



Friday 22nd May 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Thank You for the joy and learning we've shared this term.

For friends who make us smile,

teachers who guide us,

and families who care for us.

Bless our rest and play in the days ahead.

Keep us safe, happy, and ready for new adventures.

May kindness grow in our hearts,

just as flowers bloom in the sunshine.

Amen.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our 'Dress as your feelings day' today. As you're aware, a group of year 6 pupils have organised the day to raise funds for their lunchtime Chapel club. They raised a massive £323.32, we will let you know in due course how they plan to spend the funds. Thank you to our PTFA who are match funding this.



Requests for holidays in term time

The number of requests for family holidays taken in term time has increased this academic year. In line with national statutory guidance, *Working together to improve school attendance*, schools are not able to authorise family holidays taken in term time. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that unauthorised absences such as family holidays may result in legal sanctions which include Penalty Notices and/or prosecutions. With this in mind, please do not book holidays that result in your child missing the start/end of a term. Your children are always very honest and will tell us when they've been on holiday even when you tell them that they should say they have been unwell.

Moving forward, we will be contacting all parents/carers who report an absence due to illness at the end of and/or start of a term to ensure that this is factually correct and not used as an excuse to avoid an unauthorised absence.

Dates for the month ahead:

- **Monday 1st June first day of term 6.**
- **Monday 1st - Friday 5th June year 6 residential.**
- **Wednesday 10th June - Year 5 pupils visit St Bedes in the morning.**
- **Friday 12th June -**
 - ❖ **10am 2TP class assembly.**
 - ❖ **Day of Welcome - wear clothes from your culture - bring a bottle for PTFA school fair.**
- **Saturday 13th June 3:30-6:30 St Bons summer fair.**
- **WB: 15th June Refugee week- please see below for more information.**
- **Wednesday 17th June - 6pm New Reception parents' information evening.**
- **Thursday 18th June Run for H2O fundraiser.**
- **Friday 19th June:**
 - ❖ **Year 6 Leavers Mass Clifton Cathedral.**
 - ❖ **10am 2G class assembly.**

Best wishes,
Stephanie Woolley
Deputy Principal

Supporting Refugee Week: Embracing Courage and Welcoming the Stranger

As we approach Refugee Week, we are looking forward to a week of learning, reflection, and celebration across the school. Rooted in our shared values of compassion, dignity, and welcoming the stranger, we have planned a series of events and projects. These activities will help our children understand the lived experiences of those who have had to flee their homes, whilst celebrating the diversity within our own school family.

Here is how we will be observing Refugee Week this year and how you can get involved:

A Day of Welcome & Cultural Fair – Friday 12th June We will kick off our celebrations with a dedicated "Day of Welcome." We are inviting all pupils to come to school wearing clothing that represents their heritage, their culture, or simply something that expresses who they are or where they feel they belong.

At the end of the school day, the celebrations will move into the playground for a Cultural Fair. We would love our families to run stalls showcasing the food, culture, and traditions of their respective countries. It will be a lovely opportunity for us to share our heritage and taste some wonderful dishes from around the world!

If you would you like to run a stall at the cultural fair please contact the school office or Mrs Cela to let us know what you would like to bring or set up.

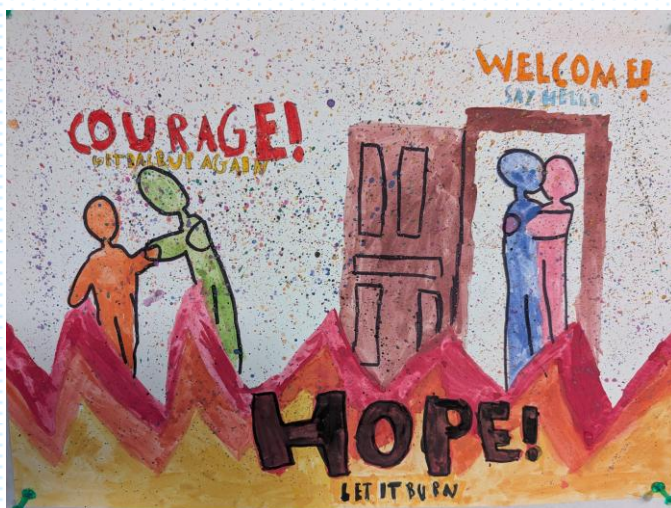
Learning and Listening In the week following our Day of Welcome, children across all year groups will be spending time in class learning about forced migration. They will be exploring the realities and lived experiences of refugees and asylum seekers through age-appropriate stories and short films

We need your voices: We are hoping that some of our parents might be willing to share their own experiences or stories with the children. If you would be comfortable coming into school to speak to a class or share a story about your family's journey, please do get in touch. Your first hand experiences are incredibly powerful and deeply valued.

