



Friday 23rd January 2026

Dear parents and carers,

*Dear God,
Thank you for teaching us that truth matters.
We remember that Jesus said
'I am the way, the truth, and the life'
Help us follow Jesus in all we do.
Give us courage to speak the truth,
kindness when we share it,
and wisdom to recognise what is right.
Guide our words, our actions,
and the choices we make every day.*

We are now half way through term 3 and what a wet start to the year we've had! With the wet forecast set to continue please ensure your child has a warm waterproof coat with them each day as we do try to ensure the children have time outside. If the wet weather impacts your commute to school please allow enough time to ensure your child arrives at school on time.

It was wonderful to see some of you at our parent/carer School Improvement Plan session this morning. Parents who attended were provided with an opportunity to hear about our current focus on modelling, the structure of a writing lesson and how children are supported to make progress. The highlight of the session was some Year 2 pupils who shared their recent writing with the group.

Dates for the month ahead:

- Friday 30th January 10am 4L class assembly.
- Wednesday 4th February 2.45: Parent session on Online Safety
- Friday 6th February 10am 1CR class assembly.
- Friday 13th February:
 - 9-10am parent/carer SEND support meeting.
 - Last day of term 3. School closed for half term.
- Monday 23rd February first day of term 4.

Best wishes
Stephanie Woolley
Deputy Principal

Catholic Life at St Bons this week.

It has been a week of reflection and spiritual growth across the school, as our pupils have looked outward to the world and inward to their own relationship with God. From exploring global justice to celebrating the power of truth, our children continue to live out our mission with maturity and compassion.

Standing in Solidarity: Gospel Themes

In our Key Stage 2 Gospel assembly, we turned our hearts toward those facing injustice. Grounded in the Catholic Social Teaching principles of Solidarity and the Option for the Poor and Vulnerable, our pupils reflected on what it truly means to "walk together" as one human family.

The children spoke with great empathy about the issues on their minds:

- The impact of war on families.
- The plight of refugees forced to flee their homes.
- The challenges faced by homeless people within Bristol.

While our school community has a history of fundraising and supporting for these causes, the children expressed a desire to do even more. Over the next two terms, they will be channelling this compassion into action through their Faith Awards, finding new ways to put their faith into practice.

Seek the Truth: 4D Class Assembly

A big well done to the pupils of 4D, who led our first class assembly of the term today. They expertly bridged the gap between their history curriculum and their spiritual lives, linking their studies of the Romans to the theme of Seeking the Truth.

The class delivered a powerful message: that seeking truth is the foundation of wisdom and justice. By understanding the truth in our lives today, we are better equipped to build a fairer, kinder world. We were incredibly proud of their confident performance and the way they conducted themselves—they are true ambassadors for our school values.

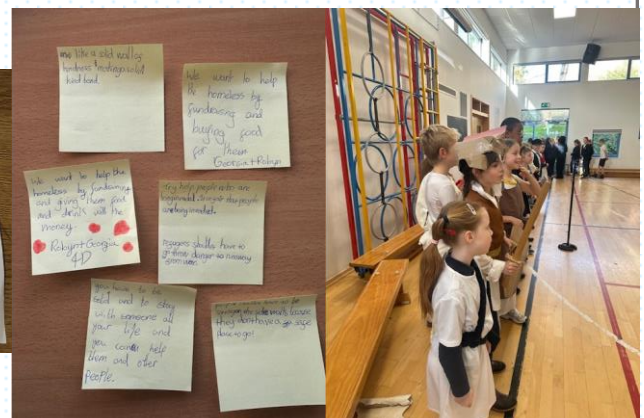
Celebration of the Word: Behold the Lamb of God

Our Celebration of the Word this week focused on the Gospel encounter between St. John the Baptist and Jesus. As John proclaimed, "*Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!*", he pointed the way for others to follow Christ.

In our collective worship, we reflected on two key questions:

1. How can we point others toward Jesus through our own actions?
2. How do we recognize that Jesus is always moving towards us, meeting us exactly where we are?

It has been a week of "pointing the way" to goodness, and we look forward to seeing how these reflections inspire our pupils in the days ahead



Kidzone - February Half Term PlayScheme

Bookings for the February Play Scheme are open on the parent Arbor app.

If you wish to pay for the February Play Scheme by TFC/childcare voucher, we recommend that you make your payments early so that they can be reconciled and credited to Arbor each Monday. If you are making a payment by TFC/childcare voucher and need it split between Kidzone clubs, please email cevans@stbo.newmancatholictrust.com to let Caroline know the split.

