



Friday 12th September 2025

Dear parents and carers,

In this season of change with new classes and teachers
As harvests are gathered, in sharing and giving
Whatever changes we face Lord, we face them with you.
May we trust in your goodness, whatever we do.
Amen.



Love Thy Norbot

It's official, we have finished decorating and have named our Norbot- 'Love Thy Norbot'. The children were given stars to personalise and these have been stuck on to Norbot's hat and boots. He is now taking part in the exhibition at The Mall, Cribbs: <https://www.grandappeal.org.uk/get-involved/fundraise/events/the-greatest-dog-show-on-earth-3/> and will return to us later this term when we find him a permanent home within St Bons.



Parking on Egerton Road

Attached to today's newsletter is a handout from our residents who live on Egerton Road. I urge you all to read it carefully. Working alongside the residents, I would like to remind all of our parents/carers not to drive up to the top of Egerton Road near to the church and school entrance at drop off and pick up time as this is dangerous.

Parent/carer SEND support meetings

All parents/carers are welcome to attend our SEND support meetings which take place in school 9-10am unless otherwise stated. Refreshments will be provided.

The aim of the meeting is to provide a space for parents/carers to network, share experiences, provide support to the group and identify areas where further support is required.

I facilitate the meetings and often invite visiting speakers to attend some of the meetings. This is usually at the request/interest of the group.

Please see dates for the year below:

Term 1	Friday 26th September 2025
Term 2	Friday 28th November 2025
Term 3	Friday 16th January 2026 Friday 13th February 2026
Term 4	Friday 27th March 2025
Term 5	Friday 8th May 2025
Term 6	Friday 12th June 2025

Parent/carer School Improvement sessions with the Principal

All parents/carers are welcome to attend these sessions. All sessions will take place 9-10am. Refreshments will be provided and babies and pre-schools children are welcome.

Sessions will provide you with an overview and update on the school's current priorities. You will have the opportunity to look around the school, meet pupils and speak to staff and ask questions.

No need to book, simply sign in with the office.

Dates for the year are as follows:

- Friday 17th October 2025
- Friday 5th December 2025
- Friday 23rd January 2026
- Friday 13th March 2026
- Friday 15th May 2026

Dates for the month ahead:

- Monday 15th September Roald Dahl day. All pupils are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite Roald Dahl character or wearing yellow- his favourite colour.
- Wednesday 24th September pupils school photographs
- Friday 26th September parent/carer SEND support group meeting 9-10am
- Thursday 16th & Tuesday 21st October parents evenings
- Friday 17th October parent/carer school improvement session with Principal

Best,
Sarah Ballantine
Principal
St Bonaventure's Catholic Primary

Catholic Life at St Bons this week - A Week of Hope and Inspiration!

Welcome back! It has been a wonderful and reflective start to the new academic year. We have begun our journey together with a strong focus on our hopes for the future and how we can live out our faith in our daily lives.

Our Hopes for the Year Ahead

We began the term with a whole-school assembly where children and staff shared their hopes and aspirations for the year ahead. It was a lovely opportunity for our school community to come together in thought and prayer.

This theme of hope was beautifully woven into our Start of Year Mass today. The Mass was focused on our new gospel value, and we shared the scripture from Luke 10, the story of The Good Samaritan. During the offertory children from each year group presented candles they had prepared, decorated with their hopes for this school year.

Inspired by Blessed Carlo Acutis

Ahead of the recent canonisation of Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati, we shared a special assembly on the life of Blessed Carlo. We learned how this remarkable young man, who loved computers and video games, used his talents to share his faith.

A key part of Carlo's life was his daily reflection. He would ask himself simple but powerful questions to think about how he could be a better person:

- “How am I with my parents?”
- “How well do I show respect for others at school and home?”
- “How do I get along with my classmates?”

Our children were encouraged to reflect on these questions in their own lives, thinking about how they can be the very best version of themselves .

Our Gospel Value: Love Thy Neighbour

For the first two terms, our guiding Gospel Value is ‘**Love thy neighbour**’. This value will be at the heart of all we do. We will be exploring what this means not just in our RE lessons, but across the entire curriculum. In English, Geography, History, and Science, the children’s learning will be linked to this theme, helping them to understand more about other people, places, and times, and discover how they can make a positive difference in the world.

We are really excited for the year ahead and look forward to seeing our children grow in faith, love, and learning.



UP COMING DATES:

Week beginning 12th September (menu week 3)

Monday 16th - Roald Dahl day- dress as favourite character or wear yellow.

Wednesday 17th - Bikability level 2 for those who are signed up.

Thursday 18th - Bikability Level 1 - Group 1

Thursday 18th - Open day for prospective Reception parents

W/B 22nd September

Tuesday 23rd - Bikability Level 2 and Level 1 Group 2.

Wednesday 24th - Individual & sibling school photos

Thursday 25th - Bikability Level 2

Friday 26th - 3RH Class assembly 10:00

- Open day for prospective Reception parents

Dates
for your



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 Monday 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



Class Assembly dates:

3RH - 26th September
5B - 3rd October
3J - 10th October
6WA - 17th October
5SK - 21st November
6G - 28th November
4D - 23rd January
4L - 30th January
1CR - 6th February
1R - 13th February
2TP - 12th June
2G - 19th June
RH - 26th June
RJM - 3rd July

School Mass dates:

October 23rd - Harvest Mass
December 19th - Advent / End of year Mass
January 9th - Epiphany Mass
April 24th - Start of term Mass
May 14th - Ascension Mass
July 21st - End of year / Leavers Mass

Welcome, all new and returning parents, carers and guardians to a new school year.

The PTFA is busy planning PTFA meetings, events and activities for this Term and the academic year ahead.

Our **PTFA mission** is to **"advance the education of pupils in the school"** we do this by volunteering our time to work to:

- Develop effective relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the school
- Engage in activities or provide facilities or equipment which support the school and advance the education of the pupils
- Consider appropriate fundraising opportunities in support of the above

We are a Registered Charity and are guided by the ParentKind model Constitution.

We welcome any and all thoughts, suggestions or queries you may have to help us in our mission, **please feel free and able to reach out to us**, by emailing contact@stbonsptfa.com

You can **stay up to date with PTFA information and news** via www.stbonsptfa.com,

[@stbonsptfa](https://www.instagram.com/stbonsptfa), [fb stbonsparents&carers](https://www.facebook.com/stbonsparents&carers), [your class whatsapp group](https://www.whatsapp.com/group/stbonsptfa) and [the school newsletter](#).

Recruiting further volunteers for the St Bons PTFA committee

At the end of the last school year we send a fond and incredibly grateful farewell to our Chair Helen Albon. We are still advertising the position of **St Bons PTFA Chair**. If you would like to enquire about this position, put yourself forward for this position or feel you have time to contribute to support the PTFA committee as a **general member** please do get in touch with us contact@stbonsptfa.com.

Dates for your Diary:

- Tuesday 23rd September **All New St Bons parents and carers PTFA coffee morning**
9am – 11:30 in the Presbytery which is the door to the left of St Bonaventures church (see pic below), Little ones are of course welcome.
- Friday 19th September we will:
 - ~ Announce the winner of the PTFA Summer sunflower competition.
 - ~ Provide an update on the School Disco.
 - ~ Provide an update on the School Christmas Fair.
 - ~ Provide information on PTFA general meetings – of which you are all invited to.
 - ~ Announce the date of the EGM (emergency general meeting) in order to elect our new Chair and any other committee members.

With Many Thanks

Kat Pollock (Secretary) & Simon Voisey (Treasurer) on behalf of the PTFA Committee