Art, Design, and Leadership Over the next few weeks, the children will also be taking part in several creative projects:

- **Art of Courage:** All children will have the opportunity to produce artwork centred around the theme of "Courage," reflecting on the bravery it takes to start a new life in a new place.
- **Whole-School DT Project:** Classes will collaborate on a large-scale Design and Technology project to create a beautiful, permanent display designed to welcome everyone who walks through our school doors.
- **Year 6 Welcome Packs:** As part of their legacy to the school, our Year 6 leavers are busy planning and producing special "Welcome Packs" for new arrivals to our school. To ensure every new family feels at home, they will be working to get these packs translated into several different languages.

We are so proud of the empathy and kindness our children consistently show, and we cannot wait to share this special week with all of you. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and generosity.



Catholic Life at St Bon's

Catholic Life at St Bona: A Week of Celebration, Stewardship, and Spirit

It has been a wonderfully busy and spiritually enriching week in the Catholic life of our school. From beautiful sacramental celebrations to putting our faith into action through environmental stewardship, the children have truly shone.

A Weekend of Joy for Year 3 Last weekend, many of our Year 3 children celebrated their First Holy Communion at St Bonaventure's Church. It was a lovely Mass led by Canon Tom, followed by family celebrations. We are incredibly proud of these children and the commitment they have shown throughout the year to learn and understand more about this sacrament.

Worship and Liturgy In this week's Celebration of the Word, we reflected on the events of Pentecost through the Book of Acts. Together, we thought about how we, too, can be filled with the power and joy of the Holy Spirit, ending with a shared prayer to welcome the Holy Spirit into our hearts and daily lives. We were also delighted to welcome Canon Tom and several of our parishioners to school for 5SK's class Mass. The class sang beautifully and took tremendous care in leading the liturgy, from the organisation and readings to the prayers and offertory.

Care for Our Common Home Earlier in the week, Mrs Jones led a Gospel-themed assembly supporting the children in understanding more about Stewardship and our shared responsibility to care for our Common Home.

This important message was echoed in today's 'Walk the Walk' assembly, where we celebrated children who consistently model care for our environment. We were particularly proud of Zachy in Year 5, who took the initiative to write to his local MP expressing his concerns about climate change and its impact on the natural world. He shared his email with the school today, along with the reply he received inviting him to visit the Houses of Parliament. We hope Zachy's proactivity inspires more of our children to share their voices and write to those in positions of power.

Fundraising and Community Faith in action has also been highly visible in our charity work this week:

- H2O Appeal: Mr Davis officially launched this year's H2O fundraising appeal, with the eagerly anticipated run scheduled for Thursday, 18th June.
- Dress As Your Feelings: Our Chapel Group held a fantastic fundraising day today, asking children to 'dress as their feelings.' It was wonderful to see such a vibrant array of colours arriving through the school gates. The children raised a fantastic £323.32, which will be generously match-funded by the PTFA and the Amber Townson Foundation. These funds will go directly towards purchasing resources to support any children in school who might feel lonely or sad at lunchtimes.

Thank you to all our families for your continued support in making the Catholic life of St Bona so vibrant and meaningful. Have a peaceful weekend.



👤🏠🏠 *Uniform* 👤🏠🏠

If you have any uniform with the St Bons logo on (jumpers/t-shirts) for reception age children that you are looking to pass on please donate it to the PTFA by Friday 12th June in time for the new reception parents information evening.

Please give to the office labelled 'reception uniform'.

👤🏠🏠 *Thank you* 👤🏠🏠

Musical Mondays

From term 6 we will be hosting 'Musical Mondays' where pupils will have the chance to show case their music talents. We have 6 slots for any child who would like to take part on a Monday morning from 8.30am in the playground. If your child would the chance to take part please email school@stbo.newmancatholictrust.com and tell us your child's name, the instrument they play and to what standard, and the name of the parent who will stay to support them.

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 bring them to the school, please could you hand them into the office.



EAL (English as an additional language) Coffee mornings **Every Tuesday 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



We are an Allergy Aware School.



Do you have any of the following craft supplies? If so we would love them for our whole school art project for refugee week. If you could bring to the office it would be much appreciated!

