



Friday 6th February 2026

Dear parents and carers,

*Lord, help me to live this day, quietly, easily.
To lean upon your great strength, trustfully, restfully.
To wait for the unfolding of your will, patiently, serenely.
To meet others, peacefully, joyously.
To face tomorrow, confidently, courageously.*

It was lovely to see so many of you attending 1CR's class assembly. The children reminded us of the importance of seeking the truth and doing what is right to make a difference.

I would like to remind you all that we have only one more week of term 3 to go, the last day of term 3 is Friday 13th February. Please avoid booking extended holidays over half term as this will impact on your child's attendance as term time holiday requests cannot be authorised. Please avoid the embarrassment of phoning in sick to avoid completing a holiday request, your children are very honest and always tell us when they've been on holiday.

We are running our February Playscheme at half term and it is not too late to book on if you haven't done so already. To book a place for your child/ren please login to your parent Arbor app and select your required sessions. Attached to the newsletter is the itinerary for the week so you can see what fun activities they have planned.

We return to school on Monday 23rd February.

SEND parent/carers meeting 13th February 9-10am

Ros Parry, St Bedes SENDCO, will be facilitating our meeting and focusing on transition from primary to secondary. If you have a child with a special educational need or disability and who is hoping to transition to St Bedes please do come along to meet Ros.

Dates for the month ahead:

- Wednesday 11th February Year 1 trip to SS Great Britain.
- Friday 13th February:
 - 1R Class assembly 10:00
 - 9-10am parent/carers SEND support meeting. St Bedes SENDCO to facilitate focusing on transition from primary to secondary. See above for more details.
 - Last day of term 3. School closed for half term.
- Monday 23rd February first day of term 4.
- Tuesday 3rd March - St David's house wear yellow
- Thursday 5th March World Book day- more information to follow shortly.
- Friday 13th March School Improvement session 9-10am with Mrs Woolley

Best wishes
Stephanie Woolley
Deputy Principal

Catholic Life at St Bons this week

Our New Gospel Theme: Seek the Truth

For Terms 3 and 4, our overarching Gospel theme is "Seek the Truth." This theme will act as a golden thread running through our curriculum, particularly within our Power of Reading books and our wider foundation subjects.

Through this lens, the children will explore concepts such as:

- Fairness in our local and global communities.
- The pursuit of Justice for the marginalised.
- The importance of Equality as children of God.
- The courage required to always speak the Truth.

We look forward to seeing how these values inspire the children's writing and their understanding of the world around them.

Ethos and Reflection: Being Our Best Selves

In our first Ethos Assembly of the year, we gathered to discuss what it means to be our "best selves" within our school gates. We reflected on how this isn't just about one thing, but a combination of:

- Our Work: Giving our best effort in every lesson.
- Our Rules: Respecting the boundaries that keep our community safe and happy.
- Our Relationships: Treating one another with kindness and dignity.

As it is a new year, the children spent time in prayerful reflection and talking to partners about their personal goals. Several children bravely shared their New Year's Resolutions with the whole school. We have promised to support one another and "keep an eye out" to help our friends stick to these positive changes!

Celebrating the Epiphany

The Feast of the Epiphany has been the heart of our prayer life this week. In our Celebration of the Word assemblies, the children journeyed with the Magi. We contemplated the awe the Wise Men must have felt upon seeing the infant Jesus for the first time. The children offered their reflections on what their own personal message to the baby Jesus would be today.

To conclude our week, we gathered as a whole school family at the church for Mass. We would like to thank Canon Tom for his moving homily. He reminded the children that while the Wise Men brought gold, frankincense, and myrrh, the greatest gift we can offer Jesus today is living a good life and helping others.





Reception are looking for packs of UNO cards, if anyone has any unused packs or spare packs at home we would be delighted if you could please bring them to the office.

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



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 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.

Hello everyone

Message of the Week - Date for the diary - AGM



The PTFA has agreed to move the AGM from the end of the financial year to June, aligning it with the end of the school year and supporting committee members who may step down as their children leave.

AGM date: 9th June 2026

This change also introduces a 13-month term for newly appointed members, allowing a July handover period. The motion was unanimously approved, and there is interest in making the AGM a face-to-face event to help celebrate newly appointed committee members and class reps, although online attendance continues to support accessibility.

The AGM will be followed by the June PTFA meeting to finalise Summer Fair plans.

PTFA activities

Frozen Fridays

Following the PTFA meeting last week, the PTFA has decided to run just one more Friday sales event before the end of this year.

Based on feedback from parents and a need to keep the calendar as efficient as possible, the consensus was that, even though Friday sales events are 100% profitable for the school, with all the other commitments and asks for volunteering time from our parent community, one further sales event (Frozen Fridays) would take place and conclude in term 5. This allows purchases with the proceeds to be made and enjoyed in term 6, and time freed up to concentrate on activities like the summer fair.

PTFA management

Meetings

The PTFA met on 28th January. Meeting minutes can be reviewed on the [PTFA website](http://www.stbonsptfa.com). Please do take the time to read and see what we get up to. Any questions or concerns you'd like to raise, please email contact@stbonsptfa.com. Alternatively, all are welcome to attend the meeting itself.

Get in touch

We are still recruiting for a PTFA chair. Anyone who is interested in taking on this key committee role (or joining one of our project teams such as Grow With It, Summer Fair, Disco, 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** - March (TBC)
- **Disco** - May (TBC)
- **Summer fair** - June (TBC)

With Many Thanks

Johanna Probert - Committee Member (Communications and Engagement)