



Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026

Dear parents and carers,

*Thank You for our school,  
for the kindness that fills our classrooms,  
and for the welcome we give to everyone who walks through our doors.  
We are grateful for the School of Sanctuary award,  
a reminder that love, respect, and friendship  
can make the world a safer, happier place.  
Bless our teachers, friends, and families,  
and bless those who have travelled far to find safety here.  
May they always feel at home with us.  
Help us to keep our hearts open,  
our hands ready to help,  
and our words gentle and kind.*

We have enjoyed a much cooler week in school. This morning RJM shared their class assembly, they looked at the book *The Very Busy Spider* and focused on how we grow and change, and taught us to work hard and never give up.

On Wednesday children enjoyed spending the morning with their new teachers. Children spent time talking about what they are looking forward to next year and what they want to achieve. Throughout the final weeks of this school year, we will continue to support the children as they prepare to move up to their new class teacher in September.

Thursday was a busy day in school raising money for Cancer Research. Thank you to everyone who made a contribution to our non-uniform day which supported Dr Doyle's charity run. Year 6 have been incredibly busy planning and getting ready for their fiver sale which also took place on Thursday, after school. We can't wait to find out how much they raised. Thank you for supporting them.

Next week is health and fitness week. Please ensure you send your child to school having applied along lasting sunscreen, wearing their PE kit all week and bring a sunhat and with a full refillable water bottle. All year groups will be taking part in activities every day throughout the week.

**Dates for the month ahead:**

- WB: 6<sup>th</sup> July Health and Fitness week. All pupils to come to school wearing PE kit all week.
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 9am EYFS and KS1 sports morning. Parents/carers welcome to attend.
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July:
  - 9am KS2 sports morning. Parents/carers welcome to attend.
  - Year 6 Leaver's Disco 7-8.15pm school hall.
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July Inset day- staff phonics training, school closed to pupils.
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July St Bonaventure's Feast Day- more information to follow.
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July Pupils end of year reports go out to parents/carers.
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 3.30-4.30 Parent/carer report drop in.
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July:
  - ❖ Leavers Mass in Church 9.15am
  - ❖ Last day of the school year for pupils

Best wishes,  
Stephanie Woolley  
Deputy Principal

## A Week of Welcome, Charity, and Stewardship at St Bon's

As we draw closer to the end of the academic year, it is a good time to reflect on the culmination of our Catholic Life projects. Watching our children live out their faith through action, empathy, and leadership is one of the greatest privileges of being part of the St Bon's community, and this week has given us so much to celebrate.

### A Warm Welcome for All: Our School of Sanctuary Award

Earlier this week, ten pupils from across Key Stage 2 proudly represented St Bon's alongside other Bristol schools to officially receive our 'School of Sanctuary' award.

This commendation is particularly special because the journey was entirely pupil-led. It began with a group of our current Year 6 pupils who first shared their vision of ensuring our school is a place where anyone new receives a warm welcome. From that initial conversation, our pupil Chaplaincy teams, Language Ambassadors, and School Council have driven the reflections and actions that transformed our current practice.

I was incredibly proud of our pupils at the awards ceremony. They demonstrated genuine curiosity and empathy, speaking confidently to the charities in attendance to understand their work and discover how St Bon's could make a practical impact. During the break, instead of rushing to the refreshment table for juice and biscuits, our children bypassed the snacks and went straight to the Borderlands stall to resume a conversation about how we could support their work with asylum seekers and refugees!

When receiving the award, the children spoke clearly about our journey to commendation, expressing their immense pride that St Bon's is a welcoming place for everyone, and pledging to continue this vital work.



### Year 6 'Fiver Challenge' for Cancer Research

Another incredibly proud moment this week was brought to us by our Year 6 pupils, who have been hard at work on their 'Fiver Challenge'.

Each group was given £10 of seed funding, which they used to plan, market, and implement their very own mini-business ideas. The children showed fantastic entrepreneurial spirit, teamwork, and creativity. Most importantly, they put their faith into action - all profits generated from these brilliant mini-businesses will go directly towards our whole-school fundraising efforts for Cancer Research.

### Care for our Common Home

Finally, a huge thank you and well done to RHR, who shared their class assembly with the whole school today. Through their performance of *The Very Busy Spider*, the children shared a wonderful message about perseverance and determination. The story reminds us that by staying focused, working hard and not giving up when faced with distractions, we can achieve great things.

Thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support in helping us nurture such thoughtful, generous, and loving children.



### **Grass bank area outside office.**

Please can we remind parents that children should not play on the sloped pathway at the back of the carpark leading up to the scout hut. Parents are welcome to sit on the grass while they wait for the school gates to open, but please keep younger children with you at all times. Once you have collected your child please leave through the gates

### **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

### **Hockey taster session**

Emma Hinkins will be running a free hockey club taster session on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> 3:20-4:30. This is open to year 3 and 4 children who are interested in joining hockey from September. Hockey is a paid club which runs on Fridays after school. If your child would like to attend please come along at the end of school to the MUGA.

