



Friday 1st May 2026

Dear parents and carers,

*Loving Mother Mary,
Today we crown you with flowers,
a sign of our love and joy.
You said "yes" to God with all your heart,
and you showed us how to follow Jesus.
Bless our school, our families, and our friends.
Help us to be kind, gentle, and full of faith,
just as you were.
Mary, our Queen and Mother,
pray for us today and always.*



Today we celebrated the Crowning of Mary. Thank you to everyone who brought in flowers to crown the statue of our lady, Mary. Our youngest and oldest pupils, Rory and Tiernan, and Ralph, had the honour of crowning Mary.



Attendance Matters: Every Day Counts

We would like to share an important update regarding school attendance and its impact on our pupils' success. Recently, we have received a number of requests from families asking the school to approve holidays during term time.

While we understand the desire for family travel, we must clarify that **the school is unable to authorise term time holidays.**

Why Attendance is Crucial

Consistency is the foundation of a child's education. Research consistently demonstrates a direct link between high attendance and strong academic progress. When children are in school every day:

- **Learning is Seamless:** They don't miss the essential building blocks of new concepts.
- **Confidence Grows:** Pupils feel more settled and secure in their daily routines and social groups.
- **Outcomes Improve:** Higher attendance levels are statistically tied to better long-term outcomes and achievements.

The Impact of Missed Days

Even a few days missed can create significant gaps in a child's learning journey. Catching up on missed lessons can be challenging for pupils and can lead to unnecessary stress or a loss of momentum in their learning.

We want to give every child the best possible start in life, and that begins with being present in the classroom. We thank you for your continued support in ensuring your children are in school every day, helping them to reach their full potential.

Dates for the month ahead:

- Monday 4th May Bank Holiday- school closed for all pupils.
- Friday 8th May SEND parent/carer support meeting 9-10am.
- WB: Monday 11th May KS2 SATS week.

- Thursday 14th May Ascension Day Mass in church 9.15am
- Friday 15th May:
 - School Improvement session for all parents/carers 9-10am.
 - School Discos
- Friday 22nd May end of term 5.
- Monday 1st June first day of term 6.
- Monday 1st-Friday 5th June year 6 residential.
- Wednesday 10th June- SEND parent/carers coffee morning 9am

Please remember school is closed on Monday due to the bank holiday. We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 5th May.

Thank you, as always, for your support

Best wishes,
Stephanie Woolley
Deputy Principal

Catholic Life at St Bon's Update

It has been a busy two weeks in the Catholic life of the school since returning from the Easter break, filled with thoughtful reflections and pupil leadership.

Care for our Common Home

Our whole school Gospel theme for Terms 5 and 6 is Care for our Common Home. Through their learning and Power of Reading books, the children will be exploring the environment, sustainability, and practical ways we can all care for our planet. Our Stewardship Team is already meeting to discuss how we can be more sustainable as a school community and better care for our school environment. To introduce this important theme, Mrs Harvey and Mrs McAllister have both led inspiring assemblies to help the children understand the true meaning of stewardship.

Pupil-Led Prayer and Liturgy

We are incredibly proud of our older pupils, who have been busy leading assemblies and reflections over the past fortnight:

- St George's Day: The Year 6 House Captains led the assembly telling the children about St George's life and legends, and reflecting on how his courage inspires us today.
- The Good Shepherd: Earlier this week, a group of our Year 5 Chaplains led a whole school liturgy based on the Gospel words of Jesus in John, Chapter 10. They shared the parable of the Good Shepherd, reminding us that Jesus is our shepherd and we are His sheep. It was a thoughtful reflection on opening our hearts to the voice of Jesus and allowing Him to lead and guide us.

Crowning of Mary Today,

A group of Year 5 Chaplains led our moving Crowning of Mary service, featuring Gospel readings and thoughtful prayers dedicated to Our Lady. The choir accompanied the crowning beautifully by singing 'Bring Flowers of the Rarest', while our youngest and oldest pupils had the special honour of crowning Mary together.

We are really grateful to Mgr. Bernard for his generous donation of our beautiful new Mary statue, and a heartfelt thank you to all of our families for the wonderful donations of flowers today. Throughout the month of May, the statue of Mary will be placed in the reception area to greet visitors as they enter the school.



Road Safety

Please can we ask that when entering and leaving the school that all children and adults walk on the pavement. For everyone's safety please do not walk through the car park as this is in constant use. Please also keep children to the pavement when on bikes and scooters.

Head lice

We are aware of a number of cases of head lice throughout different year groups, we have had a significantly high number of cases this year and we rely on parents/carers regularly checking their child/ren's head and to promptly treat when found, and informing the school. We recommend that long hair is kept tied up.

Playscheme

We would like to inform you that we have made the decision to not run playscheme this May half term.

Netball County Champions!

Our year 5 and 6 netball squad attended the West of England School Games Primary County Netball Finals on Tuesday, having qualified earlier in the year. Despite the very chilly conditions the girls played some fantastic netball, worked beautifully as a team and showed what a strong squad they are. The 14 teams were put into two pools of seven and the results for St Bons were as follows:

St Bons beat all the teams in their pool: Air Balloon Hill 10-0, Combe Down 5-1, Beacon Rise 3-0, Mary Elton 5-0, Birdwell 4-2, St Mary's 9-0

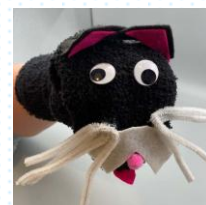
These wonderful results meant that they won their pool and qualified for the final against Headley Park. The final was a tight and exciting game, with both teams playing well. St Bons battled hard throughout and managed to narrowly win the match 5-4. Huge congratulations to the whole squad we are incredibly proud!



At St Bonaventure's we will be launching a new SEMH programme called Hamish and Milo. As part of this we need the following resources: socks (to make sock puppets), recycled plastic e.g. yogurt pots, old CDs, magazines, glass jars, shells and pebbles, newspapers, chopsticks, kitchen roll tubes.



If you have any of these we would be very grateful if you could give them to the school, please could you hand them into the office.



Our kitchen are currently looking for a kitchen assistant to join their team for 17.5 hours a week. If you would like to apply or any more information please contact Aspens directly info@aspens-services.com

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 - Get your disco tickets



Glow sticks at the ready... tickets are now available to purchase via the [PTFA website](http://www.stbonsptfa.com).

Date: Friday 15th May
Reception: 3:45-4:30
KS1: 5:00-6:00
KS2: 6:30-7.45
Price: £3/child, £1/adult

Please note that:

- All children *must* have a responsible adult with them at the disco, but this doesn't have to be their parent/guardian. Each adult can supervise up to 4 children.

- Each adult needs a ticket, *even if doing a shift on one of the rotas*.
- If you have more than one child in the same session, only one adult needs to attend.
- Accompanying adults are expected to supervise children in the hall **for the duration** of the disco (unless on toilet supervision or main door duty, of course!)

PTFA activities

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.

AGM

Our AGM will be held on June 9th, where we will be voting in roles for next school year:

- PTFA chair/Co-Chair
- Committee role
- Sub-groups such as summer/winter fair, disco, quiz, gardening
- Class rep

These events don't happen without your support and time donated by individuals - why not do something amazing for our school and volunteer for one of the positions.

Dates for your diary

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

PTFA management

Meetings

Our last meeting took place on April 21st. You can view minutes etc. on the [PTFA website](http://www.stbonsptfa.com).

Get in touch

If you have any feedback or wish to join the PTFA, 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)