



Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear parents and carers,

*Lord Jesus,  
Help us to grow more aware of your life giving presence,  
So that our attitude, words and actions may better reflect yours.  
Enable us to live in such a way today that, however dimly,  
others may see you in us.  
Amen.*

Thank you to 6WA who shared their class assembly with us this morning using the parable of the Good Samaritan as inspiration. They spoke about wacky remedies from past civilisations and taught us some modern basic first aid techniques including how to use the recovery position. They also explored how charities like the Red Cross demonstrate the gospel value 'Love Thy Neighbour' both by teaching people first aid in this country and by providing help and support to those in need in our global community.



### **Parents evening**

It was great to see so many of you attending parents evening this week. If you have not yet booked an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher please make sure you do so. We have some appointments available for Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

### **Attendance**

Thank you everyone for supporting us to ensure your child attends school every day and arrives on time. We understand how challenging this can be sometimes but we want to thank you for your support to date this term.

Currently our attendance is ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in Bristol which is exceptional. This is down to you and your support. Thank you.

### **Dates to note:**

- Harvest Mass, all parents/carers are welcome to attend. Wear bright clothes for CAFOD Harvest appeal and bring £1.00. Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October.
- Inset day school closed for pupils Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October.
- First day of term 2 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November all pupils come dressed as their favourite Saint.

Best,  
Sarah Ballantine  
Head teacher

# Celebrating Catholic Life at St. Bonaventure's!

This week, our school community has been immersed in exploring Catholic social teaching (CST) and living out the "Love thy neighbour" theme.

In Monday's ethos assembly, 6WA shared their insightful definitions of CST, highlighting its importance in our lives. We have been learning more about CST principles of Human dignity, Family and Community, and Rights and Responsibilities. All classes are actively considering how they can support those in need as they work towards their faith award outcomes.



To further engage with CST, we launched an exciting art competition. Children are invited to design a character, logo, or piece of artwork that represents each of the CST principles. The competition is open to all pupils and we look forward to seeing their creative interpretations towards the end of term 2

Our school leadership team has also been strengthened this week. The newly elected house captains and prefects, chosen by their peers, will play a vital role in ensuring our school remains a safe and happy place for everyone.

At the end of the week our Year 6 chaplaincy team shared their experiences with Year 5, discussing the qualities of a chaplain and the responsibilities involved. Our new chaplains will be attending training with other Catholic schools after half term, further developing their leadership skills.

As part of our Go Bright for Harvest campaign, we are encouraging children to wear bright clothes and bring £1 to school next Thursday. The funds raised will contribute to a CAFOD world gift, chosen by the children themselves. Our harvest mass, led by Year 5, will also take place on Thursday at 9.15 AM. 6WA and 5B will be collecting food bank contributions to support the local community as part of their work towards their Love thy Neighbour faith awards.

In today's class assembly, 6WA revisited the parable of the Good Samaritan, connecting it to first aid and the importance of caring for others. We learned valuable first aid tips and explored charities that provide medical assistance in places impacted by extreme weather and war. 6WA's performance of "Heal the World" served as a powerful reminder of our responsibility to work towards a better world.



# All Saints' Day

## Whole School Project

**On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November we will be holding a saint's day celebration. Your challenge is to 'adopt' a saint for the day. You will need to do your research and learn about the saint so you can tell your class who you are.**

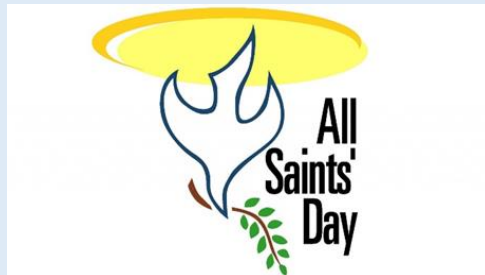
**Think about all of the wonderful people who have done extraordinary things for Christ.**

**On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November you can come dressed as your saint or wearing something to represent your chosen saint.**

**In class you will be taking about and sharing information about your chosen saint.**

**Challenge for KS2- We also want you to think about how your chosen saint is needed today? What would your chosen saint think and say about what is going on in our world today? What do you think they would want us to do.**

**We look forward to seeing and hearing what you come up with!**



## **First Holy Communion 2025**



The application process for the First Holy Communion programme is now open. If your child is in year 3 or above, and you wish to enrol him/her for the preparation programme starting in January, please complete an [online application form](#). First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 17th May 2025.

