



Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 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 caring hands of compassion to those who reach out in need.*

*May the god of simplicity be with u, opening us to a 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 fear, doubts and confusion,  
may our peace cover hose who are troubled or anxious.*

Thank you to everyone who supported our Odd Socks day on Monday which marked the start of National Anti-bullying week. The theme for this year is 'Power for Good'.

We will be following up on this with the children in assembly next week and reminding the children they all have the power to be kind, to include others, and to speak up if we see someone being unkind or hurt.



If you ever have any concerns about behaviour in school please speak to myself or Mrs Woolley on the school gate or your child's class teacher at pick up.

### **Parent/carers survey**

Earlier this week I shared with you a link to our parent/carers survey which I have designed in collaboration with the parent focus group in term 1. Thank you to everyone who has engaged in this survey to date, if you have not yet completed it please use the following link:

<https://forms.gle/2PxZbPtrWGs9TekRA>

The survey closes at midday on Monday 1st December 2025.

### **Class WhatsApp groups**

Please can I remind all parents and carers that the purpose of the class WhatsApp groups is to ensure communication about school events is cascaded quickly and efficiently. This week I have been made aware of parents/carers sharing concerns related to individual children on a class WhatsApp group. This causes anxiety amongst the class group and is not helpful for school staff who have to deal with concerns from parents regarding misleading and often inaccurate information.

Class teachers are available at the end of each day when they dismiss their classes if you need to share a concern related to your child. They are also contactable via email. In addition, both myself and Mrs Woolley are on the gate every morning and afternoon and are both also contactable via email. Please can I encourage all parents/carers to contact the class teacher in the first instance followed by either myself or Mrs Woolley.

### **Dates for the month ahead:**

- Wednesday 19th-Friday 21st November Year 6 residential retreat.
- Friday 21st November 5SK class assembly 10am.

- Monday 24th November pupils nasal flu immunisations- please sign the consent form if you want your child to receive this.
- Wednesday 26th November Bristol Old Vic theatre performance funded by the PTFA.
- Friday 28th November:
  - Parent/carer SEND support group 9-10am. Drop in, all parents/carers are welcome to attend.
  - 6G class assembly 10am.
- Friday 5th December:
  - Bring a bottle for the Christmas fair bottle stall. Pupils wear non uniform.
  - 9-10am parent/carer school improvement session with the principal. All parents/carers are welcome to attend and find out about the school's priorities for the year.
- Sunday 7th December 2-5pm St Bons Christmas Fair.
- Tuesday 9th December Year 6 height and weight checks.
- WB: 15th December Reception & KS1 nativity performances
- Wednesday 17th December KS2 Christmas Carols.
- Friday 19th December:
  - School Christmas dinner. Wear a Christmas jumper.
  - Advent Mass in St Bons Church 9.15am. Parents/carers welcome to attend.
  - Last day of term.

Best,  
 Sarah Ballantine  
 Principal  
 St Bonaventure's Catholic Primary

#### UP COMING DATES:

##### **Week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> November (week 3)**

Year 6 Kintbury residential Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>-Friday 21<sup>st</sup>

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> - 5SK Class assembly 10:00-10:30

##### **Week beginning 24<sup>th</sup>**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> - Flu Vaccinations

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> - Bristol Old Vic performance to school

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> - 6G Class assembly 10:00-10:30

- Bake sale after school (year 2)

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



**Applications are open on your LA website for Reception 2026.**

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.



### **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*



**THIS SCHOOL  
IS NOT FREE**



We would like to remind parents that we are a nut free school. Children should not bring in food or snacks that contain nuts, **this includes hazelnut spreads such as Nutella.**



## School Flu Vaccination – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November

### Consent Form



Sirona  
care & health

Scan the QR code above to give consent for the Autumn/ Winter 2025 school Flu programme  
<https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2025/consent?v=4>

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

Well done to the St Bon's basketball team receiving the gold and silver medals at the St Bedes tournament.



On Wednesday the y4 girls played against Bishop Rd School, and for some it was their first ever match. Both of the teams from St BONS played well and scored lots of goals. Some great netball played – well done girls!

Hello everyone

### **Message of the Week** – It's Chriiiiiisstmaaaaaaass (nearly...)

Yes, it's mid-November, but the PTFA elves and their helpers have been busy preparing for the Christmas Fair. From stalls to hampers, tickets to refreshments, the team has been planning away in the background to bring a dash of Christmas spirit to the school and kick-start the festive season.

### **PTFA management**

#### **Meetings**

Minutes from our last meeting can be found on the PTFA website. Our next meeting is scheduled for DATE/TIME. All are welcome to attend.

#### **Welcome to our new members!**

We've been actively recruiting for the role of Shopper and for someone to take over from Sandra to help organise the disco. We are delighted to confirm that we have now filled the role of shopper – many thanks to Georgette Dillon for volunteering (just in time to support our Christmas antics, hurrah!). We are also over the moon to welcome Carly Mezeli as disco lead. Thank you both for volunteering, and a warm welcome to the PTFA.

#### **Get in touch**

Anyone who is interested in undertaking a committee role, please email us at [contact@stbonsptfa.com](mailto:contact@stbonsptfa.com), contact us through your class rep, or catch us in the playground.

***"What we can achieve for the school and our children is a collective effort and we welcome anyone who wishes to join and engage"***

### **PTFA Activities**

#### **Year 4 bake sale**

A huge thanks to the year 4 bake sale team. Despite the dodgy weather, the lure of cake proved to be too much for some, and the team raised a fantastic **£184.88**! 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.

The next bake sale (Year 2) takes place after half term on November 28th.

## All things festive...

### Christmas Fair 2025 Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2-5PM

A letter was sent out this week outlining the details of the Christmas Fair. We have a fun-packed afternoon planned, with stalls, games and lots to keep the kids (and adults) entertained.

Please do support the PTFA and the school by getting involved. Tickets go on sale on the PTFA website today (Friday 14<sup>th</sup>). You can also help by contributing to the hampers being organised by your class reps, filling a goodie bag, donating pre-loved items, donating bottles, cakes and buying/selling raffle tickets, and much more.

**Every action counts and helps us raise more money that will benefit the school and our children.**

Visit the [PTFA website](#) to buy your tickets.

### Christmas Shop reminder

From Christmas cards, coasters, mugs and many more, our children have been busy creating some amazing designs that would make fantastic Christmas gifts.

You can view and order at [St Bonaventures Christmas shop](#). There is a 10% discount for a limited time only if you use the code **StBonaventures1X25**. 20% from every purchase goes to the PTFA.

Any problems, contact the customer services on: 01530 887650.

### Dates for your diary

- **Friday Feast Day:** The next bake sale is **Friday 28th Nov (Year 2)**. Year 1 take on the bake sale on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December
- **Grow With It gardening afternoon:** Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2pm onwards
- **Christmas Fair:** 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

## First Holy Communion.

If your child is in year 3 or above, application forms for First Holy Communion 2026 at both, Sacred Heart and St Bon's, are now available to collect from Canon Tom after Mass. Please return completed forms to Canon Tom after Mass, the closing date for applications is 12th January 2026. The first session of preparation will take place in January 2026.



A member of the school community has two rabbit hutches to give away. If you are interested please contact [vgarrett@stbo.newmancatholictrust.com](mailto:vgarrett@stbo.newmancatholictrust.com) for details of collecting.

