



Friday 20th March 2026

Dear parents and carers,

*Dear God, take care of those who live in war zones,
Afraid of noise, afraid of silence,
Afraid for themselves, afraid for others,
Afraid to stay, afraid to go,
Afraid of living, afraid of dying.
Give them peace in their hearts,
In their homes and in their land.*

Thank you to everyone who supported our Peter Pan themed dress up day today. The children looked amazing and had a wonderful time taking part in the treasure hunt. Thank you so much to everyone in the PTFA for organising today.



With less than two weeks left of term please can I urge you to make a note of the events in the dates for the month ahead section below. Please remember to encourage your children to start work on their Easter Festival creative artwork to allow them plenty of time to compete in all categories, you will have received an email this week with a letter with all details. We have attached it again with this email.

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

As you are aware, 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:

- Drama production of Peter Pan:
 - Tuesday 24th March - Cast A matinee performance - 3:30
 - Wednesday 25th March - Cast B Matinee performance - 3:30
 - Wednesday 25th March - Cast A evening performance - 6:30
 - Thursday 26th March - Cast B evening performance - 6:30
- Thursday 26th and Friday 27th March: EYFS Height and weight checks
- Friday 27th March:
 - 9-10am SEND parent carer meeting. Bristol Parent Carers to facilitate the session. All parents/carers are welcome to attend.
 - Big Lent Walk
 - Cake sale after school- fundraiser for year 6 leavers celebrations.
- Tuesday 31st March:
 - End of term Mass 9.15am in St Bons church

- Parents evening
- Wednesday 1st April:
 - Easter Festival
 - Last day of term for pupils.
- Thursday 2nd April Inset day school closed for pupils.
- Monday 20th April- First day of term 5

Best wishes
Stephanie Woolley
Deputy Principal

Catholic Life at St Bons this week

Reflecting on Forgiveness

Our Lent reflection began on Monday with Year 3, who beautifully led the school in prayer and shared meaningful actions to help us focus our hearts. Following this, our Year 6 Chaplains led a moving reflection based on the story of Zacchaeus. They spoke with great honesty about their own experiences of turning away from God and reminded us of the powerful message that His forgiveness is always available to us.

Throughout the week, this theme has continued in our classrooms. Following on from child led class reflections children have been decorating Forgiveness Pebbles with symbols of God's grace. These will be displayed on class reflection tables as a lasting reminder of the right choices we strive to make.



A Celebration of St. Patrick

On Tuesday, the school was filled with energy as we celebrated the feast day of St. Patrick, one of our House Saints. Our Year 6 House Captains led a fantastic assembly, which featured a brilliant display of Irish dancing from some of our very talented pupils. Even Mr. Davis couldn't resist the music, joining the children on stage to show off a few steps of his own!



Strengthening Our Chaplaincy

We are delighted to welcome two new faces who will be supporting our spiritual life over the coming months:

Anne Marie (Newman Trust): An experienced chaplaincy lead who will visit weekly to mentor our small groups of chaplains in planning, delivering and monitoring our school prayer and liturgy.

Rita (Newman Trust Prayer and Liturgy Lead): Rita is already working with the whole chaplaincy team to plan an exciting Whole School Eastertide Pilgrimage for when we return from the holidays.

We are incredibly grateful for their expertise and the opportunities they are creating for our children.



Student-Led Kindness

We are immensely proud of our Year 6 pupils for their leadership in fostering an inclusive school community.

The Lunchtime Chapel Group: This quiet, reflective space for children who need a calmer environment has been a great success.

Active Friendships: Building on that success, another group of Year 6 leaders launched a new active lunchtime group this week. This initiative supports children in navigating playground relationships through play, and the first session received glowing feedback from everyone involved.

Thank you to all our families for your continued support as we walk this Lenten path together.

Our Big Lent Walk: Supporting CAFOD's "Love Grows" Campaign

Next Friday, March 27th, our school community will be taking part in the Big Lent Walk. As always, we are proud to support CAFOD, focusing on their incredible work helping communities in Bangladesh build floating gardens.

This is a cause close to our hearts at St B's; our Year 2 pupils study the impact of climate change and flooding in Bangladesh, so this is a fantastic opportunity for the children to put their learning into positive action.

The Goal:

We are aiming to collectively walk over 1,000 km! Every step taken by our pupils and staff will count toward this ambitious total.

The Routes:

- Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1: Pupils will be staying active on-site, completing a set number of laps around the school grounds.
- Key Stage 2: Our older students will be heading out for a longer walk to Horfield Common and back.

Join Us!

We would love for parents and carers to join the Key Stage 2 walk. We will be departing from the school gates at approximately 9:40 AM next Friday. It's a great way to show your support and enjoy some fresh air with the school community.

How to Donate

We appreciate any contribution you can make to help our global neighbours:

- Cash: Children can bring in donations on Friday morning.
- Online: Please visit our JustGiving page to donate digitally.