For more details, please contact the parish office on 0117 942 4448 or email [bristol.stbonaventure@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bristol.stbonaventure@cliftondiocese.com).

## UP COMING DATES:

### Week beginning Monday 21<sup>st</sup> (menu week 2)

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> - Yr 4 netball match @ St Bedes

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Parents Evening

- Yr 6 netball match, home game

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Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Yr 5&6 Athletics @ St Bedes

- Boys football match at Fair Furlong school

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> - Wear bright colours for Cafod world gifts - children to wear bright home clothes for a donation of bring £1

- Last day in school
- Year 6 cake sale
- Year 6 life skills trip
- Girls football match at school v St Werburgs

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> - **Inset** -Children do not attend school

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*

We are still looking for reading volunteers, if you have some regular spare time and would like to come in and read with the children please contact the office for more information.

# Sports and clubs at St BONS

**Sport and club's - week starting 21<sup>st</sup> October**



**Please fill out a club permission slip from the office to register your child to a club.**

*If your child is signed up for a club but won't be attending at any point please let the office know.*

Club...	Is it running...	Day and year group...
Netball	<b>No practise Year 6 only</b>	Monday Yr 4 <b>Match @ St Bedes - no practise</b> Tuesday -Yr 6 <b>Year 6 Match (no practise for year 5)</b>
Hockey	<b>No</b>	Fridays -Y5 & 6 - 3:20 - 4:30 Paid club Booked through Mrs Hinkins
Circuits	YES	Thursdays - Y's 2-6 - 8:00am in hall with Mr Morgan
Drama	YES	Monday 3:20-4:20- for those invited <b>ONLY</b> Thursday 3:20- 4:30 - <b>All Cast</b>
Running club	YES	Wednesdays - 7.45am - all welcome - meet outside foyer.
Bench ball	YES	Fridays -Year 4 &5 - 8:00-8:30 contact office for availability
Football	YES	Wednesdays 3:30 - 4:30 Boys match away at Fair Furlong school Thursday - girls match in school v St Werburgs
Chess Lunch break	YES	Year 5&6 - lunchtimes in music room - Fortnightly
Rugby	<b>NO</b>	Starting in term 2 for yr. 5 & 6



## October half term playscheme

Kidzone will be open from Monday 28<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November  
Bookings are now open on SchoolGateway.

We are offering the following booking choices:  
Full day session 8:30 - 5:45 : £28.00 per session  
Short day session 10:00 - 4:00 : £21.00 per session

There will be opportunities to take part in many activities including cookery, craft, games, access to multiple outdoor play spaces as well as free play on a day-to-day basis.

We accept bookings for children who attend other schools.  
Any queries - please do not hesitate to contact us - [kidzonestbons@bristol-schools.uk](mailto:kidzonestbons@bristol-schools.uk)

*If you have not used KidZone before you will need to pay a £15 one off admin fee which can be found on SchoolGateway payments*

Our year 5 and 6 netball teams played against Stoke Bishop Primary School this week. Both teams played some lovely netball, and the games were played in a really positive spirit. The Y6 team won 12-3 and the Y5 team won 13-2. Well done to all the players.



Our cross country runners did amazingly at St Bedes this week, all came top 15 with James coming first place.



## **Harvest Appeal**

6WA and 5B are leading a collection of items for the church foodbank.

We would like you to bring in some of these items:

- Long life milk (dairy)
- Long life milk (soya)
- Tinned fish
- Tinned fruit
- Toilet roll



We will be collecting for the next two weeks and giving it to the foodbank at our harvest Mass.

## **St Bons prayer group**

If you would like to join other parents / carers of St Bons to support our school community in prayer, we have a new informal prayer group meeting once a month, 9-9.30am in the Presbytery on the following dates:

Fri 18th Oct

Wed 20th Nov

Tues 10th Dec

Fri 24th Jan

Thurs 13th Feb

We would LOVE to see you there! More info, do message Lorna on 07855108729

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**EAL (English as an additional language) Coffee mornings.**  
**Every Wednesday 9:00-10:00**  
**Please come along to the office and sign in.**

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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.

