



Friday 19th September 2025

Dear parents and carers,

Father, we ask for your blessing on all who are involved with our school.
May your spirit inspire us to follow your Way together
And to grow together in the fullness of Life offered by Jesus your Son.
Amen.

It was wonderful to see so many of our children dressed up on Monday to celebrate Roald Dahl day. We enjoyed seeing the pupils' creativity shine through in their costumes.



It has been a very busy week in school with our Reception aged pupils joining us every day and staying for lunch. They have had a really positive start to school life and are becoming familiar in their new environment. Next week we are looking forward to Reception pupils starting with us full time.

Chair of the PTFA vacancy

You will be aware that we have a vacancy on our PTFA. We urgently need a Chair. This week, I met with the PTFA secretary to discuss events for terms 1-2, however we are very limited in what we can commit to without a chair in post.

The PTFA have provided the school with invaluable support over the past 6 years and I am really concerned that without a Chair their capacity to continue supporting the school and improving provision for our pupils will be impacted.

Please can I ask that you all seriously consider if this is a role you can support with. In the past joint chairs have been an effective model and know this is something that would be considered again.

Dates for the month ahead:

- Tuesday 23rd September 9.00-11.30am Reception parents/carers coffee morning in the presbytery.
- 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
- WB: Celebrating Cultures week in school- more information to follow shortly
- Thursday 23rd October Harvest Mass 9.15am in church all parents/carers are welcome
- Thursday 23rd October last day of term 1 for pupils.
- Friday 24th October inset day. School is closed to all pupils.

Best,
Sarah Ballantine
Principal
St Bonaventure's Catholic Primary

Catholic Life at St Bons this week

This week, we were delighted to launch our whole-school gospel theme, 'Love thy neighbour'. In her assembly, Mrs Ballantine introduced this message by sharing the book 'We're All Wonders'. The story reminded us that God made each of us unique and special, and we should celebrate our differences. Mrs Ballantine encouraged all the children to live out this message by taking the time to greet people they meet and, just as importantly, to listen to what they have to say.

Our focus on living our faith continued in our Celebration of the Word assembly, which was based on the Gospel of Luke 16:10-13. We explored the importance of being trustworthy in small ways, showing both God and others that we can be relied upon to make good and faithful choices.

It has been truly inspiring to see our Year 6 children demonstrate this value over the past few weeks through their House Captain speeches. Many pupils stepped forward to explain how they would be role models for younger children and serve their house community. Children from all year groups listened to the finalist's speeches before voting for the candidate they felt would best represent them. We are incredibly proud of every single child who prepared a speech and had the courage to put themselves forward.

The theme of listening and respect was also central to the peer mediation training our Year 6 children undertook this week. They learned valuable skills in how to deal with conflict, with a focus on recognising that we are all different and that we must show respect to others. These actions link to our Catholic Social Teaching principles for this theme: Human Dignity, Family and Community, and Peace.

As a school, we reflected deeply on the principle of Peace in an assembly marking this Sunday's International Day of Peace. Through an oracy activity and a period of sacred silence, the children considered what peace looks and feels like to them. We thought about how we can all be peacemakers in our own lives and shared a CAFOD prayer for peace together.

We are thrilled to see our children already putting these values into action. We are so proud of Hayley in Year 6, who is organising her own fundraising for SOS Africa, a charity supporting the education of disadvantaged children in South Africa. Hayley will be undertaking a sponsored abseil at King Alfred's Tower and will also be holding an after-school sale on Wednesday, 24th September, to raise money. Her commitment to serving others is a fantastic example of living our gospel values.

What a good start to our new theme, seeing our children embrace the call to love our neighbour through trust, service, and a commitment to peace.



UP COMING DATES:

Week beginning 22nd September (menu week 1)

Tuesday 23rd - Bikeability Level 2.

- New parents/carers coffee morning

Wednesday 24th - Individual & sibling school photos

Thursday 25th - Bikeability Level 2

Friday 26th - 3RH Class assembly 10:00

- SEND parent/carer support group 9:00-10:00
- Open day for prospective Reception parents

Week beginning 29th September

Tuesday 30th - Bikeability Level 2

- Open day for prospective Reception parents

Thursday 2nd - Bikeability Level 2

Friday 3rd - Class Assembly

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



Applications are open on you LA website for Reception 2026.

