



Friday 20th September 2024

Dear parents and carers,

*In this season of change, with new classes and teachers,
As harvests are gathered, in sharing and giving,
Whatever changes we face Lord, we face them with you.
May we trust in your goodness, whatever we do.
Amen.*



Following the death of my father I wanted to thank you all for your support over the past three weeks. Your kindness has been a great comfort to me and my family. The acts of fundraising in memory of my father have been totally unexpected and something that has touched the hearts of my family, and given not only myself but particularly my mother great strength, thank you.

The Amber Townsend Foundation

One of our parents, Gwen Townsend, is taking part in the Ironman challenge this weekend, raising money in memory of his daughter, Amber. This is charity close to our hearts and I would encourage anyone who is able to, to support Gwen and his family.

"On Sunday 22nd September I will be taking on my first ever Ironman in Wales in memory of my beautiful daughter Amber.

Earlier this year I competed in an Olympic and Half Iron Man and have spent the remainder of the summer training for the full Iron Man. At a starting weight of 120kg the training volume and distances have been a huge challenge, mentally doubting if I would be up to the task. Keeping in mind my reason why has got me to the starting line.

Amber was a beautiful, cheeky little girl who brought us so much joy. Following her death we have created a foundation in her name 'The Amber Townson Foundation' (registered charity number: 1208420) to support the prevention of Sudden Death In Childhood, also referred to as SUDC.

Sudden death in childhood is the 4th leading cause of death in childhood and most commonly affects 1-4 year olds. Sadly, the cause is unknown and funding for further research is needed to prevent this happening to more children.

We have set up a fundraising page (see link below) for anyone that would like to donate. No donation is too small, any amount would be greatly appreciated by me and Tara."

<https://imfundraising.gofundraise.co.uk/page/Glen-75546574>

Dress up days

We have noticed that some families are not able to take part in some of our dress up days and we'd like to change that.

If you have any dress up costumes that your own children have outgrown or yellow clothing items for our annual Roald Dahl day please can you consider donating them to the school. We hope to be able to create a bank of spare costumes that the class teachers can access so that all of our pupils are able to take part in dress up events if they want to.

If you do have anything to donate please label it 'Dress up day donation'. Thanks in advance and leave it with the school office team.

Dates for your diary:

- WB Monday 23rd September Reception pupils start full time
- Wednesday 25th September Reception parents/carers information session 2.45pm-3.15pm in the school hall
- Friday 27th September new Reception parents/carers coffee morning hosted by our PTFA
- Friday 27th September nasal flu immunisations
- Friday 4th October Year 6 National Child Measurement Programme, NCMP, visit
- Friday 11th October PTFA Bag2School collections

Best,
Sarah Ballantine
Head teacher

UP COMING DATES:

Week beginning Monday 23rd September (menu week 1)

All reception children attend full time

Monday 23rd – Year 3 boys and year 6 girls cross country event @ St Bedes

Tuesday 24th – Bikability level 2 yr 5&6

Wednesday 25th – Year 3 swimming

- Year 6 visit from Mr King (Head of St Bedes)
- Reception parent/carers information meeting 2:45 in hall

Thursday 26th – Bikability level 2 yr 5&6

Friday 27th – Flu vaccinations

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

Week starting 30th September

Tuesday 1st Oct- Bikability level 2 yr5&6

Wednesday 2nd – Year 6 swimming

Thursday 3rd – Bikability level 2 yr5&6

- Year 6 health and weight checks

Friday 4th - 3H Class assembly 10:00-10:30

Dates
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Celebrating Catholic Life at St. Bonaventure's!

Monday Ethos Assembly: Kind, Respectful, Ready

Our week began with a reminder of our school's mission statement: to be the best we can be, guided by the light of Christ. We focused on the importance of being kind, respectful, and ready in our classrooms, around the school, and beyond.

Celebrations of the Word: Service and Sacrifice

During our Celebrations of the Word, we explored the Gospel where Jesus teaches his disciples that the greatest is the one who serves others. We learned about two saints who exemplified this: Padre Pio and Sister Claire Crockett. Inspired by their stories, our Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 children were challenged to find a secret act of service for someone else, offering it as a gift to God.

