



Friday 19th September 2025

Dear parents and carers,

*Watching Lord, may we learn from each other,
how to give, how to receive;
how, in joy, to celebrate, and how, in pain, to grieve;
how to fight for what is right,
and how to be part of the family to which we all belong.
Amen.*

Parking update Egerton road

Thank you to everyone who responded positively to my requests to avoid using the top of Egerton road near to the church to park or turn. The number of cars accessing this area at drop off and pick up has reduced significantly, thank you. However a minority of parents/carers are continuing to ignore my requests and are still attempting to use this stretch of road at busy times despite knowing the dangers this presents to our children. The PTFA are supporting me in this request and have purchased 'No Parking' signs which you will see in place soon.

Head lice

The number of cases of head lice across the school has reached an all time high. Please can I ask that all parents/carers please check their children's hair this weekend and weekly moving forward, treating children's hair as necessary.

Dates for the month ahead:

- Friday 3rd October 5B class assembly 10am
- Friday 10th October 3J class assembly 10am
- Friday 17th October 6WA class assembly 10am
- Thursday 16th & Tuesday 21st October parents evenings
- Friday 17th October parent/carer school improvement session with Principal 9am in school
- 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, our school has been filled with reflections and actions centred on our call to be people of hope and service, especially during this Jubilee Year of Hope.

In her assembly, Mrs Ballantine reminded the children of our mission to help others. This sparked an oracy activity where pupils explored the connection between this mission, our Gospel theme of 'Love thy Neighbour', and the Catholic Social Teaching principles of Human Dignity, Family and Community, and Peace. The children shared many thoughtful ideas on how we, as 'Pilgrims of Hope', can put these important values into practice every day.

This theme was reinforced by 3RH's class assembly today. They shared the story 'Together We Can', a book about working together and supporting each other to overcome difficulties. The children also shared the Gospel from John 15:12-18, hearing Jesus' greatest commandment: 'Love one another as I have loved you'. Their choice of the song 'We're Going to Be Friends' by Jack Johnson provided a joyful and positive message for us all as we continue the new school year.

It is wonderful to see this message of love and kindness in action all around our school. Everywhere we look, we see children demonstrating compassion, whether it's helping someone who is hurt in the playground or comforting a friend who is upset. This week, we were also incredibly proud to see our new Peer Mediators begin their important work, generously giving up their lunchtimes to help resolve disputes and promote peace.

This week we also had a special assembly to say a final farewell to Mgr. Bernard. On behalf of the whole school community, we presented him with a wooden heart and an avocado wood cross, which he told us he will place in his chapel. We thank him for his years of guidance and friendship and wish him every blessing for the future.

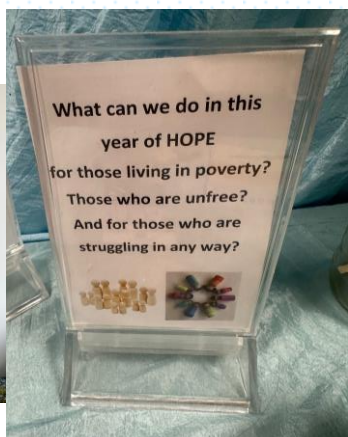
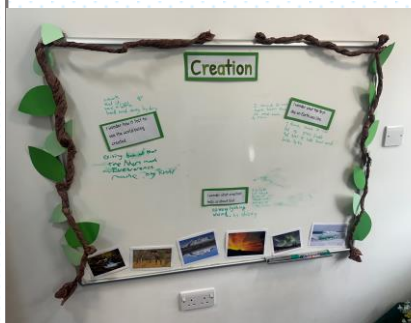
As we journey through the Season of Creation, our Year Group reflection areas have been updated to reflect this theme, which ties in with our first RE unit, 'Creation and Covenant'.

Celebrating Our Young Heroes

We love to celebrate the children in our school who truly 'walk the walk' and are proactive in their fundraising and support for others. This weekend, we send our prayers and best wishes to two of our pupils:

- We wish Jack in Year 3 the very best of luck as he attends the BBC Young Hero awards ceremony tonight! Jack was nominated for his incredible fundraising and support for the Julian Trust. We are all so proud of you, Jack.
- We also wish Hayley the best of luck as she undertakes a fundraising abseil this weekend. What a brave and wonderful way to help others!

It has been another wonderful week of seeing our children live out their faith with kindness and compassion.



UP COMING DATES:

Week beginning 29th September (menu week 2)

Tuesday 30th – Bikeability Level 2

- Open day for prospective Reception parents

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Thursday 2nd – Bikeability Level 2

Friday 3rd – 5B Class Assembly 10:00-10:30

Week beginning 6th October

Friday 10th October – 3J Class assembly 10:00-10:30

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.

New parent, carers, guardians welcome meeting

Thank you to everyone who came, it was lovely to meet you all and welcome you into the St Bona community (also to enjoy Charlotte's wonderful homemade cakes together, thank you Charlotte H).

Some of our discussion included:

School lunches & packed lunch. Talking to our children about making lunch choices.
Top Tip: print out menu and stick on the fridge

Knowing what they do! - Learning, playing and making friends "I can't remember" being the response when asked...

Top tip: could ask what was your favourite part of school today, did you find anything tricky today, how are you feeling, do you want to hear about my day?

School day is on the school website
[click here](#)

The PTFA does a lot, I want to help but worry it's much for me.... Everyone in the school contributes - bake a cake, run a stall, donate to a hamper, be class rep - all of this is valuable and supportive.

If you have ability to join the committee for 1 meeting / month in term time & can volunteer some time during that month that is amazing please reach out to us

If I have a question or worry who should I talk to? EVERYONE

Mrs Ballentine, Mrs Woolley or a member of teaching staff is on the gate every day - they are there to talk to you and support you.

Email your class teacher, Email the office
Class whatsapp group can offer advice.
Parents in the playground.

PTFA committee vacancy update:

We are not required to hold an EGM as the committee have the ability to co-appoint (co-opt) committee members from now until the next AGM where those joining us could then stand and be voted in.

We welcome Harri who has been co-appointed

We have the opportunity to co-opt 5 more committee members, please do contact us if you would like to join us in volunteering your time.

Dates for your Diary:

Class Cake Sales:

More info coming through class reps

Year Group	Friday Cake Sale 3-4pm
Year 6	3rd October
Year 5	10th October
Year 4	7th November
Year 3	14th November
Year 2	28th November
Year 1	5th December
Reception	12th December



School Disco 17th October: tickets will go on sale on the PTFA website www.stbonsptfa.com from 7am Monday 29th September

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

Christmas fayre Sunday 7th December

As always any questions, queries, feedback or suggestions please speak with us or email contact@stbonsptfa.com

Kat Pollock – PTFA Secretary, on behalf of the PTFA Committee

Community News

October Playscheme

We are pleased to announce KidZone will be running their playscheme over October half term, we will inform parents via email when booking is live on Arbor. Please note that both online and tax-free vouchers payers will need to have sufficient funds in their 'October playscheme' account before the end of term 1.

Mother and baby needed- Miss Bassett, one of our 1:1 LSA's, is currently undertaking an MA in Art Psychotherapy and as part of the course she needs to observe a mother/primary caregiver and baby under 12 months of age.

It will be for 1 hour a week for 4 weeks starting in November, the observation will be completely non intrusive and needs to be at the baby's home.

Rachel has a full enhanced DBS and the documentation will be anonymous and stored securely.

If you have a young baby or know of someone who could help Miss Bassett please email her for more information: rbassett@stbo.newmancatholictrust.com

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