The deadline for applications is 15th January.

We still have spaces on our open days if you would like a tour of the school, please find dates on our website and book with the office.

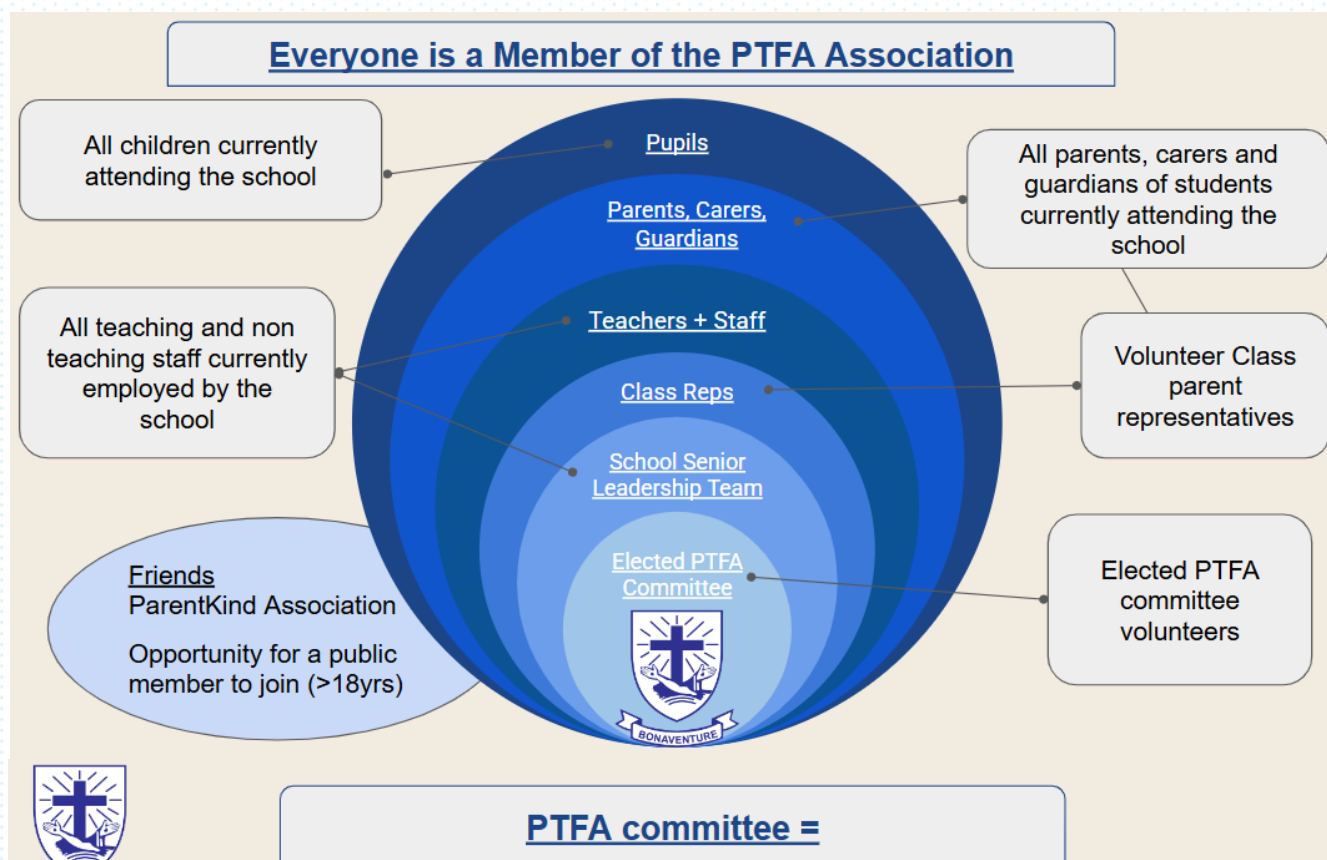
Summer Sunflower Competition



Thank you to everyone who sent pictures, and a special mention to Oscar in year 1 for your video. Some beautiful flowers grown, we hope you have all enjoyed watching them grow.