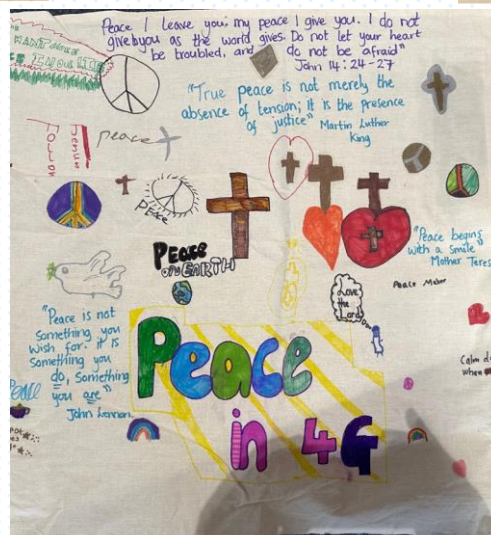
Live Simply Action: Peace and International Day of Peace

As we approach International Day of Peace, we gathered for a special assembly. We reflected on the meaning of peace and wrote our own prayers and hopes for peace in our homes, at school, and in the world.

Ongoing Reflection on peace:

Throughout this week and next, our children will be leading class reflections on peace and creating class reflection areas and year group prayer spaces that reflect this focus. We shared a child's prayer for peace from the CAFOD website and look forward to sharing more of our children's prayers with you next week.

As we continue to live out our Catholic faith, we are grateful for the opportunity to grow in kindness, respect, readiness, and peace.



Sports and clubs at St BONS

Sport and club's - week starting 23rd September



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 | YES YES | Mondays- Y 3&4 - 3:20 - 4:30 Tuesdays- Y 5&6 - 3:20 – 4:30 |
| Hockey with Mrs Hinkins | YES | Fridays- Y5 & 6 - 3:20 – 4:30 Paid club Booked through Mrs Hinkins- details attached. |
| Circuits | YES | Thursdays - Y's 2-6 – 8:00am in hall with Mr Morgan |
| Drama | YES | Thursday 3:20- 4:30- auditions |
| Running club | YES | Wednesdays – 7.45am – all welcome – meet outside foyer |
| Bench ball | YES | Fridays – yr4 &5 – 8:00-8:30 club full- sign up to waiting list |
| Football | YES | Wednesdays 3:30 – 4:30 – Boys training |
| Rugby | NO | Starting in term 2 for yr. 5 & 6 |
| Chess Lunch break | NO | Starting term 2 |

Emma Hinkins runs a Crossbow netball club on Saturdays for girls from year 3 upwards at Badminton school 9-10am. There is currently a waiting list to start next year and is filling up fast. If your child is interested joining next year place contact Emma Hinkins on emma_hinkins@talk21.com



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

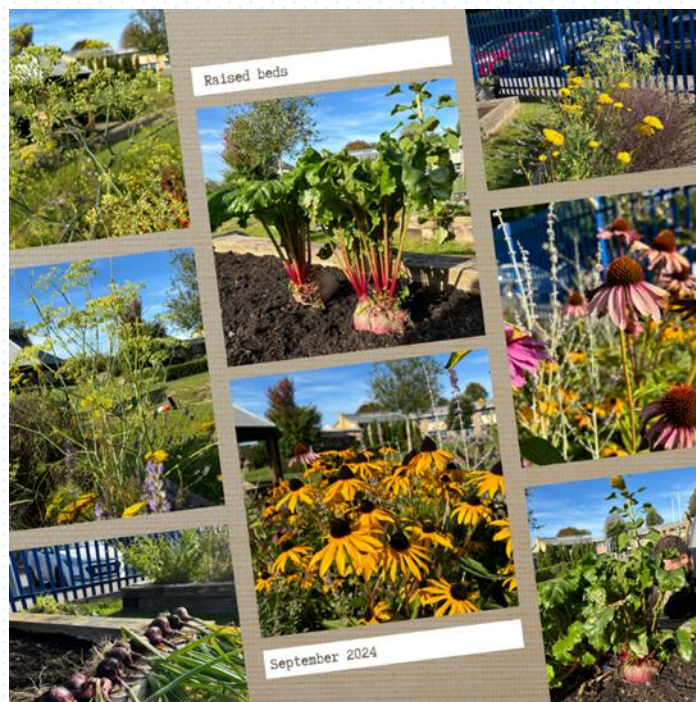


Find out what happened last weekend...

...The sun made an appearance last Saturday, and we did some gardening to keep the raised beds looking their best. Watch the action [here](#), and then join us on **Saturday 19 October from 9-11** for more gardening – no experience required, just turn up!

The raised beds are part of our [Grow With It project](#) which aims to transform unused areas of the school grounds into hubs of biodiversity and eco learning zones to help meet the school's learning goals.

We also have exciting plans to create a natural playground, and our fundraising this year continues to be focused on making this happen! If you would like to be involved in the Grow With It project please get in touch (contact@stbonsptfa.com).