The group is run By Mrs Cela- if you would like more information, please email her at [Esmeralda.cela@bristol-schools.uk](mailto:Esmeralda.cela@bristol-schools.uk)



## Christmas crafts & fizz!

Get into the festive spirit on **Friday 15 November, from 7 to 9:30pm** for Christmas crafts & fizz hosted by [Art-K Henleaze!](#)

Enjoy an evening of creating your own Christmas crafts and decorations (including mini wreaths), complete with live music, fizz, mulled wine, and nibbles. All are welcome and no crafting experience is necessary. You can also pre-order our fabulous graze boards with a range of culinary delights including sausage rolls and cake from [FED cafe](#). A bar will be available to keep the drinks flowing. Don't miss out—tickets are on sale now [via our website](#).

**Gardening:** Join us for gardening tomorrow, Saturday 19 October from 9-11am. No experience necessary, just bring a trowel and some gardening gloves, if you have them, and we'll see you there!

**Christmas fair:** The planning for one of our biggest events of the year, the St Bon's Christmas Fair, is now in full swing. Please get in touch if you know of businesses who might be able to donate prizes for our silent auction, or for our stalls. It's also not too late to join the Christmas fair team. Please contact Helen Albon ([contact@stbonsptfa.com](mailto:contact@stbonsptfa.com)) if you would like to get involved.

**Pre-loved uniform:** The shed is open all day, Monday to Friday, so feel free to pop in whenever you can. We are in need of jumpers, cardigans with the St Bon's logo, and shoes to keep the shed fully stocked. Please bring any donations to the school office - many thanks. [Take the shed tour now!](#)

**Dates for your diary** ([Read our blog](#) for all the dates and details! Also see our [Instagram reel](#)):

- ✚ **Pre-loved uniform shed:** Open all day, Monday to Friday, so feel free to pop in whenever you can.
- ✚ **Gardening:** Saturday 19 October, 9-11am
- ✚ **PTFA meeting:** Thursday 14 November, at 8pm online.
- ✚ **Christmas Craft Evening hosted by Art-K Henleaze:** Friday 15 November
- ✚ **Christmas Fair:** Sunday 8 December, from 2-5pm





ST BON'S PTFA PRESENTS

# Christmas Crafts & Fizzy!

Friday 15 Nov | 7:00 - 9:30pm  
St Bonaventure's Primary School Hall

Hosted by **Art-K Henleaze**

Festive fun creating your own Christmas decorations with live music, fizz & mulled wine, nibbles, graze boards and a bar!

Buy tickets now at:  
[www.stbonsptfa.com](http://www.stbonsptfa.com)



## BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER FOR THE YEAR 6 LEAVERS CELEBRATION

Thursday 24th October  
After school  
card and cash payment

PLEASE COME ALONG AFTER SCHOOL TO BUY A  
CAKE AND SUPPORT YEAR 6 START THEIR  
LEAVERS FUNDRAISING SO THEY CAN SAY GOOD  
BYE TO ST BONS IN STYLE.



Applications are open on you LA website for Reception 2025.  
The deadline for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Year 6 Secondary Applications**

If you child is in year 6 please do not forget that online applications are open via your LA website, the deadline for on time applications is the 31<sup>ST</sup> October.

If you are applying to St Bedes you must also complete their supplementary information form on the St Bedes website and upload your child's Baptism certificate, also by the 31<sup>st</sup> October. If you have any problems completing the application please see Gina in the school office.

## **COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY UPDATE**

A big thank you this week to those who bought plants and cakes at the recent sale in the Church - you raised a smashing £133 for the Community Food Pantry. We really rely on your generosity - both from events like one and from individual donations of food or cash - to keep this venture going. Take a look below to see the food we particularly need at the moment.

For those in need, the Pantry is open between 8am - 5pm every day, except Monday.

### **Please donate:**

Tinned tuna  
Tinned fish  
Tinned fruit  
Toilet paper

### **Please DO NOT donate:**

Fresh food (we can't safely store it and it will go to waste)

### **Where do I leave food donations?**

Please put **food 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.**

### **How do I donate 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 Mgr. Massey or put it in an envelope through Trish's door at 55 Egerton Road.

## Community News

**Education Mass:** Bishop Bosco will be celebrating Mass for all those involved in any way in Catholic education, at Clifton Cathedral, on Thursday **21 November at 6.00pm**. This is an annual Mass, bringing all our school community members together as a diocesan family to celebrate Catholic education. This year's choir will be St Peter's High School, Gloucester. The Mass offers an opportunity for all those connected with Catholic education, teachers, staff, governors, pupils and parents, in Clifton Diocese to renew their commitment to Catholic education. Light Refreshments will be available.