



Friday 13th February 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams.

Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential.

Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do.

It was great to see so many of you at our SEND parent/carer session this morning. Ros Parry, SENDCO at St Bede's facilitated the session and provided information about transition for those pupils who may be moving to St Bede's. Thank you Ros for your support.

We hope you all have a wonderful half term, that you find time to rest and recharge and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 23rd February.

Book day

Book day is on Thursday 5th March. The children are invited to dress up as a favourite character from a story book or dress in their bedtime clothes. The focus is on celebrating story books and reading for pleasure. There will be a costume parade on the playground (weather permitting) first thing in the morning, which parents are welcome to watch. The children are welcome to bring the book related to their costume into school. During the week of book day we will do a variety of book related activities.

These will include:

- Parent mystery readers at the end of the day.
- Teacher/adult class swap, reading a story.
- Classes partnered together to share stories.

If you would like to be a parent mystery reader during this week please email the class teacher. We are looking forward to exploring books/stories with the children and we can't wait to see their costumes!

Additional inset day

We will be having an additional inset day this year which will take place on Monday 13th July. The school will not be open to pupils on this day.

This additional inset will allow the staff to engage in essential phonics training which will enable us to roll out a new phonics scheme at the start of the new school year. More information for parents/carers will follow in due course.

Dog on school site

Please remember we are a dog free site. Dogs are not to be tied up to the school boundary fence. Thank you for your support with this.

Dates for the month ahead:

- 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 Bon's this week

It has been another inspiring week at St Bon's, as our pupils have lived out our mission through both local outreach and thoughtful reflection. From supporting those in need within our own city to drawing inspiration from historical pioneers, the "Catholic Life" of our school has been vibrantly on display.

Walking with Our Neighbours: Aid Box Community

We were privileged to welcome the Aid Box Community to our school this week. In a moving assembly, they shared the vital work they do supporting refugees and asylum seekers right here in Bristol.

The children listened with great empathy as they learned about the challenges faced by those arriving in our city and discussed practical, compassionate ways we can support this mission. It was a powerful reminder of our calling to welcome the stranger and treat every individual with dignity and love.

Faith in Action in Foundation Stage

Our youngest learners in Foundation Stage provided a beautiful example of charity this week.

Demonstrating true "faith in action," the children brought in food items from home to support our local church community food pantry.

Two of our pupils, Pippa and Mikey, spoke movingly about the project:

"We took food to the food bank for people who don't have enough, or only have a little bit of money to buy food for their families."

We reflected on what a wonderful surprise it will be for those visiting the food bank this week to see the abundance of items provided by our children. It is heartening to see our pupils understanding that even the smallest hands can make a big difference.

Seeking the Truth: 1R's Class Assembly

Today, 1R led a fantastic assembly that perfectly bridged our "Seek the Truth" Gospel theme with their History curriculum. They transported us back in time to explore the life of Isambard Kingdom Brunel.

Through their wonderful costumes and clear storytelling, 1R taught us how Brunel used his curiosity and resilience to solve complex engineering challenges. Their message to the school was clear:

- Stay curious.
- Keep going.
- Always seek the truth.

The assembly concluded with a spirited song that left us all entertained and inspired. A huge well done to 1R for their hard work and for reminding us that perseverance is key to discovering the truth in our world.



Bookings for February playscheme are now closed on Arbor, if you require a last minute session please email Kidzone directly
kidzone@stbo.newmancatholictrust.com

Thank you to the PTFA for funding and organising Unique Voice's visit last week, we were very lucky for them to come into school and run assemblies and workshops. They also hosted a parent and carer session which we have received great feedback from. As part of the continued learning they have created a parent/carers webpage; this includes downloads of the activities discussed in the webinar, signposting as well as a recorded version of the session - <https://uniquevoice.org/online-safety-2026-smart-tech-safe-choices-parent-and-carer-webinar/>

On Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome John and Tess, from the charity, 'Aid Box Community.' The whole school attended an assembly with John and Tess, where they explained how ABC's helps support refugee families in Bristol
Children in Year 5 and Year 6 filled shoeboxes (Boxes of Hope) for refugee children last Christmas. This is something we are hoping will become an annual tradition for children in upper key stage 2.
We are hoping to do further work to support ABC - watch this space for more details of how you can help.
Ms Byrne

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



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.

Fair days - change

With St Bonaventure's being a faith school, the PTFA has voted to move the summer and winter fairs to a Saturday and have fixed dates each year in the PTFA calendar. We hope that this change will enable greater attendance and deconflict with Sunday family and faith commitments.

PTFA management

Meetings

The PTFA met on 28th January. Meeting minutes can be reviewed on the [PTFA website](#). 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)