Pre-loved uniform: We received an amazing **£134** in donations this week from the pre-loved uniform shed. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this total. As a reminder the shed is open all day, Monday to Friday, so feel free to pop in whenever you can. If you have uniform you can donate to keep the shed fully stocked, please bring it to the school office - many thanks. **We need cardigans in particular** so please check at home for any you no longer need. [Take the shed tour now!](#)

Coffee morning 27 September: [Calling](#) all new St Bon's parents and carers. You are invited to a PTFA coffee morning on **Friday 27 September at 9am**, to enjoy a cuppa and some home baked treats. Little ones are very welcome (there will be squash/ soft drinks available). Just pop into the Presbytery which is the door to the left of the church entrance.

Christmas Fair planning: Come and join the Christmas fair team. We are currently seeking donations from businesses, and will soon be discussing ideas for stalls. This is an opportunity to come up with ideas, be creative, meet others, and to be part of what is always a fun and very worthwhile event. Email contact@stbonsptfa.com to be added to the Whatsapp group.

Game, set match: Matched funding is easy to claim and can often double our fundraising overnight. If you work for a company that offers it, please get in touch. Read more in our [latest blog](#).

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!
- ✚ **New parents & carers coffee morning:** Friday 27 September from 9am.
- ✚ **Bag2School:** Friday 11 October, at school drop off
- ✚ **PTFA meeting:** Wednesday 16 October, 8pm online.
- ✚ **School discos:** Friday 18 October. The Reception/KS1 disco will be from 5pm to 6.15pm, and the KS2 disco from 6.45pm to 8pm. Full details will be coming soon!
- ✚ **Gardening:** Saturday 19 October, 9-11am
- ✚ **Christmas Craft Evening hosted by Art-K Henleaze:** Friday 15 November (read [PTFA blog](#) for more details)
- ✚ **Christmas Fair:** Sunday 8 December, from 2-5pm



EAL (English as an additional language) Coffee mornings.
Every Wednesday 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.

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

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Now that the children have returned to school, parents will know how important it is for them to start the day with a nourishing breakfast and end it with a hot meal so they have the energy and focus they need for their school work. That's where the Community Food Pantry comes in, offering cereal and milk, tinned meals and tinned vegetables - and many other essentials - to those in our area who may need a little extra help to put a meal on the table.

But we can't do this without your generosity. Food costs have risen sharply since last year, and our dedicated team of volunteer shoppers find that the Pantry's funds don't go as far as they once did. If you'd like to help us keep on going this year, please consider supporting us with a donation. We can receive cash to Trish at number 55 Egerton Road or if you'd prefer to give by card you can use the Donation Point inside the door of the church (click the "Food Pantry" button). Thank you for your support!

Please donate:

Long-life milk (dairy)

Long-life milk (soya)

Cereal

Tinned tomatoes

Tinned tuna

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**.

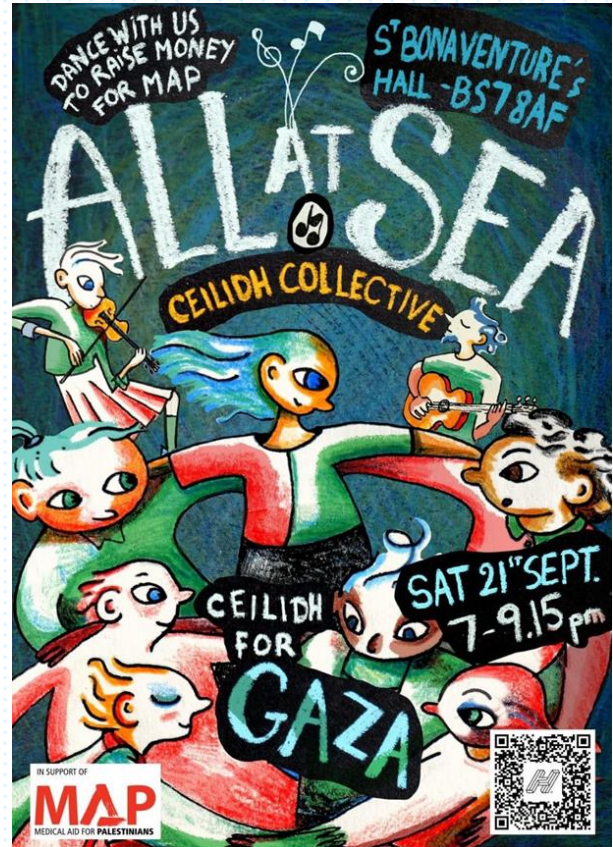
How do I donate money?

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

Bristol's All at Sea Ceilidh Collective are presenting a fundraising ceilidh at St Bonaventures hall on Saturday 21st September . All profits will go to Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP) which works for the health and dignity of Palestinians living under occupation and as refugees.

[Ceilidh for Gaza at St Bonaventures Parish Hall](#)



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