



Friday 19th June 2026

Dear parents and carers,

*Jesus, friend and brother,
You know how it feels to leave your home and family,
To carry nothing with you, to travel as a stranger.
Help all refugees far from home, driven out by war and hunger.
Lead them safely on.
They are our sisters and brothers.
Inspire us to show our love and a true welcome.*

It's been yet another incredibly busy and enjoyable week in school.

Both year 5 and year 4 had successful school trips this week. On Tuesday, Year 5 all had a fantastic day on their trip to Westonbirt Arboretum. They took part in workshops learning about identifying and classifying trees and plants. They enjoyed looking at all the wonderful species of trees and plants and carrying out some field study activities to support our Geography topic on Biomes.



On Thursday Year 4 visited Brean Down to complete fieldwork on their topic of Coastal Erosion. They explored sea defences such as rock armour and sea walls, used clinometers to measure the angle of the beach and measured sediment shape and size using Powers' Index of Roundness. They will be keeping this data to observe changes in the beach over a year for next year's year 4's to compare.



A very big thank you to the parents who accompanied us and helped on these trips.

Our year 6 pupils enjoyed attending the Diocese Leaver's Mass at SS Peter & Paul Cathedral this morning. They were attending alongside other year 6 cohorts from Catholic schools in our Diocese.



Dates for the month ahead:

- Monday 22nd June - Class photographs. Please wear summer uniform.
- Thursday 25th June:
 - ❖ Whole school non uniform day for Dr Doyle's Cancer Research run.
 - ❖ Year 6 Fiver challenge stalls after school.
- Friday 26th June - RH class assembly 10:20am.
- Wednesday 1st July - changeover morning for pupils in Reception to Year 5. Secondary school transition day for pupils in Year 6.
- Friday 3rd July - RJM class assembly 10am.
- WB: 6th July - Health and Fitness week. All pupils to come to school wearing PE kit all week.
- Tuesday 7th July - EYFS and KS1 sports morning 9am. Parents/carers welcome to attend.
- Wednesday 8th July:
 - ❖ KS2 sports morning 9am. Parents/carers welcome to attend.
 - ❖ Year 6 Leaver's Disco 7 - 8.15pm school hall.
- Monday 13th July Inset day - staff phonics training, school closed to pupils. KidZone are offering playscheme for this day, booking is open and spaces are limited.
- Wednesday 15th July - St Bonaventure's Feast Day- more information to follow.
- Friday 17th July - Pupil's end of year reports go out to parents/carers.
- Monday 20th July - Parent/carer report drop in 3.30-4.30.
- Tuesday 21st July:
 - ❖ Leavers Mass in Church 9:15
 - ❖ Last day of the school year for pupils

Best wishes,
Stephanie Woolley
Deputy Principal

Catholic Life at St Bons: A Week of Compassion, Courage, and Community

It has been a profound and action-packed week for the Catholic life of our school. From reflecting on global challenges to celebrating the next steps of our oldest pupils, the children at St Bons have demonstrated our gospel values in action.

Here is a look back at the special events that have taken place across the school this week.

Refugee Week: Growing Our Tree of Welcome

We began the week with the official launch of Refugee Week, led thoughtfully by our School Council. They delivered a moving assembly, speaking to the children about the realities of forced migration. The School Council members asked everyone to reflect on what it must feel like to leave behind homes, families, and friends to arrive in an unfamiliar place.

Throughout the week, we have focused on the importance of creating an environment where everyone feels truly welcome:

- Shared Experiences: We were privileged to welcome several of our families into school to share their personal stories and experiences of migration with the children.
- The Tree of Welcome: Every child in the school has crafted and decorated a leaf this week. These leaves are being added to our 'Tree of Welcome' in the entrance hall over the next few weeks
- Art of Courage: Across the school, classes have also been producing inspiring artwork exploring the theme of courage.

Global Fundraising: Superheroes for H2O

On Thursday, our faith was put into action as the whole school took part in our global fundraising project. We are raising money for H2O to help build vital water pipelines for communities in Ethiopia that currently do not have access to clean water.

- Caped Crusaders: Our youngest children truly embraced the spirit of the day, running dressed as H2O superheroes in matching capes!
- Entrepreneurial Spirit: Alongside the sponsored run, many children have taken the initiative to raise extra funds through cake and craft sales. A special mention goes to a group of Year 5 girls who set up and ran their own stall on Thursday afternoon.

