2*)

Tuesday 28th - Year 5 swimming

Friday 31st - Parent/carer SIP session with Head teacher 9:00-10:00 - 3J class assembly

Week beginning 3rd February Tuesday 4th - Year 5 swimming Wednesday 5th - Year 1 SS Great Britain trip. Friday 7th - SEND parents coffee morning. - 1R Class assembly 10:00-10:30

We are Annabelle, Orla, Florence, Leona and Myla. We are doing a sale for cancer research on Friday 31st January after school at 3:20.

We are selling: Loom bands 50p, bracelets 50p, rings 50p, necklaces and chockers 50p, bookmarks 50p, posters £1.99, lucky dip 10p a go.

Find us outside the school gates at the end of the school day.





Dates

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 27th 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	No Yes	Monday - year 3& 4 Away match for those invited 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 + Mike TV scene Act. 1 reporters.
Running club	Yes	Wednesday - 7.45am - all welcome - meet outside foyer.
Dodgeball	Yes	Friday -Year 4 & 5 - 8:00-8:30
Football	No	Wednesdays 3:30 - 4:30 Not running this week.
Rugby	Yes	Thursday - 8:00 - 8:30 year 5 & 6
Chess		Friday Year 5&6 - lunchtime.
Choir	YES	Mondays 12:15- during lunch break







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 the Treasurer and Secretary roles, and we are getting a bit worried that we won't be able to run the PTFA beyond the AGM in February... so if you are interested, please do <u>get in touch</u> ASAP!! We are a friendly and supportive committee (you can see who we are <u>here</u> on our website!) and would really welcome anyone who would like to join.



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. 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!

Plans for 2025 are on hold!

The <u>minutes of the January PTFA meeting</u> are available on our website. You will see we have lots planned for this term and next, but we've had to put everything on hold until we have found people to fill the available roles.