<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-bonaventures-school-fundraising-page>

THE BIG LENT WALK

Thank you for your continued generosity and for helping our students make a difference

Easter Playscheme

KidZone will be running playscheme through out the Easter holidays, From Tuesday 7th April until Friday 17th April.

Join us for fun packed days with activities including baking, arts & crafts, sports and lots more.

Sessions are now bookable on Arbor, short day 10:00-16:00 £26, long day 8:30-17:45 £35. If you would like to pay by childcare vouchers please make your payment and contact cevans@stbo.newmancatholictrust.com to add credit to the account.

Bookings will close on Sunday 29th March so please make sure you do not leave booking too late

**** Kidzone Contact Details ****

Please note, for any questions related to Playscheme or After School Club please contact Kidzone directly 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.



Well done to the Y3&4 and Y5&6 boys' football team that represented the school this week. Mr Morgan said it was a great pleasure watching you all play some fantastic football. Special congrats to the Y5&6 for coming 3rd in the St Bedes league and for picking up the bronze medals.

A group of year girls' were invited to a football festival at BGS Sports Ground, they had a great day and enjoyed learning skills ending the day with game to put their new skills to the test! Thank you to our parent helpers who came as well. The children represented St Bons brilliantly!



Hello everyone

Message of the Week - Summer fair - save the date

We finally have a date and time secured for our annual summer fair!

Following feedback that Sundays weren't the best day and that the timings often messed up mealtimes for our little ones, we now have **June 13th, 3:30-6:30pm** locked in.

To make the event the success it has always been, **we need are in need of a pool of volunteers** to help with the prep work behind the scenes. You don't have to be there on the day; you just need to be willing to roll your sleeves up and help with the organising. Don't worry, we will provide guidance - **we just need all the help we can get.**

If interested and willing, email us at contact@stbonsptfa.com or contact your class rep.



Dates for your diary

- **Disco** - 15th May
- **PTFA AGM** - 9th June
- **Summer fair** - 13th June, 3.30-6.30pm

PTFA activities

With the PTFA Quiz night and Peter Pan events organised and under way, we turn our attention to the upcoming **Disco on May 15th**. We will be releasing tickets after the Easter holidays so be sure to keep an eye out in this newsletter and your class WhatsApp chats for further details.

We are also busy finalising the schedule for Frozen Fridays, details of which we'll share in the coming weeks.

PTFA management Meetings

Our last meeting took place on March 11th. Once published, you can review the minutes on the [PTFA website](#). Please do take the time to read and see what we get up to.

The next meeting will take place April 21st. Details to follow.

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.

With Many Thanks

Johanna Probert - Committee Member (Communications and Engagement)

We are pleased to let you know that our kitchen once again received a 5-star hygiene rating today. Many thanks to our wonderful kitchen staff.



SEND COFFEE MORNING

WITH BRISTOL PARENT CARERS

Friday 27th March
@ 9-10.30am

Come along to chat with Bristol Parent Carers & school staff to find out about services available locally to support your family and children



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

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.

Community News

The School Immunisation team can offer the MMR vaccine to any school aged child who has not yet had 2 doses.

The MMR vaccine helps to protect your child against Measles, Mumps and Rubella and 2 doses are required for full protection [A guide to the MMR vaccination for all](#)

If you are unsure whether your child has had 2 doses please contact your GP or the School Immunisation team at sirona.mmr@nhs.net



Panel event



**In Conversation with
Kanishka Narayan**
UK Minister for AI and Online Safety

Ashton Gate Primary School
Tuesday 24th March, 2026 - 2:00pm to 3:00pm

Please join Smartphone Free Childhood, Papaya and the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology.



Join the discussion on Wednesday 25th
March 2026 at 7pm

Parenting in the digital age has never been more complex. Issues around screen time, social media use, and gaming are now a hot topic for many families, with growing concerns about their impact on children's mental and physical health.

Dr Susie Davies, the founder of PAPAAYA — Parents Against Phone Addiction in Young Adolescents — will explore the issues surrounding smartphone use among young people and offer practical insights to help families find approaches that work for them.

Matthew Havelock, an under-16 speaker, will share perspectives on social media from the viewpoint of his age group. The event will be suitable for under-16s, and parents are very welcome to bring their children along to listen.

With the widely publicised decision by Australia to ban under-16s from holding social media accounts — and similar proposals emerging in other countries — restrictions on children's social media use have become a global policy debate. The UK Government is now consulting on whether a similar ban should be introduced.

Dr Susie Davies of Papaya Talks will set out the case in favour of a ban, while Maya Thomas of Big Brother Watch will present the case against. Attendees will then have the opportunity to share their views with Kerry McCarthy MP and other politicians as part of this consultation.

Please register in advance to join the event. We look forward to seeing you online on Wednesday, 25th March 2026 at 7pm.



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