Bookings will close on Friday 6th February so please do make your bookings in good time. There may be the option for late bookings subject to availability but we would like to know the bulk of the bookings by the 6th so that we can ensure we have sufficient staffing in place.

The cost of the sessions are as follows:

Short Sessions 10am to 4pm - £26 per session

Long Sessions 8.30am to 5.45pm - £33 per session

Please note that the KidZone email has now changed –
kidzone@stbo.newmancatholictrust.com

Please use this email for any enquiries for afterschool club or playscheme

School Governors

Our school governors play a vital role in supporting the leadership, staff, and children by helping to shape the vision of the school, ensuring we continue to provide the best possible education and experience for every pupil. Meeting every term, they work closely with the school team offering guidance, challenge and encouragement and are always keen to listen to the views of our families and wider community. If you would like to get in touch with the governors, share feedback, or raise a question, you can contact them directly at clerk@stbo.newmancatholictrust.com.

Volunteers to assist with Y1 art:

Miss Davis is looking for some parent volunteers to assist with Y1 art on a Tuesday afternoon. Is this something you can help with? The volunteers will need to be parents who do not have children in Y1. You do not have to commit to every Tuesday. You do not need to already have a DBS as you will be in the classroom with Miss Davis. Please let the office know if you can help. We have a volunteer for Tuesday 20th January, is there anyone who can help on the following Tuesdays for the rest of this term? Many thanks

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



Hello everyone

Message of the Week – Our class reps – thank you!

We'd like to highlight our fantastic network of class reps. We all know what school WhatsApp life is like, with messages popping up left, right and centre. Our reps work tirelessly to send out messages and coordinate activities on behalf of the PTFA.

Their work contributes to making our activities the rich and engaging events they are. From the PTFA and the rest of the school, **thank you!** We couldn't make the PTFA the success it is and enrich our children's school lives as we do without your support and dedication. You are all stars.



PTFA activities

Year 1 bake sale

The first bake sale of 2026 took place last Friday with the fantastic volunteers from Year 1 manning the stand full of yummy baked goods. They raised a grand total of £161.13, which will be added to the pot going towards classroom enrichment items once we conclude the final bake sale next week. Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity.

PTFA management

Meetings

The next PTFA meeting will take place on 28th January, 7.30-9.30PM. Any questions or concerns you'd like to raise, please email contact@stbonsptfa.com. Alternatively, all are welcome to attend the meeting itself.

Minutes from our last meeting can be found on the [PTFA website](#). Please do take the time to read and see what we get up to...

Get in touch

Anyone who is interested in undertaking a committee role or joining one of our project teams (Grow With It, Summer Fair, Disco to name but a few), please email us at contact@stbonsptfa.com, contact us through your class rep, or catch us in the playground.

Dates for your diary – the events below are currently being planned, dates will be released shortly

- **Quiz** – Date TBC
- **Disco** – Date TBC
- **Summer fair** – Date TBC

With Many Thanks,
Johanna Probert – Committee Member (Communications and Engagement)

Community News



 **Don't miss our free annual SEND event:**

On 16 March at We The Curious (from 9:30am): 30 talks, 60 exhibitors, one fantastic day of SEND support 

Book your free place here:  www.bristolparentcarers.org.uk/togetherforsend

Speakers include Alice Marshment (SEND Advocacy Ltd), Amjad Ali, Corrina Wood (Platypus Training & Consultancy), Dr Felicity Sedgewick, Kelly Jarvis (Sunshine Support), Loren Snow (Neurodiverse Training), Mark Allen (Neuroshambles), Murmuration Community Therapy, and voices from the local parent carer community. This event is for any family with worries about a child or young person aged 0–25 years, whether you're just starting out or already deep in the system. We will have something for everyone, and no diagnosis is needed to attend.

Some sessions are specifically aimed at families, others at SENCOs and school staff, and some are open to everyone. BSL interpreters are available throughout the day, and one session will be delivered in Somali.

→ **The full programme of sessions will be released in the first week of February,**

Access & support

- Quiet area available (the best time to visit exhibitors is during talks, when the space is quieter)
- Free sensory bag if needed
- Prayer room
- Free crèche (up to 2 hours)
- Support with English available (including translated materials / staff support)
- BSL available
- Bus fares can be refunded on the day
- Step-free access
- Accessible toilets
- Lift access between floors
- A friendly buddy available to meet you on arrival if you're feeling anxious or unsure

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