



Friday 10th October 2025

Dear parents and carers,

*May the God of strength be with us, holding us in strong hands;
May we be the sacrament of strength to those whose hands we hold.
May the God of gentleness be with us through sunshine and rain;
May God's tenderness shine through us to all who are hurt or lonely.
May the God of compassion be with us, holding us close when we are weary and discouraged;
May we be the caring hands of compassion to those who reach out in need.
May the God of simplicity be with us, opening us to clear vision of what is real and true;
May our dealings with others be marked by honesty and love.
May the God of peace be with us stilling our fears, doubts and confusion;
May our peace cover those who are troubled or anxious.
Amen.*

Thank you to everyone who attended their child's parents evening this week. Our second parents evening takes place on Tuesday 21st October. Please contact the school office if you haven't signed up to an appointment. It is my expectation that all parents/carers will attend.

Some of you may have seen the school nurse, Mary, at Thursday parent's evening, if you missed this opportunity I have invited Mary to come back on Thursday 23rd October 9-10am. Please feel free to drop in to this session to find out more about the school nurse services and how they can support you and your child.

October holiday club

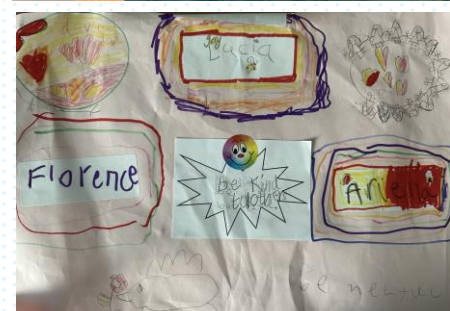
Sadly, we have received very little interest in our October half term holiday club. We are keeping the booking open until Monday and if we do not have enough interest we may have to make the decision not to run. We have added a cinema trip on Tuesday 28th October.

If you intend on using the holiday club at half term please can I ask that you book your child's places by midday on Monday to avoid me having to cancel the provision.

Dates for the month ahead:

- Tuesday 21st October parents' evenings 3.40-6.30pm.
- WB: 20th October Celebrating Cultures week in school
- Thursday 23rd October Harvest Mass 9.15am in church all parents/carers are welcome.
- Thursday 23rd October CAFOD Go Bright fundraising day. Pupils are invited to either wear bright clothes or dress to represent their cultural heritage. Donations of £1.
- Thursday 23rd October 9-10am SEND parent/carer support session. School nurse drop in.
- 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 Adopt a Saint day, pupils invited to come dressed as their favourite Saint.
- Friday 21st October 5SK class assembly 10am.

Best,
Sarah Ballantine
Principal
St Bonaventure's Catholic Primary



UP COMING DATES:

Week beginning 20th October (menu week 2)

Celebrating cultures week

Tuesday 21st - Parents evening

Wednesday 22nd - Open day for prospective parents

Thursday 23rd - Go Bright for CAFOD - children wear bright or cultural clothes in exchange for a £1 donation.

- Harvest Mass - 9:15 - parents welcome
- Classroom Art Showcase 2:45 - come in to your child's classroom to view their art work.
- Cultural fair - 2:45 - in hall (or playground weather permitting)

Friday 24th End of term 1 - INSET school closed to pupils

Monday 27th-Friday31st - Half term

Week beginning 3rd November

Monday 3rd - First day of term 2#

Tuesday 4th - adopt a Saint day - dress as favourite saint.

- Open day for prospective parents

Friday 7th - Bake sale after school - yr 4.

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



Welcome
to
Reception

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.



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

In support of the Royal British Legion Poppy appeal some of our year 6 children will be selling Poppy Day items on Monday for KS2 and Tuesday for KS1 lunch time from 12:45-1:15 in the DT room.

We have snap bands for £1 and key rings, poppies and bracelets for 50p. Children will need to bring in the correct change and will be allowed to purchase the maximum of two items



KidZone October half term Playscheme- join us for fun packed days during half term, activities include daily cooking, crafts, sports and games.

On Tuesday 21st join us for a trip to the cinema to see Gabby's Dollhouse....

This will incur the extra cost of a child cinema tickets (please bring £6.70 cash on the day)

There are two session options: full day 8:30 - 17:45 £33, 10:00 - 16:00 £26

Book now on Arbor to secure your child's place!

Hello everyone

Message of the Week - Can you help boost our fundraising through Match Funding?

Did you know that many companies throughout the UK offer to boost their employees' fundraising efforts by matching the money they raise?

Everything we do at the PTFA is geared towards enhancing the school experience for our children, the school staff, and us as parents. By tapping into this opportunity, we could significantly increase the funds we raise for the benefit of the school and our children.

Many sectors are known for supporting match funding and securing it is easy - it involves minimal effort, and costs you nothing except a bit of time. Our top tips include:

- Approach employers: we encourage you to ask your employers if they operate or are interested in running a match giving scheme.
- Internet search: Identify local companies known to match fund through a quick online search.

Find out more in our [latest blog article](#) or talk to a member of the PTFA for more information.

