ST BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Friday 27th June 2025

Dear parents and carers,

Lord,

May the words we use today and every day be words of kindness, words of humour and goodwill, words that come from the overflowing of a loving heart.

We cannot believe we are over half way through our final school term, and we have so much more to complete before the year is out!

I would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who supported our Summer Fair on Sunday. It was a huge success and can only be possible with your support. A special thank you to Helen, our PTFA chair, and her close team of parents/carers who have been tirelessly planning the event for months. You are incredible and we're very lucky to have you, thank you.

Thank you to everyone who came to the year 6 Fiver Fair on Thursday, and a huge well done to the children for all their efforts, it was a fantastic fair with such creative business ideas which saw them raise a massive £1335.





On Thursday or current year 3, 4 and 5 pupils spent a morning with their new class teacher. Next week on Wednesday our current Reception, year 1 and 2 pupils will spend the morning with their new class teachers.

Dates for your diary:

- WB: 30th June Year 6 residential.
- Wednesday 2nd July changeover morning for pupils in current Reception, year 1 and 2.
- Friday 4th July non-uniform day for The Grand Appeal, part of our celebration of our very own Norbot!
- 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'.
- Thursday 17th July 6pm Year 6 leavers soiree event.
- 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 an inspiring week we've had here at St. Bons, filled with moments that illustrate our Catholic values and Catholic Social teaching in action!

Sharing and Giving: Lessons from the Loaves and Fishes

Our Celebration of the Word assembly this week focused on the story of the Loaves and Fishes from Luke 9. The children were reminded of the powerful message of offering up what they have to God in prayer, no matter how small it may seem. We also reflected on the presence of Jesus with us in the Eucharist, a true gift that strengthens and nourishes us. It was a lovely opportunity to deepen our understanding of faith and trust in God's abundance. **Enterprise for H2O: A Flood of Generosity!**

We are really excited to continue our fundraising efforts for H2O, and the entrepreneurial spirit of our children has been truly outstanding! This week saw our amazing Year 6s hold their highly anticipated 'Fiver Challenge' fair. Each child was given £5 to invest in materials for their own enterprise, and the creativity on display was amazing.

From "soaking with sponges" to "pay for a song of your choice," handmade bracelets and bookmarks, refreshing iced drinks, beautiful plants, and exciting games - the variety of stalls was a testament to the children's brilliant ideas and unique personalities. Their combined efforts were phenomenal, raising a massive £1300 towards the H2O fund! A huge well done to every single Year 6 child for their incredible hard work and generosity!

We were also delighted to see children from all year groups proudly wearing their H2O t-shirts this week. These were awarded to the individual children who raised the most money following our sponsored run. Well done to everyone who contributed to this fantastic cause!

Caring for Our Common Home with RH

Today, we were treated to a delightful assembly from RH, who shared their learning on the important theme of 'Care for our Common Home.' They captivated us with their Power of Reading book, *Errol's Garden*, and enthusiastically told us all about the planting they've been doing. Their rendition of the song 'Plant a Little Seed' brought smiles to everyone's faces.

It was truly heart-warming to hear the children confidently share how much they've grown and changed this year, and their aspirations for what they want to be when they grow up. Thank you, RH, for a wonderful and inspiring assembly that reminded us all of our responsibility to look after God's creation.







UP COMING DATES:

Week beginning 30th June (menu week 1)

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

Tuesday 1st July - Year 2 swimming

Wednesday 2nd - KS1 Transition class changeover morning

Friday 4th - Non uniform day

- RLM class assembly 10:00-10:30
- Frozen Friday (year 2)

Week beginning 7th June Tuesday 8th -KS1 sports day 9:00 Wednesday 9th KS2 sports day 9:00 Thursday 10th Frozen Thursday (year 4) Friday 11th SEND parents/carers support group meeting 9:00-10:00



We are looking for natural loose parts - can you help us?













A huge well done to the boys football team who won 7-2 this week at a tournament this week.







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

We are excited to let you know that bookings for our **Summer Play Scheme** are now open! This year, we are using a new platform called **Eequ to manage all bookings.** To Access the website and book your child/children's place, simply **Scan the QR code provided**. Its quick and easy to use.

Our Summer Play Scheme will run from: Monday 21st July to Friday 29th August 2025

We have lots of exciting activities planned and look forward to welcoming your child/children for a fun-filled summer.

If you have any questions or need help using the system, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Scan this QR code to book Via Eequ:



Please note for Parent/carers wishing to use Tax-Free Childcare vouchers please click booking session as normal then follow the Childcare voucher links.

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





Summer Fair success!

The sun was shining, the crowds were buzzing, and the St Bon's Summer Fair 2025 was a huge success. Thanks to your support, we raised an amazing £9,000!

Thank you so much to the PTFA committee, the Summer Fair team, class reps, parents and carers, and St Bon's staff, and of course to everyone who attended and contributed so generously - your support made the day really special.

So, where's the money going?

We've got some exciting plans:

- A new PA system to keep all school events sounding sharp and professional (to replace the old system which has broken) that's on its way as we speak...
- Some fabulous playground games and equipment to support the brand-new playground being installed next week (the children are already counting down!)
- And of course, we'll continue to fund important school resources and experiences like the Bristol Old Vic performance which will take place later this year.

Read more about the Summer Fair in our <u>PTFA blog</u>, and watch the <u>reel on Instagram</u>.



New playground

Next week the new playground is due to be installed at the back of school ready for the children to enjoy. We'll keep you posted as that work progresses. You might have also spotted some of the new line markings as part of the first phase of work. See this <u>PTFA blog</u> for more details, and pictures, and check out our <u>Instagram reel</u>.



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 have already been really useful in the hot weather!



Dates for your diary

- Frozen Fridays: Year 2 Friday 4 July; and year 4 Thurs 10 July
- Sports Day refreshments: 8 and 9 July.