



Thursday 23rd October 2025

Dear parents and carers,

We thank you Lord, for this term.

For our challenges, our successes, and the mistakes from which we have learnt.

Be with us as we spend our time with family and friends.

Give us strength and courage to do what is right: to be witnesses of our faith.

Help us to appreciate what others do for us, to give time and effort to help others.

To be peacemakers in our family.

Keep us safe in our activities; give us good rest and good fun.

Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new term.

May we always be conscious of you in our lives.

Amen.



Thank you to everyone who has acknowledged my requests to stop driving to the top of Egerton road to park and/or drop off. The amount of cars accessing this stretch of road at drop off and pick up has reduced considerably since the start of the new school year. My thanks go out to the local residents who are working closely with us on this and to the members of our school community who have responded positively to this request.

Separated parents requests for school absence

In line with our Separated Parents policy ([St Bonaventure's Catholic Primary School - Policies and Procedures](#)) where a child lives between two homes both parents need to give consent to requests for term time absence. If only one parent has signed the absence request form we will request a letter of written consent from the other parent. Please note as stated in the policy the school will not get directly involved in parental conflict.

Parent focus group update

The parent focus group met last week. One of the agenda items discussed was children being allowed to bring in toys from home to play with at playtime. Typically, this has been discouraged however more recently children have been allowed to bring in Pokémon cards, yoyo's and Beyblades to play with at playtimes. We have not discouraged this as we see the value in these more traditional games which require the children to interact and communicate with each other. The parent focus group discussed the pros and cons of children being allowed to bring in these items and recommended that parents are informed that if children do bring in objects from home they should not bring in items of value or with sentimental value. It was also noted that children should remain responsible for looking after their own objects.

The parent focus group also contributed to themes for a parents/carers survey which I hope will be shared with parents/carers next term.

Current year 6 secondary school applications

Please remember the deadline for year 7 2026 applications is 31st October 2025. Please use the following link to complete your application [Apply for a new year 7 secondary school place](#), if you are applying for St Bedes you need to complete the supplementary application form found here: [St Bede's Catholic College](#)

Dates for the month ahead:

- Friday 24th October inset day. School is closed to all pupils.
- Monday 3rd November first day of term 2.
- Tuesday 4th November Adopt a Saint day, pupils invited to come dressed as their favourite Saint.
- Wednesday 19th-Friday 21st November Year 6 residential retreat.
- Friday 21st November 5SK class assembly 10am.

Best,
Sarah Ballantine
Principal
St Bonaventure's Catholic Primary School



UP COMING DATES:

Monday 27th- Friday 31st - Half term

Week beginning 3rd November (week 1 of new menu)

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

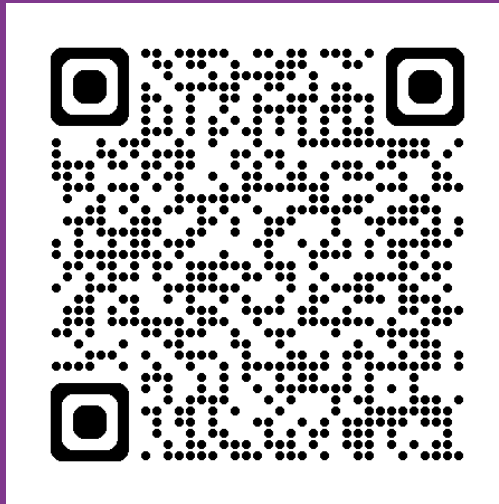
Children and adults welcome

For runners and walkers of all abilities



School Flu Vaccination – Monday 24th November

Consent Form



Scan the QR code above to give consent for the Autumn/ Winter 2025 school Flu programme

- For children in Reception – Year 11 in September 2025 (all children in SEND schools)
- Any questions Please contact sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net or 0300 1245515

Hope in a Box - Gifts in a Shoebox for Refugee Children

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 5 and Year 6,

In November, children from Year 5 and 6 classes are going to be making shoeboxes full of gifts for refugee children living in Bristol.

Please do not buy anything yet as more details of what to put in the boxes will be sent at the start of term 2. We do not want parents or children spending much money on this.

Please can you save any shoeboxes you have - **do not bring them into school!**

Hello everyone

Message of the Week – Happy half term

It's been a long old term, with lots going on. We at the PTFA are taking a well-deserved break and we wish you all you all good half term. Thank you for all the support you have given us over the past few weeks, and we look forward to more fundraising and improvements next term.

Events update

Disco

Last week saw the culmination of lots of hard work and planning by the PTFA disco committee. The event was a huge success, **raising a fantastic £1,830.53!**

A massive thank you to all our parent volunteers at the event, we couldn't have done it without you. The money raised will help fund key improvement initiatives that will enhance the school experience for our children.



Grow with it

Following the positive feedback from parents and kids alike, we are continuing our Grow with it campaign from last year. We have built, bought and planned a great deal so far and have plans to take it further in this academic year to keep the momentum – and the growing – going. To achieve this, we are looking for new volunteers to help with maintaining the beds and inject new ideas into the initiative. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact us at contact@stbonsptfa.com. We are planning a gardening afternoon after half term and will be providing further information in November.

PTFA

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. 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 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.

With Many Thanks

Johanna Probert – Committee Member (Communications and Engagement)

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

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

St Bedes are currently recruiting exam invigilators. Please find the job advert link below, which includes full details on how to apply.

[Exam Invigilators - Eteach](#)