



Friday 13th March 2026

Dear parents and carers,

*Lord Jesus, as I walk through this Lenten season,
I open my heart to your cleansing love.
Forgive me for the times I have wandered from Your path.
Wash away my pride, and my selfishness.
Create in me a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within me.
Help me turn away from what separates me from You,
and draw me back into Your mercy.*

It's been yet another busy week in school, with lots going on. Appointments for our term 4/5 parents evening went live on Monday evening. If you haven't yet booked an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher(s) please do so by following this link: <https://stbons.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Tickets for our performance of Peter Pan went on sale via Arbor on Monday. Children and adults intending to watch the show will need tickets. This year have moved to a ticketless system which means we will be asking for surnames at the door. Please note tickets are nearly sold out.

Attendance and punctuality update

Further to the letter sent out to all parents and carers via email on Wednesday, please can I remind you all to look out for your child's individual attendance letter which has been sent home this week via named envelope. This provides you with a breakdown of their attendance for the academic year to date and provides you with their attendance percentage.

As stated in the letter, any unexplained attendance below 95% is a cause for concern. If you need support and advice regarding your child's attendance or punctuality, please speak to the class teacher in the first instance or for more significant concerns please see Mrs Ward in the office or myself on the gate.

Dates for the month ahead:

- Week beginning 16th March - Assessment week for pupils in Years 1-5.
- Tuesday 17th March- St Patricks Day- St Patricks house wear green.
- Friday 20th March - Peter Pan themed non-uniform day - £1 donation for PTFA
- 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 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 Our Lenten Outcomes:

On Monday, we gathered to share the outcomes of last week's child-led reflections. It was lovely to see the different ways our pupils connected with their faith:

- Early Years & Key Stage 1: Our younger children produced beautiful artwork, showing their understanding of God's love through vibrant colours and symbols.
- Key Stage 2: Our older pupils shared thoughtful poems and prayers, showing a heartfelt approach to their spiritual development.

The Parable of the Mustard Seed:

This week's Lent reflection was led by a group of our Year 6 Chaplains, who spoke to us about the Parable of the Mustard Seed. They reminded us that even the smallest act of faith or kindness can grow into something magnificent.

To bring this message to life, every class was given a hyacinth bulb. Each class has been challenged to reflect on how we can "grow our love" for one another within our school community.

In a wonderful display of discipleship, every class has now planned a "Secret Mission" to spread love and kindness throughout the school. We are looking forward to Monday's reflection, where classes will reveal the impact of these missions.

Laetare Sunday: Seeing with the Heart

In our Celebration of the Word this week, we focused on the Gospel story of Jesus healing the man born blind. This theme is particularly special as we approach Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Lent. "Laetare" means "Rejoice," marking the joyful midpoint of our Lenten journey.

The children explored a powerful contrast:

- The Pharisees: Though they had physical sight, they remained "spiritually blind," unable to recognize the divinity of Jesus.
- The Healed Man: He saw Jesus not just with his eyes, but with the eyes of faith.

We discussed the difference between seeing with our eyes and seeing with our hearts. It is a reminder to all of us to look for the good in others and to recognise God's presence in our daily lives.

We are now halfway through Lent, and we are really proud of the children. Through their thoughts, prayers, and secret missions, they are truly making a difference.





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.

A group of Y3 and Y4 girls went to Bristol Grammar School on Monday to play against their Y4 teams. The girls had a lovely time, played some fantastic netball and managed to secure some great wins. Well done to all those who took part.



A massive well done to the boys who represented the school at St Bedes on Monday. After playing 4 games, they picked up 9 points. Winning 3 and losing 1 of their games. It was a wonderful effort from the whole team.



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 – Cake sales – putting your funds to work



Your bake sale efforts raised a fantastic **£1373.79**. With a top-up from the PTFA, each class got **£100** to spend on enrichment activities.

Our aim was that each class was able to benefit from their money-raising endeavours this academic year and our classes have now received their enrichment items.

A huge **thank you** to all of the volunteers who helped make the bake sales happen, and to each and every one of you who purchased the bake goods.



Dates for your diary

- Peter Pan themed non-school uniform day and activity challenge – 20th March
- Quiz – 20th March
- Disco – 15th May
- PTFA AGM – 9th June
- Summer fair – 13th June

PTFA activities

Friday 20th - a big day for the PTFA

Quiz night

Don't forget to buy your tickets for our quiz night.



Date: 20th March, 7PM-10PM

Venue: St Bons School Hall

Cost: £5 per person

Max team size: 6

Bar and snacks available.

Tickets available at [Lets Get Quizzical | St Bons PTFA](#)

Peter Pan non-school uniform

We are running a **non-school uniform day on March 20th** with the theme being Peter Pan.



For a £1 donation, our children can get in the spirit of the school play by coming as any character from Peter Pan (think Peter, Wendy, the Lost Boys, Tinkerbell, Hook, a shadow...).

We will also be running an activity challenge on the day where our children can solve a Peter Pan themed puzzle.

PTFA management

Meetings

Our last meeting took place on March 11th. Once published, you can review the minutes on the [PFTA 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)

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.



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

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

On 16 March at We The Curious, Bristol City Council will be joining Bristol Parent Carers for the annual SEND event.

The Education Psychology Team will be running a session from 12:30-1:45pm focused specifically on building confidence with maths.

The event is free to attend.

Families can book a free ticket here:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/bristolparentcarers/2013650>