ST BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear parents and carers,

Father, We ask for your blessings on all who are involved with our school may your spirit inspire us to follow your way together to discover your truth and to grow together in the fullness of life offered by Jesus your son.

Congratulations to all our pupils for taking part in our run for H2O today. We can not wait to find out how much money we've raised to support WaterAid.



The next phase of the PTFA's Grow with it project started this week. On Wednesday we saw the installation of new playground markings on the back playground which includes a custom designed court and two new four square courts. In addition, we were able to squeeze in a new hopscotch for our KS1 pupils on the front playground. Thank you to everyone who has supported our PTFA this year, without you, these purchases would not be possible.







With that in mind, if you haven't volunteered to help out at the summer fair on Sunday 22nd June, it's not too late. Please contact your class rep.

Inset days- The final inset day for next year has now been set for Tuesday 6th January, the updated term dates for 2025-26 are attached with this newsletter and can be found on the website.

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.
- Friday 18th July last day of term for pupils.

Best, Sarah Ballantine Principal St Bonaventure's Catholic Primary

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

We began the week with al whole-school assembly celebrating Pentecost. Based on the scripture from Acts 2, we reflected on artwork depicting Pentecost and the Holy Spirit. This prompted a mission for each class: to consider how they can share hope in God with others, guided by the Holy Spirit. Our "Candles of Hope" - visual representations of these ideas - will be kept on our year group RE tables, serving as a reminder of our collective commitment to spreading God's light.

The theme of hope continued to resonate throughout the school as every child, from Reception to Year 6, completed a piece of artwork expressing their understanding of hope. It was wonderful to see the creative ideas flowing, with each artwork accompanied by an explanation of their chosen colours, themes, and representation of hope. A special mention to our Reception pupils who worked beautifully alongside their buddies on their creations and explanations – a true testament to our school family spirit! We are very excited that one of these exceptional pieces will go on to represent St. Bonaventure's in the Newman Catholic Trust art competition.

Today, we were treated to a joyful class assembly from Year 1, who beautifully shared their reflections on our Gospel theme: "Care for our Common Home." They engaged us with their mission to be superheroes and save the planet, reinforcing this vital message with enthusiastic singing, dancing, and confidently reading their work. Their passion for taking care of God's creation care was infectious!

Finally, today saw the entire school come together for our "Run For H2O" event! With every stride, our children were supporting a community in Ethiopia who face the daily challenge of not having easy access to water. Inspired by the video message of "run, run, run!" from the community themselves, our pupils put in an incredible effort. Every pound raised through sponsorship and the raffle will go directly towards building a pipeline to bring vital water to the village. We are incredibly proud of the children's dedication and generosity in living out our call to care for our global neighbours.

It has been a week where our Catholic faith has truly come alive, demonstrating the love, hope, and compassion that are at the heart of our St. Bonaventure's community.



UP COMING DATES:

Week beginning 16th June 9menu week 2)

Tuesday 17th - Year 2 swimming

Wednesday 18th - Year 6 St Bedes transition morning - New reception parent's information evening

Friday 20th - 5SK Class assembly - Frozen Fridays - Reception

Sunday 22nd - Summer Fair 2:00 - 5:00

Week beginning 23rd June 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 - Year 6 Fiver challenge Friday 27th - RH Class assembly - Year 1 frozen Friday







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



Another one of our pupils, Tara, has been selected to have their artwork exhibited at the Oxo Tower in London this July.

For the Love of Art will be open from Wednesday 9th to Sunday 27th July at the OXO Gallery in London.

The exhibition is free to attend and aims to share the creativity of the students with as many visitors as possible. Well done Tara, what an amazing piece of artwork.



Health and fitness week- parents needed.

During health and fitness week we run a variety of classes and workshops across all year groups, we are looking for parents/carers to come and help. Do you play a sport and could run a class? Do you have an interest in wellbeing or healthy living and could run a work shop? If you have any ideas or skills that could help please email into the office and let us know your idea, we would love to hear from you!



The new playground is on its way!

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 the latest PTFA blog for more details, and pictures, and check out our Instagram reel.

Summer Fair countdown!

The St Bon's Summer Fair is happening **next Sunday 22 June from 2-5pm**. Please come along and support!

Stalls

Please sign up to help on your class stall! We can't run the fair without your support. Please also drop us an email (<u>contact@stbonsptfa.com</u>) if you can help set up on the morning of the fair from 8.30am -any time you can give is much appreciated, thank you!

Bottle donation and non-uniform, Friday 20 June

Don't forget it's **non-uniform day on Friday 20 June**, in exchange for a bottle for the bottle stall! The bottle must be unopened, in date and something you would enjoy drinking yourself. All bottles will be collected at the school gates at morning drop off.

Goody bags, pre-loved clothing and soft toys

It's not too late to donate. Please leave any items (in excellent condition please), in the bags provided outside the school office.

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. <u>Browse the items and place your bids</u>.

Raffle tickets

Please return raffle tickets and money to the school office / drop box.

Tokens

We'll be selling fair tokens at the school gates at drop offs and pick ups all next week. Tokens are worth 50p each. We will also accept cards and cash at the fair.

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.

Here's a <u>copy of the letter</u> which was emailed out to all parents via the school office a few weeks ago with details on how you can help with preparations for the fair.



- **Frozen Fridays:** Reception, Friday 20 June.
- 🖊 Summer Fair: Sunday 22 June, 2-5pm
- Sports Day refreshments: 8 and 9 July.

