



Friday 27th March 2026

Dear parents and carers,

*O Father, we thank You for the gift of longer days,
a reminder of Your abundant grace
and the beauty of creation.*

*As the sun shines brighter and the days stretch longer,
fill our hearts with joy and gratitude.*

*May we embrace each moment, finding delight in Your presence
and sharing that joy with others.*

It's been an incredibly busy week in school with so much happening. We've had the performances of Peter Pan which have been incredible, well done to all the children who have taken part in this. My thanks go out to Ms Rigg, Mrs Ansell and the team of staff and parent/carer volunteers who have worked tirelessly over the past 6 months. The show was incredible and provided our children with an opportunity most primary school pupils do not experience.



This week, EYFS immersed themselves in Seasons Week. On Monday, they celebrated Spring by planting cress and giving the EYFS area a spring clean (including cleaning the windows and bikes). On Tuesday, they celebrated Summer by writing postcards and enjoying ice lollies. On Wednesday, they celebrated Autumn, making and flying kites as well as creating leaf people. On Thursday, they celebrated Winter by drawing snowflakes and choosing appropriate winter clothing. Finally, on Friday, they celebrated their favourite season.



Today we all took part in our Big Lent Walk. Reception and KS1 walked within the school grounds and did an amazing job, well done! Thank you to everyone who volunteered to accompany KS2 on their offsite Big Lent Walk today. It was a success. If you haven't already sent in sponsorship money it's not too late, you can do so by bring cash into school next week or heading to our Just Giving page: <https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-bonaventures-school-fundraising-page2026> at the time of writing we have raised just over £500, so we are well on our way to our target of £1000.



Summer uniform

With the summer terms ahead of us I would like to remind you of the summer uniform. In addition to the regular uniform children can wear grey or navy shorts or skirt, and blue checked summer dresses. PE kit can be navy shorts or skirt.

A reminder that there should be no brand logos.

When the weather is very warm children can wear sensible, plain colour sandals but socks must be worn with these.

With only three days left of term please note the key dates below, it's set to be a busy end to term 4!

Dates for the month ahead:

- Monday 30th - Unique voice parent session 2:15-3:00.
- Tuesday 31st March:
 - ★ End of term Mass 9.15am in St Bons church
 - ★ Parents evening.
- Wednesday 1st April:
 - ★ Easter Festival- see separate letter for further details.
 - ★ Last day of term for pupils.
- Thursday 2nd April Inset Day school closed for all pupils.
- Monday 20th April- First day of term 5. Pupils to wear summer uniform.
- Wednesday 22nd April Year 1 trip to Horfield Common.
- Thursday 23rd April Parents evening.
- Friday 24th April Start of term Mass 9.15am St Bons church.
- Monday 4th May Bank Holiday- school closed for all pupils.

Best wishes,
Stephanie Woolley
Deputy Principal

Catholic Life at St Bons this week

Leadership Through Reflection

The week began with a moving Lenten reflection led by our Year 6 Chaplains. They shared the story of Lazarus, offering their own insightful experiences on what it means to place one's trust in God, even during times of uncertainty.

Inspired by this, our mission for the week was clear: to do something that makes us nervous. The children were encouraged to remember that God is always with them as they step outside their comfort zones. It has been wonderful to hear classes sharing stories of how they have faced and conquered these small daily fears together.

The Way of the Cross

Today, our Year 5 Chaplaincy Team guided the whole school through the Stations of the Cross. The children prepared a beautiful visual service, using freeze frames for each station. Their reflections challenged us to think about how Jesus' journey to Calvary speaks to our own lives today. The atmosphere was incredibly prayerful, providing a poignant space for us all to pause and reflect as we approach Holy Week.

Walking for a Global Family

Following the Stations of the Cross, our pupils immediately put their faith into practice with the **Big Lent Walk**.

- **Key Stage 1** showed great stamina, completing laps of the school site to cover an average of 2km each.
- **Key Stage 2** took their mission further afield, walking to Horfield Common and back—a total journey of 3.5km.

We are walking in solidarity with those supported by CAFOD's "Love Grows" campaign, specifically raising funds for communities in Bangladesh who are facing the devastating impacts of flooding and climate change.

How You Can Help

We are aiming to reach a fundraising target of **£1,000**. If you are able to contribute, your donations will provide vital support to families striving to protect their homes and livelihoods. Thank you for your continued support and for being such a vital part of our school's mission. We wish all our families a peaceful and reflective conclusion to the Lenten season.



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.

On Monday the Y5/6 netball girls played in the North Bristol qualifying round of the County Netball Cup. The team played some fantastic netball, beating all the other teams and winning the tournament. This allows the squad to qualify for the county finals later in the year, and we wish the girls luck for this. Well done to the whole squad.



Well done to the Y3 and 4 for a great performance in the final round of the St Bedes tournament. Playing 4 games- winning 2, draw 1 and lost 1. Just missing out on the medals.

Well done to a group of year 4's who took part in a Chess League event on Sunday. They all competed as the team Cheeky Checkers and each took home a medal.

Also if anyone would like to find out more about chess events and the league please contact Carly Mezeli on 07540573946.



On Monday at 2:15-3:00 unique voice and the Asylum and Refugee clinic invite you to a parent /carer session. They will be giving a talk about how to help your child with emotional regulation, their sense of belonging and building resilience. Please come along to the hall at 2:15, everyone welcome.

Hello everyone

Message of the Week – Fundraising update

Last Friday was a busy one for the PTFA with both the Peter Pan fancy dress day and scavenger hunt during the day alongside the quiz in the evening.

Peter Pan

Our children had lots of fun dressing up as all things Peter Pan-related, and the event helped to excite the school community about the upcoming school play. Thanks to your donations on the gate, we managed to raise **£246.59**.

Let's get quizzical

Thank you to everyone who came out to the battle of the St Bonaventure's brains last week. After some tough competition, Quizee Rascals were crowned the winners and the event raised a fantastic **£643.84**. Thank you to all of those who attended, and our wonderful quiz master.



Dates for your diary

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

PTFA activities

Spring Disco

The spring disco will take place 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.

Summer Fair

We are still looking for volunteers to help with organising the Summer Fair, which takes place on **June 13th, 3.30-6pm**. We really appreciate any help, no matter how big or small. If interested, email us at contact@stbonsptfa.com or contact your class rep.

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)

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