Congratulations to Rocco in year 5 who grew lots of sunflowers the tallest of which was a **whooping 255cm!!**

More about us



- St Bons PTFA committee is made up of 13 members of the PTFA association:
 - Chair, Treasurer, Secretary & 10x general positions (linked to individual skills).
- The committee is elected at the AGM and hold their position until the following AGM
- All those on the committee are trustees of the charity and have control of the association, its property and funds.
- The committee has the power to co-opt up to 6 new committee members when there is unexpected vacancy, or specialist skill is required prior to an AGM - those co-opted hold their position until the following AGM (those co-opted are not required to be members of the PTFA association but if they wish to be elected at the AGM then they must be members of the PTFA association).
- Sub committees - the committee can delegate functions to a sub-committee, at least 1 member of the committee will form part of the sub-committee. All sub-committee proceedings report back into the committee (Disco, Christmas Fayre, Summer Fayre)

PTFA Vacancy

We would like to **welcome Harri Fewell** as a co-opted member of the PTFA committee who is going to take over from Ellie Eakins as a general committee member and take on responsibility for the Uniform shed.





As a PTFA committee we have the authority to co-opt 5 more members to join the committee as we have said Thank you and farewell to Sarah Shreeves, Siobhan Riordan and Kelly Brown all who have given an incredible amount of time and support to the PTFA during their time on the committee.

If you have the ability to support the PTFA in a committee role (attending monthly meetings and upholding the PTFA constitution through events, activities and allocation of funds) we would love to hear from you. In particular we are looking for a Chair or Co-Chairs and general committee members.

Equally if you have the ability to join one of our sub committees to support the Disco or the Christmas Fayre we would love to hear from you contact@stbonsptfa.com.

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

Dates for your Diary

New St Bons parents
and carers PTFA
coffee morning
23rd September
9-11:30am
in the Presbytery

School Disco: Friday 17th October

Reception disco = 3:45-4:30pm
KS1 (Yr 1 & 2) = 5-6pm
KS2 (Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6) = 6:30-7:45pm

Further information including date tickets
will go on sale we will update you ASAP,
tickets will be sold through the PTFA
website.

Christmas Fayre

Sunday 7th December

- **Class Cake sales will start from Friday 3rd October** - rota and information will be sent to class reps.
- **Next PTFA Committee meeting will be held in October** date and time TBC, all minutes are published for all members to view on the PTFA website. Any concerns or questions you have please email the PTFA contact@stbonsptfa.com or raise through your class rep.

With Many Thanks

Kat Pollock (Secretary) on behalf of the PTFA Committee

Community News

Raising money For SOS Africa



Hayley's King Alfred's Tower
Charity Abseil

Wednesday
24/9/25
After school



Hayley Higgins is raising money for
SOS Africa
Team: [King Alfred's Tower Charity Abseil
2025](#)

Girls' Sales

**Cash
or
Scan
to pay
only**

Speciality
Hair clips
Hair claw clips
Scrunchies
Key chain
Necklace
Bracelet

Few
Crystal
jewellery
from £5

Few
Msia snacks
for sale

£1-£10

New and
pre loved



<https://www.justgiving.com/page/hayley-higgins-king-alfreds-tower-abseil>

Prayer group; If anyone would like to join a Christian prayer group to meet up and pray, from 9-9.30am, for the school once a month please contact Harri on 07969059624 or Lorna on 07855108729

Fairfield High School's Open Evening provides an opportunity for Year 5 and 6 students to meet staff and students and hear first-hand about life at the school, with plenty of chances to ask questions and learn more about what's on offer. Principal and Achievement Coordinator's (Head of Year) presentations will commence at 5.30pm and 6.15pm. There is limited off-street parking available (the staff car park will remain solely for this use), so alternative methods of travel are advised.

Fairfield is also offering an opportunity to see the school in action during a typical morning; Open Mornings include a guided tour led by students, followed by an optional presentation plus Q&A session with a student panel.

All welcome! To book appointments for any of Fairfield's Open Events, please visit: [Open Events - Fairfield High School](#)