



Friday 3rd October 2025

Dear parents and carers,

*Father, teach us to help young people,
appreciate their own worth.
Enable us to touch their hearts,
and empower us to reveal your love for them.
Inspire us to support and encourage,
And build others up as members of one body.
Help us follow Christ our teacher, and be credible witnesses of your love.*

Parents evening

Parents evenings for all pupils will take place on Thursday 16th and Tuesday 21st October 3.40-5:10 in person, 5:30 – 6:30 online. You can book an appointment from 6pm on Monday 6th October. Both face to face and online meetings will be available to book on a first come, first served basis.

Please note that if you book a face to face appointment we do not have the facility to offer childcare therefore if you bring your children with you, they will need to remain in the hall.

School photographs

School photographs took place last week. Your child will have been given a slip of paper with a QR code for you to view their photo. If you have not received one of these please see the school office.

October holiday

We will be running our playscheme during October half term. You will be able to book on the Arbor parent app from next week, an email will confirm when it is made live. To find out more about the range of activities we have on offer head over to our website.

Dates for the month ahead:

- Friday 10th October- 3J class assembly 10am
- Friday 17th October- 6WA class assembly 10am
- Thursday 16th & Tuesday 21st October- parents' evenings 3.40-6.30pm
- Friday 17th October- parent/carers school improvement session with Principal 9am in school
- WB 20th October- 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- Wear bright colours for CAFOD world gifts fundraiser.
- Thursday 23rd October- last day of term 1 for pupils.
- Friday 24th October- inset day. School is closed to all pupils.
- Monday 3rd November- first day of term 2.
- Tuesday 4th November- Dress as a Saint day.

Best,
Sarah Ballantine
Principal
St Bonaventure's Catholic Primary

Catholic Life at St Bons this week

This week, our school has been busy with activities that bring our Catholic faith to life, centred around our gospel theme of 'Love Thy Neighbour'. From our collective worship to classroom learning and our outreach to the wider world, the children have shown an understanding of what it means to put their faith into action.

Our Faith in Focus In our Celebration of the Word assemblies, we reflected on the Gospel of Luke (17:5-10), learning that even a tiny amount of faith, as small as a mustard seed, can achieve incredible things. Key Stage 2 found a perfect example of this in the life of St. Thérèse of Lisieux. They learned about her 'little way' - showing great love for God and others through small, simple, and often unseen acts of kindness.

As we begin the month of October, the month of the Holy Rosary, we are excited to be taking part in the Rosary Challenge set by the Mark 10 Mission. The children were introduced to the challenge this week, and we already have two rosary groups running in school. To support this project, we would be really grateful for any donations of spare rosary beads you may have at home. Please hand them into the school office to help us grow our collection.

Loving Our Global Neighbours with CAFOD Our focus on love extends to our global family. In our recent CAFOD assembly for the Season of Creation, we learned about the vital work being done in Ethiopia to support communities impacted by severe drought. We were inspired by the stories of local heroes who are planning and leading projects to help their communities thrive.

This term, our school fundraising will support CAFOD's World Gifts programme, helping communities just like those in Ethiopia. We are delighted to announce our Go Bright for Harvest day at the end of term. On this day, the whole school community is invited to dress in their brightest clothes and bring in a donation to support CAFOD's incredible work.

Living the Theme in Our Classrooms The theme of 'Love Thy Neighbour' was brought to life in 5B's class assembly today. They class shared how their History topic on World War II helped them understand how communities must work together and support one another through challenging times. Inspired by this, 5B has decided on a wonderful project for their Walk the walk award: they will be creating 'Boxes of Hope' to share love with refugee children here in Bristol.

In Year 2, the children have been exploring the same theme through their Power of Reading book, *The Robot and the Bluebird*. The story tells of a robot with a broken heart who finds friendship and warmth when he offers shelter to a tiny bluebird. The children were challenged to build their own robots at home, and we have been blown away by their amazing creations, which serve as a powerful reminder of how friendship and kindness can mend a broken heart.



Celebrating Our Shining Stars Finally, we want to share our pride in two of our pupils who have shown incredible dedication to helping others.

A huge congratulations to Jack, who received a 'Highly Commended' Young Hero award at the BBC Make a Difference Awards for his tireless work for the Julian Trust. His next challenge is to climb Pen y Fan, for which he has already raised over £300!

We also say a massive well done to Hayley, who met her £100 fundraising target for SOS Africa last week by bravely abseiling down St. Alfred's Tower. What wonderful examples of compassion and courage.



UP COMING DATES:

Week beginning 6th October (menu week 3)

Friday 10th October - 3J Class assembly 10:00-10:30
 - Bake Sale - yr 5 after school

Week beginning 13th October

Tuesday 14th - Level 1 Bikeability (groups 3&4)

Thursday 16th - Parents evening

Friday 17th - Reception, KS1 & KS2 discos

- 6WA Class assembly 10:00-10:30

Dates
for your



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



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



Applications are open on your 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.

Hello everyone

Message of the Week - Learning more about the PTFA - Communicating

The PTFA committee has met twice so far this academic year, minutes are published on the PTFA website www.stbonsptfa.com.

We apologise that the link for these meetings was not shared with you.

Everyone is welcome to join and contribute to these meetings and we as a PTFA will endeavour to send out the Notice for the next meeting as early as possible (currently this will be advertised through the school newsletter and individual class whatsapp groups).

We are required to hold at least 3 meetings during the academic year, generally there is a meeting every month within school term.

The next meeting will be held in November.