Care for Our Common Home: 2G's Assembly

Today, we were treated to a wonderful class assembly by 2G, focused on Madagascar. The assembly intertwined their current class learning with our guiding Gospel theme of Care for our Common Home. The children spoke about the importance of protecting our planet and all of God's creation.

Year 6 Leavers' Mass at Clifton Cathedral

Finally, our Year 6 pupils attended the Leavers' Mass at Clifton Cathedral which is always a lovely occasion. It was wonderful to see our eldest children come together with Year 6 pupils from across the diocese.

Bishop Bosco spoke directly to the children with a powerful and encouraging message: that God knows His plan for them. He urged them to take their unique gifts and talents forward in a positive way as they move on to the next phase of their education and beyond. To end a beautiful service, the children were thrilled to have a group photograph taken with Bishop Bosco.

Thank you to all our families for your continued support in helping us nurture the Catholic life of St Bons.



Well done to everyone who ran for H2O on Thursday and thank you to everyone who has already donated. There is still time to pay in any sponsorship money online:

<https://www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/RunforH2O2026>

And a huge well done to Eliza who made a huge £120.50 on her amazing tie dye stall yesterday which she is donating to our run for H2O collection.





Heat Wave Incoming....

The weather is predicted to be incredibly hot next week, please ensure your child comes to school with plenty of water. Wear summer uniform and bring a hat, please leave jumpers/cardigans at home, sandals can be worn with socks.



Please apply a long lasting sun lotion before school (children should not have suncream in their bags). We will have gazebos on the grassed areas, please encourage your child to seek shade whilst outside.

Morning exercise helpers needed.

You may be aware we have a lovely group of parents who help run our morning exercise groups and they would really love some more helpers. If you can spare an hour in the morning please get in touch

Fiver Fair - Thursday 25th June

Join us on the playground after school on Thursday 25th June for our exciting **Fiver Fair!** As the grand finale of our **Fiver Challenge**, Year 6 pupils have been busy creating their own mini businesses. Starting with just £5 (or £10 this year!), each group has designed a product or service to grow their money as much as possible whilst learning to grapple with the ins and outs of cost, pricing, market research, logo design, revenue and profit.

There will be a fantastic range of items on sale - from **delicious strawberry kebabs** to **handmade crochet animals** to **beautifully decorated plant pots**, and much more!

Come along, support our young entrepreneurs, and pick up a treat or two. All profits will go to Cancer Research - a cause close to our hearts. Please help us smash our target of £200! We look forward to seeing you there.

Year 6 Team

The year 4 and 4 netball team played against Westbury Park last week. Both teams played really well and there were lots of goals scored. It was all played in a lovely spirit and enjoyed by everyone. Well done girls.



The year 5 and 6 netball team played really well against Westbury park who were tough opponents and despite their efforts they narrowly lost. The two year 5 teams lost two, drew one and won one. Well done to all the girls.



Well done to the Y5/6 Quadkids athletics teams who. All the children competed with determination and effort despite the horrendously wet conditions. Congratulations to team 1 for qualifying for the next stage.

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



Hello everyone

Message of the Week -

Summer Fair: thanks for your support!

Total profit: £3805

We had a great turnout at this year's Summer Fair.

The organising team put a great deal of effort into bringing everything together (including multiple sun dances to encourage the good weather!) but it's also down to everyone who came, volunteered and enjoyed themselves, so a huge thank you to everyone for making it the success it was.



PTFA activities

Cream tea sale

In true British summer fashion, there'll be a **cream tea sale on June 26th**. The PTFA will provide the goods, but we need volunteers from Year 6 to run the stall.



Return of Frozen Fridays

We will be doing the ever-popular Frozen Fridays as of July. To deconflict with the camping trip, the first date will be on a Thursday (Frozen Friday). We are also combining year groups to match the number of available dates and maximise volunteering opportunities. Dates are:

2nd July: Years 5&4

10th July: Years 3&2

17th July: Year 1 & Reception

Details for the cream tea sale and Frozen Fridays will be issued via class reps shortly.

AGM - July 1st

Our AGM takes place **July 1st**, 8:15-9PM. We need a minimum of 26 people in the meeting to allow for voting to take place. Please do attend if you can spare the time.

The AGM is 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

PTFA 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

- **Cream tea sale** – 26th June
- **PTFA AGM** – 1st July, 8:15-9PM
- **Frozen Fridays** – 2nd, 10th, 17th 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)

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.