



Friday 8th May 2026

Dear parents and carers,

*As we journey through this May term,
We thank You for the learning we have already shared
And the friendships that have grown stronger.
Give us energy when we feel tired,
Patience when work feels challenging,
And kindness in all our words and actions.
Help us to notice the blessings in each day –
The sunshine after rain,
The encouragement of a friend,
And the joy of understanding something new.
Guide us to finish this term with courage,
Working together to make our school a place of respect, care, and hope.*

We hope you all enjoyed the Bank Holiday weekend; despite the shorter week it has been a busy one in school. As we approach our final term of the school year, we have some key dates to share with you:

Health and Fitness week

Our annual health and fitness week will take place in the week beginning 6th July. Children in all year groups spend the week engaging in a wide range of sporting and physical activities.

Dates to note:

- Reception and KS1 sports morning Tuesday 7th July
- KS2 sports morning Wednesday 8th July.

Parents/carers with children in these key stages are welcome to attend.

We are looking for parents/carers to help run activities during the week, if you can offer help please email the office with what you would like to do and what day you are available: gbeattie@stbo.newmancathlictrust.com

Inset dates 2026-27

Further to the letter shared at the start of the week please see term dates including inset days for 2026-27. This has been shared to support you to plan your holidays outside of term time.

- Term 1: Thursday 3rd September 2026 to Friday 23rd October 2026
Inset Thursday 3rd September, Friday 4th September, Friday 23rd October.
- Term 2: Monday 2nd November 2026 to Friday 18th December 2026
Inset: Monday 2nd November
- Term 3: Monday 4th January 2027 to Friday 12th February 2027
Inset: Monday 4th January
- Term 4: Monday 22nd February 2027 to Thursday 25th March 2027
- Term 5: Monday 12th April 2027 to Friday 28th May 2027
Inset: Monday 12th April
- Term 6: Monday 7th June 2027 to Friday 23rd July 2027
Inset: Friday 23rd July

Dates for the month ahead:

- WB: Monday 11th May KS2 SATS week.
- Thursday 14th May Ascension Day Mass in church 9.15am for years 3, 4 & 5.
- Friday 15th May School Improvement session for all parents/carers 9-10am.
- Friday 22nd May:
 - Dress as your feelings day, donate on Arbor suggested £1 for Chapel fundraiser.
 - End of term 5
- Monday 1st June first day of term 6.

- Monday 1st-Friday 5th June year 6 residential.
- Wednesday 10th June Year 5 pupils visit St Bede's in the morning.
- Friday 12th June 10am 2TP class assembly.
- Saturday 13th June 3.30-5.30 St Bons Summer Fair.

Best wishes,
Stephanie Woolley
Deputy Principal

Catholic Life at St Bon's Update

A Promise of Peace: Celebration of the Word

Our Celebration of the Word assembly this week centred around John's Gospel, 14:15-21. As we met Jesus in the Gospel, we joined his friends on the night before he died. While his disciples were feeling confused and sad, Jesus offered a promise: "I will not leave you as orphans." Jesus assures us that we will never be left on our own, asking the Father to send the Holy Spirit to be our helper and our guide. With this profound truth in our hearts, we invited the presence of the Holy Spirit into our prayer time.

Each week, we have been building a "sacred silence" into our assemblies to give the children their own personal time with God. While sitting in stillness and quiet was something the children initially found quite challenging, it is wonderful to see how they have embraced it. Children now describe this time as "peaceful and calm to all sit together in silence in God's presence." This sacred silence is gradually making its way into our child-led reflections, as the children gain the confidence to introduce and model this stillness for one another.

Faith in Action: Year 5 Chaplains

We are really proud of a group of our Year 5 chaplains, Florence, Ava, Serena and Anna, who, last Friday, organised their own charity sale. Through their hard work selling home-made cakes, mosaics, bracelets, bookmarks, and keychains, they raised a fantastic £232 for their chosen charity, The African Child Trust (ACT). This week, we received an email from the charity acknowledging the children's hard work. It perfectly mirrors the Gospel message of caring for the most vulnerable among us:

"We cannot thank your students enough for their generosity in thinking of ACT. The donations raised at the bake sale will fund our vital work of providing education for disadvantaged children and orphans in Africa, and empowering poor widows through training and income-generating activities to sustain and care for their families. These donations are not just gifts; but are investments in the future of the vulnerable children and women we work with in Africa."