### **Reading Karate**

Thank you for all your support this year in encouraging a love of reading with our reading karate scheme. As we near the end of another school year, we are looking to celebrate those who have achieved a high karate band with a special activity on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July.

In order to inform those children who are receiving a celebration, we will check reading records the week of 13<sup>th</sup> July and note down names of children. In KS1, it is **one read per day at home** that is counted. We would like children to have achieved at least **Bronze status (220 reads)**. In KS2, we'll check the records for each class to see the children that have frequently read at home, brought in their reading records and moved up karate levels. Children will receive a letter informing them if they are taking part in the celebration activity.

Any questions please speak to Miss Jones and Miss Davis.

Please can all school reading books be brought back to school by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July

Well done to a group of St Bons pupils who came to school with a Trophy Having taken part in the Children's Chess League Championships over the weekend and became the youngest division champions. What an amazing achievement, we are very proud!



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 – Thank you!

We released our [annual report](#) last week. **A huge thank you to everyone who has supported PTFA fundraising this year.**

### Highlights

Since September 2025, we have raised over **£16,800** through a fantastic range of events and activities, including the Christmas Fair (£5,255), Summer Fair (£3,805), school discos (£3,717), Feast Fridays (£1,374), performance refreshments (£750) and our ever-popular quiz night (£644).

Alongside these events, volunteers have supported gardening projects, pre-loved uniform sales, class fundraising initiatives and community events throughout the year. The funds raised have enabled us to invest in a wide range of resources and enrichment opportunities for pupils, including classroom resources, playground equipment, online safety workshops, wellbeing initiatives, gardening projects and outdoor learning spaces. Our aim is to continue fundraising and adding to these (and more) projects next year.



**We are incredibly grateful to every volunteer, donor, parent, carer and supporter who has helped make these achievements possible – thank you.**

### AGM

This week saw us hold our AGM, where we gave an overview of the year and voted in class reps alongside PTFA members for next year.

Thank you to everyone who made the time to attend and volunteer for roles – we couldn't do this without you.

The minutes from the meeting can be found [here](#).

### Frozen Friday



**We still have a few frozen Friday events coming up to add to our fundraising total this year:**

- 10<sup>th</sup> July:** Years 3&2
- 17<sup>th</sup> July:** Year 1 & Reception

**Details have been issued via class reps – please support by volunteering to man the stand on your designated week.**

### Dates for your diary

- **Frozen Fridays – 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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

### **Governance Clerk Opportunities with Newman Catholic Trust**

Newman Catholic Trust is currently recruiting one or more **Governance Clerks** to provide professional support to the Local Governing Committees across its schools.

This permanent role offers flexible, annualised hours (approximately 292 hours per year, depending on the number of schools supported) and can be undertaken through a combination of remote, hybrid, and school-based working. Much of the administration, meeting preparation, and minute-taking can be completed from home, with attendance required at online or in-person meetings, most of which take place in the evenings.

The Trust currently has four Local Governing Committees needing support and is open to appointing either one clerk to support all committees or several clerks sharing the responsibilities. This flexibility makes the role suitable for experienced governance professionals as well as those seeking part-time work alongside other commitments.

The position is employed directly by the Trust and coordinated by the Lead Governance Professional.

If you are interested, please email Shelley-Anne Douglas-Lead Governance Professional ([SDouglas@newmancatholictrust.com](mailto:SDouglas@newmancatholictrust.com)) for further details.

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### **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](mailto:Clerk@stbo.newmancatholictrust.com) to find out more or express your interest.

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### **Bristol Cathedral Songbirds**

Following its successful first year, Songbirds, Bristol Cathedral's junior choir, is looking forward to welcoming new singers in September. Songbirds is open to any child who will be starting in years 3 or 4 in September. Sessions take place on Monday afternoons from 4.15pm -5.15pm. Each session involves warmups, games, story time, learning a piece that is sung in a service, and, most importantly, biscuits. We work towards performing at a service at the end of each term, which last year included the Family Carol Service in December, and at Choral Evensong on Easter Day. Here's what current parents and Songbirds say:

"I have really loved singing at the Cathedral. It's a great building and the teachers are lovely, I also like the biscuit break."

"My son has loved taking part in Songbirds as a year 3. His confidence about singing has grown dramatically and he now hopes to become a cathedral chorister. It has been lovely to see the choir grow together over the year!"

If you would like to find out more and to sign up, please email [music@bristol-cathedral.co.uk](mailto:music@bristol-cathedral.co.uk). We look forward to hearing from you!