In order for the meeting to happen 50% of the Committee must be in attendance, therefore agreeing a date and time is dependent upon availability of committee members.

Everyone can raise something to be discussed and added to the PTFA committee meeting agenda, please email the PTFA contact@stbonsptfa.com to do so.



How WE ALL, as PTFA members communicate

Socials

Instagram [@stbonsptfa](https://www.instagram.com/stbonsptfa),
Facebook
[stbonsparents&carers](https://www.facebook.com/stbonsparents&carers),
WhatsApp Individual Class groups

Email

Everyone can email the committee =
contact@ptfa.com
PTFA news communicated in the School Newsletter

Committee Meetings

Everyone can attend
Everyone can suggest an item for discussion (email PTFA)
Minutes posted on PTFA website

Website

PTFA website =
www.stbonsptfa.com
School website = www.st-bonaventures.bristol.sch.uk

Talk

Speak to: a member of the committee, your class rep, Teacher, non teaching staff, other parents.

PTFA Vacancy

The PTFA is now working in a collective leadership model and will continue to do so until anyone wishes to stand in a Chair or Co-chair position.

We currently have the opportunity to co-opt up to 4 more Committee Members.

The PTFA should represent the diversity of our school community - Are you looking to offer your experience and support in our collective mission to Advance the Education of Pupils in our school?

We actively encourage anyone and everyone who is interested in undertaking a committee role to email us contact@stbonsptfa.com, contact us through your class rep or catch us in the playground.

At the last PTFA meeting we co-opted Lynsey Francey as a Committee member
Welcome Lynsey



As a reminder of
who is in the PTFA
committee

and

what we all look like

here we all are,

Please chat to us in the
playground or send us
an email contact@stbonsptfa.com



Kathryn Pollock
Secretary



Simon Voisey
Treasurer



Marcus Cherry
Committee Member (Tech)



Sandra Whitehouse
Committee Member (Cashier)



Johanna Probert
Committee Member



Heather Turner
Committee Member



Charlotte Barnard
Committee Member



Charlotte Harman
Committee Member



Harri Fewell
Committee Member

Dates for your diary:

- **Friday Feast Day:** Year 6 opened **Bake sales today**, thank you year 6 and to everyone buying food, (**Friday 10th Oct = Year 5**)
- **Disco: 17th October** buy your ticket and find more info on the ptfa website / classrep whatsapp.
 - Everyone with an adult ticket class reps will be in touch soon to organise sign up to stall and supervising rotas.
- **Christmas Fayre:** Sunday 7th December, 2-5pm
 - Do you have an idea, would you like to help plan? Please email the PTFA

With Many Thanks

Kat Pollock - Secretary, on behalf of the PTFA committee

Community Food Pantry Update

September has come and gone and by now the new routines of our individual lives and that of family life should be settling down after the long, hot summer break. With this in mind, perhaps we could consider a new routine, that is to remember to donate to our community food pantry on a regular basis?

To remind you about the food pantry or to introduce you to what it is, here are some pointers:

- The food pantry is found at the back of the church, it is open six days a week, during church opening hours.
- The food pantry operates on a basis of trust, it is not staffed and anyone is able to use it. The uptake is huge, the shelves are emptied on a daily basis.
- The food pantry is intended for people to use when they are finding it hard to make ends meet, it is a short-term solution to providing a simple family meal and / or toiletry. We request the users take no more than they need for a meal, a carrier bag is enough.
- The food pantry provides literature to signpost users to seek longer term solutions to affording the basic needs for family life.
- The food pantry is run by volunteers from our parish and from the residents of Egerton Rd. The residents of Egerton Rd were responsible for initially setting up the food pantry, which has now been running for four years. The volunteers do a weekly shop and restock the food pantry four days a week.
- The food pantry also orders a 'Click and Collect' delivery each week and then delivers this to 'Aid Box Community,' which offers support for refugees and people seeking asylum in Bristol. Aid Box Community is located in St. Andrews, Bristol.

How can I donate?

You can donate non-perishable food and toiletries (*please note we cannot accept fresh food as we can't safely store it.*)

For example: tinned fish, cooking oil, flour, cooking sauces, cereal, oats, tea, coffee, UHT milk, tinned vegetables, shampoo, sanitary products, washing up liquid etc.

Please put these items donations either in the clear box labelled ' Community Food Pantry Donation Box' at the back of the church or in the box outside the front door of the Presbytery.

Money

There is a 'Food Pantry' button on the Donation Point inside the church if you would like to make monetary donations by card. Or you can give cash to Canon Tom or put it in an envelope through Jenny's door at 57 Egerton Rd. Jenny is a long standing volunteer.

Thank you for your ongoing support and donations for the Community Food Pantry

Community News

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



GOLDEN HILL SONICS
Calling all girls in Year 2!

DO YOU WANT TO...
HAVE FUN? MAKE NEW FRIENDS?
BE PART OF A TEAM? LEARN FOOTBALL SKILLS?
PLAY IN MATCHES? TRY SOMETHING NEW?

At Golden Hill Sonics we make football fun for everyone! We are fully inclusive and non-selective and ensure everyone plays, regardless of background or ability. Our sessions are well organised by FA trained coaches and we are incredibly excited to be able to offer GIRLS- ONLY football.

Get in touch today to secure a free taster trial.

Where?	When?	CONTACT?
Golden Hill Sports Ground, BS6 7YA	Sundays 09:30-10:30	Get in touch with the team at registrations@goldenhillsonics.co.uk to book your free trial. Fees are £85 for the season, including full kit.

<https://goldenhillsonics.co.uk>    @goldenhillsonics