- ✚ Ribbons
- ✚ Colourful wool
- ✚ Pipe cleaners
- ✚ Green card - different tones
- ✚ Embroidery threads



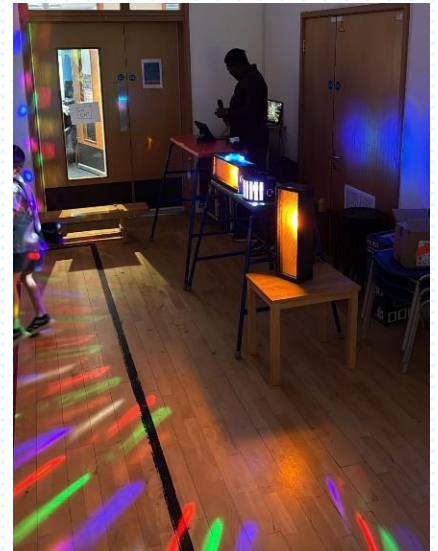
Hello everyone

Message of the Week - A profit worth dancing for

A **huge thank you** to all of you who attended this year's Spring Disco. Whether you bought tickets or helped to chaperone the mayhem, your participation helped raise a grand total of **£1886.81**. These funds will be put to good use in school enrichment activities.

A special shout out to the amazing DJ Morgan for spinning the tunes that kept us entertained all evening!

We look forward to seeing you all and more at the Autumn Disco in the new school year.



PTFA activities

Summer Fair

This year's Summer Fair takes place on June 13th, 3.30-6pm.

Class reps have circulated the guides for hampers and the stall rotas - if you can spare the time, please support the PTFA and school by volunteering for one of the roles.

We are also searching for a compere and a volunteer to run the beat the goalie stand. Reach out to your class rep if you're able to help.

Summer activities

We have a range of initiatives planned for the summer term, including Grow Your Own Sunflower to Frozen Fridays. Details to follow after half term.

AGM - new date

With the Summer Fair tasks mounting, we have decided to postpone our AGM until **July 1st**. At the AGM 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

- **Summer fair** – 13th June, 3.30-6.30pm
- **PTFA AGM** – 1st July

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)



JOIN ST BON'S PTFA

DO SOMETHING AMAZING FOR OUR SCHOOL

BE A PART OF OUR PTFA TEAM

We're looking for a new Chair or Co-Chairs for our PTFA but more importantly, we're building a team.

Whether you can lead or support an event one off or ongoing there's a place for you.



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.

WWW.STBONSPTFA.COM

Community news

Become a Foundation Governor at St Bonaventure's

We're looking for Foundation Governors to join our school governing body—could that be you?

What is a Foundation Governor?

Foundation Governors are appointed by the Bishop to ensure the school stays true to its Catholic character and ethos. They work alongside other governors to support and challenge school leaders, helping to shape the strategic direction of the school while safeguarding its mission as part of the Catholic community.

What does the role involve?

- Attending around six governing body meetings per year, plus committee meetings
- Visiting the school a few times a year to see learning in action
- Taking on a link governor role in an area that matches your skills or interests
- Completing induction and some ongoing training

Who can apply?

To be a Foundation Governor, you must be Catholic but you don't need experience in education—we welcome people with varied skills and perspectives.

We're particularly keen to hear from anyone with experience in:

- Estates and facilities management
- Procurement
- Risk assessment
- HR or employment matters
- Fundraising

Interested?

We'd welcome an informal conversation to tell you more. Please contact our Clerk at Clerk@stbo.newmancatholictrust.com to find out more or express your interest.

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](#) .

National Bike Week 8th - 13th June

Next week is National Bike Week! There are many benefits to travelling actively including exercise, mental health, saving money and helping the environment!

If your child owns a bike, why not try cycling to school one day? If you live too close to or too far from school to cycle, why not try swapping one of your other local journeys for cycling?

Here are some helpful videos to help build confidence when cycling with children:

- If you're thinking about getting out on your bike but aren't confident about cycling on the road, see [How to cycle on the road with children | Cycling UK](#).
- Not sure where to start? For tips on how to start cycling see [Video: How to teach an adult to ride a bike | Cycling UK](#) and [Video: How to teach your child to ride a bike | Cycling UK](#)
- You could consider taking your children to the Bristol Cycling Centre, a great place for children to start learning [Bristol Cycling Centre - Better By Bike](#)

- For inspiration to start making a change, see [How to swap short car journeys for cycling | Cycling UK](#)

If your bike is in need of a check over, why not visit a free Dr Bike at SPARKS in Broadmead between 12-4pm on Saturday 6th June or Saturday 20st June? [Dr Bike - Free bike checks - Better By Bike](#)
Schools Active Travel, Bristol City Council