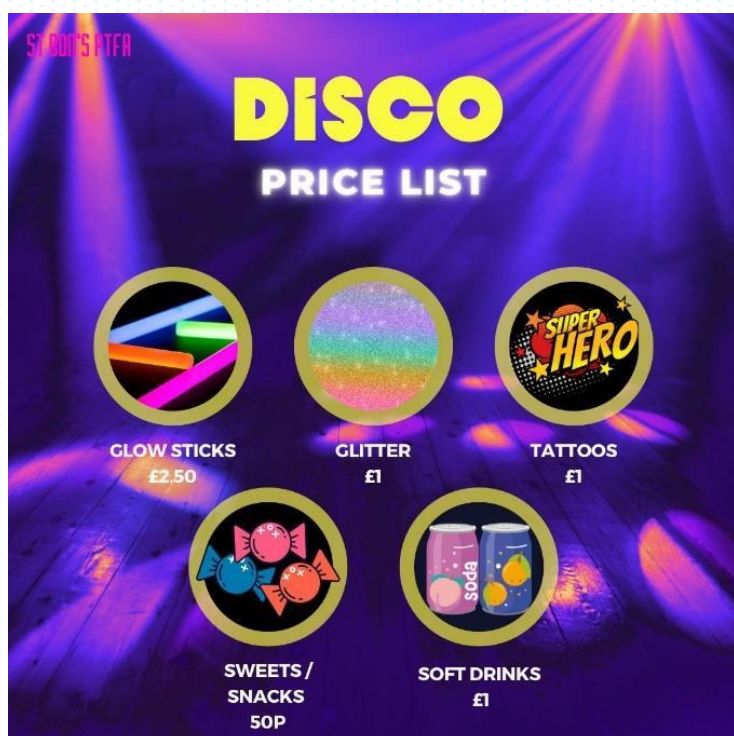
Events update

Disco

Glowsticks at the ready, our autumn disco takes place! A huge thank you in advance to the organising team and the volunteer parents - we couldn't do this without you.

A reminder of the announcement last week where, following a review of our health and safety approach to PTFA events, we have taken the decision to **not sell food at the Reception disco this year**.

If you bring your own food to the event, your child must be seated, and you must monitor them when consuming.



Bake sales



The Year 5 bake sale took place last Friday, raising a whopping **£274.53**. A huge thank you to all of those who donated, manned the stand, and bought items.

Remember, all proceeds from bake sales will go into a collective pot which will be split equally between classes once all bake sales are complete to spend on classroom enrichment materials. Teachers will be asking our children what they would like to enhance their classroom experience in the next few weeks.

The next bake sale (Year 4) takes place after half term on November 7th.

PTFA Surveys

We are in the process of finalising our surveys, which will be issued after half term. These will be important mechanisms for us to understand more about how you want to engage with us moving forward. Watch this space and give us the feedback we need to shape how we engage in the future...

Next meeting

The next PTFA meeting will take place on Tuesday 4th November, 7.30PM-9PM. These meetings are open for all to attend, and anyone can raise an agenda item for discussion by emailing contact@stbonsptfa.com. We will issue the meeting link a week in advance. What we can achieve for the school and our children is a collective effort and we welcome anyone who wishes to join and engage.

Get in touch

We are still looking to co-opt up to four more Committee Members, including the key role of 'Shopper' as publicised last week. 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.

Dates for your diary

Friday Feast Day: The next bake sale is **Friday 7th Nov (Year 4)**

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

Johanna Probert - Committee Member (Communications and Engagement)

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

Kids Art Clubs at Goldfinch

for 4 - 10 years

Goldfinch Create and Play, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol

When:

Mondays 4pm (6 - 10 yrs)

Tuesdays & Wednesdays 4pm (4 - 7 yrs)

Children will explore creatively within various art mediums including junk modelling, watercolour, illustration, printmaking, paper sculpture, collage and more.

Join our Nov/Dec Term for puppet making!

**BOOK
NOW**



Goldfinch Create & Play
10 Canford Lane
Westbury-on-Trym
BS9 3DH



Preschool art & music | Kids & teens art clubs | Family art workshops | Holiday art clubs | Art parties



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Find out more at: www.goldfinchcreateandplay.co.uk

Teens Art Clubs at Goldfinch

for 11 -16 years

Goldfinch Create and Play, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol

When:

Thursdays 4 30pm

Fridays 4 30pm

This class is ideal for teens wanting to experiment with different art mediums, from print to paper cutting to sculpture and illustration.

Join our Nov/Dec Term now!

Thursdays: Cyanotype & Gelli Print, Fridays: Felting

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Find out more at: www.goldfinchcreateandplay.co.uk

Decorate your window for October half term, and help create a streets of light window trail in Bristol for neighbours to enjoy. Bringing a message of Light Love and Hope.

Find out more at
www.streetsoflight.co.uk

SIGN UP BY THE 15TH OCTOBER



to join in locally visit our Bristol Streets of light Facebook page