We are currently hoping to arrange for representatives from the charity to visit the school and talk to the children first-hand about the impact of their work.



Supporting One Another: Year 6 Chapel Club

The theme of being a "helper and guide" has also been taken up by some of our Year 6 chaplains: Scarlett, Fern, Izzie, and Max. Earlier this year, they noticed that some children were feeling sad or lonely at lunchtimes. In response, they took the initiative to set up a lunchtime club in the chapel, providing a safe, quiet, and supportive space for anyone who needs a friend.

To support this wonderful initiative, the Year 6 chaplains spoke to the whole school in assembly today about raising funds to buy some new resources for the chapel club.

- Dress as Your Feelings Day: Children are invited to bring in a £1 donation and come to school dressed in colours and clothes that express how they are feeling.
- PTFA Match Funding: We are happy to announce that the PTFA has generously agreed to match fund the money raised by the children!

Thank you, as always, to all our parents and carers for your continued support in helping our children live out their faith so vibrantly.



Feelings Day

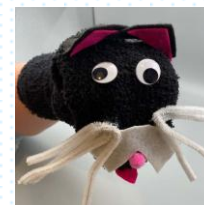
- On Friday the you get to wear whatever your feeling on the day or what you have felt before.
- There is 1 catch to wear your own cloths you have to bring £1 bringing £1 is going to help you and your class mates feel more happy.

The children you might know could go to the chapel with this help

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



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.

Playscheme

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

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 - Make a difference to the school, join the PTFA



As our AGM approaches (9th June), we are looking for **new PTFA members** to help enhance school life and raise valuable funds which truly make a difference to our children's school experience.

If you have any spare time and enthusiasm to give, we'd love to harness that in our projects and running the committee.

WE ARE BUILDING A TEAM, AND WE NEED YOU!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

A CHAIR OR CO-CHAIR
VOLUNTEERS TO LEAD OR SUPPORT ONE-OFF AND ONGOING EVENTS

DO YOU HAVE PASSION AND TIME TO GIVE? GET IN TOUCH
CONTACT@STBONSPTFA.COM



Our events include

- Summer Fair Team 🌞
- Christmas Fair Team 🎄
- School Discos 🎵
- Quiz Night 🧠
- Gardening / Outdoor Projects 🌱
- Plus many more...

OUR VISION

We aim to create a welcoming environment where small contributions from people create meaningful experiences for every child.

There's no need for lots of time or special skills whatever you can offer.

Together, we can make a real difference.

Get in touch via contact@stbonsptfa.com

Do something amazing and join the PTFA. Register your interest by emailing contact@stbonsptfa.com or speaking to a [PTFA member](#).

PTFA activities

Spring disco

Have you got your tickets for the disco yet? You can still buy tickets via

the [PTFA website](#).

Date: Friday 15th May

Reception: 3:45-4:30

KS1: 5:00-6:00

KS2: 6:30-7.45

Price: £3/child, £1/adult



Summer Fair

Preparations are in full swing for this year's Summer Fair, which takes place on **June 13th, 3.30-6pm**. We are still looking for volunteers to help with organising the Summer Fair.

Any help, no matter how big or small is appreciated. 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

You can [view the minutes](#) from the last PTFA meeting.

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)

Community news

Redland Green School is holding a number of Open Morning Tours from May to July for the parents of current Year 5 students. Each event will start promptly at 9.00am and will be finished at around 10.30am.

There will be a welcome talk followed by a tour of the school escorted by students. These tours are by appointment only. If you would like to find out about dates and book places on a tour, please visit our booking site [HERE](#) .

Attached to this newsletter is a registration form for a CSC chess competition. The details are on the form and is not linked to the school. Please return the form to them directly if you want to sign up, you will need to get a team together and pay the entry fee.