



Friday 27th February 2026

Dear parents and carers,

*God of love,
We pray for peace in our world, and an end to war.
Instead of hatred, let there be love.
Shelter your children and protect us.
Guide us and keep us from harm,
so we can build a world of love and live our lives in peace.
Amen*

It has been wonderful to see the children return to school this week following the half term break. We have a busy term ahead of us so please do make a note of the events listed in the dates for the month ahead section below.

We are fast approaching the performance of Peter Pan. So much time and work has gone into the production from both the children and staff as well as parent helpers.

Tickets will go on sale next week via the Arbor app, we will be giving first priority to cast members and the remainder of tickets will go on sale to the rest of the school shortly after. Tickets will be limited to 4 per child, you will receive an email early next week with further details on purchasing tickets.

World Book Day 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 World 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!

Bristol Parent Carers to attend our SEND parent/carers meeting Friday 27th March

I am delighted to announce that Bristol Parent Carers will be facilitating our SEND parent/carers coffee morning on Friday 27th March 9-10.00am. Bristol Parent Carers is a charity that provides information and support to families of children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities in Bristol. Children do not need to have a diagnosis for their families to receive support.

All St Bons parent/carers are invited to attend, you don't need to be there for the whole session, you can drop in anytime between 9-10am. Mrs Jones will be facilitating the session alongside Bristol Parent Carers.

Dates for the month ahead:

- 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.
- Friday 27th March 9-10am SEND parent carer meeting. Bristol Parent Carers to facilitate the session. All parents/carers are welcome to attend.
 - Drama production show dates:
 - Tuesday 24th March - Cast A matinee performance

- Wednesday 25th March -Cast B Matinee performance
- Wednesday 25th March - Cast A evening performance
- Thursday 26th March - Cast B evening performance
- Thursday 2nd April INSET day - School closed to parents
- Friday 3rd ~April- Easter Holidays

Best wishes
Stephanie Woolley
Deputy Principal

Catholic Life at St Bons this week

It has been a purposeful and reflective start to the new term as we enter the holy season of Lent. While the children enjoyed their half-term break, it was wonderful to see the photos of our EYFS pupils celebrating Shrove Tuesday with some very impressive pancake making! This week's Celebration of the Word focused on the Gospel for the First Sunday of Lent. We reflected on Jesus being led into the desert, where He faced temptation but ultimately triumphed through His faith. We discussed why Jesus sought that quiet, challenging space and how we can use these forty days to grow closer to God.

During Lent, our school focus remains rooted in the three pillars:

- Prayer: Taking time for quiet reflection.
- Fasting: Giving up small comforts to focus on what matters.
- Giving: Reaching out to those in need.

CAFOD: The Big Lent Walk

We are officially launching our Lenten fundraising in support of CAFOD's "Love Grows" campaign. This year, we are turning our attention to communities in Bangladesh who are facing the devastating effects of climate change and flooding. CAFOD is helping these communities build floating gardens so they can continue to grow food even when the land is underwater.

To support this, we have set a school-wide goal:

The Big Lent Walk

- Date: 27th March
- Target: 1,000km (Combined total)
- Mission: Raising funds to provide sustainable food sources for communities in Bangladesh

Please sponsor us and give what you can to this really worthwhile cause. Here is the link to our Just Giving page <https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-bonaventures-school-fundraising-page2026>

Faith in Action: Our School Community

Lent is also a time to think about those closer to home who may be lonely or in need of love. Our Year Group reflection areas have been updated to encourage children to consider how they can spread kindness within our school and beyond.

A Space for Peace: Our Year 6 Chaplains have shown incredible leadership this week by preparing the chapel in the St. Francis Garden. They have independently organised the resources and "golden rules" for the space, ensuring that children who need a calm, quiet sanctuary during lunchtimes have a beautiful place to go. Their "good hearts" are a credit to our school.

School of Sanctuary: Following a series of moving assemblies regarding the lived experience of refugees, the children expressed a strong desire to ensure every newcomer feels a "warm welcome." In response, we have officially begun our application to become a School of Sanctuary.

As Alfie in Year 2 so beautifully put it this week: *"If someone is new in this school, we need to share our love, faith, hope, and kindness with them to let them know what this school is like."*

**** Kidzone Contact Details ****

Please note, the Kidzone After School Club email address has recently changed to - kidzone@stbo.newmancatholictrust.com

They are also contactable via mobile - 07760181381, after 1:30pm.

If emailing about a same day booking you will not receive a response until after 1:30pm.

A team of girls from y5 attended the prep schools U10s netball tournament on Wednesday. The girls played some great netball against some tough teams, moving the ball up court well and defending with grit and determination. The girls were positive throughout and were really supportive of each other. Special congratulations to Cara Jones who was nominated player of the tournament. Well done to the whole squad!



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 - Quiz night - tickets on sale!



The battle of the St Bons brains is well and truly on with the date now secured for the PTFA's quiz night. Tickets go on sale today. Details below:

Date: 20th March, 7PM-10PM

Venue: St Bons School Hall

Cost: £5 per person

Max team size: 6

Bar and snacks available.

Buy your tickets at [St Bonaventure's School, Bristol | Parent Teacher Association | England](https://www.stbonsptfa.com)

PTFA management Meetings

The PTFA held a meeting on 10th February. Meeting minutes can be reviewed on the [PTFA website](https://www.stbonsptfa.com). Please do take the time to read and see what we get up to.

The next meeting takes place on March 11th. Any questions 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

- **Peter Pan themed non-school uniform day and activity challenge** - 20th March
- **Quiz** - 20th March
- **Disco** - 15th May
- **Summer fair** - June (TBC)
- **PTFA AGM** - 9th June

With many thanks,
Johanna Probert - Committee Member (Communications and Engagement)