



Friday 17th July 2026

Dear parents and carers,

*Prayer for our Journey (by the children of St Bons)
Loving God,*

When we are sad, give us joy and hope (FS)

We walk with love; we act with kindness. We welcome all- we are a school of sanctuary. (Year 2)

As we grow and change, help us God to put our fears behind us(3J)

When life gets difficult, help us to show resilience just as St Bonaventure did on his journey through Europe. (3RH)

As we face many changes, help us God to go through our journey in a calm, safe way being our unique selves. (4L)

*As we journey into secondary school, give us the strength and determination of Saint Bonaventure to stay on the
right path and be a light to others. (6G)*

*Give us the resilience and kindness to go into our future with St Bonaventure in our hearts. May we carry the
lessons we have learnt here with us as we journey forwards. (6WA)*

As our penultimate week of the school year draws to an end, we would like to say thank you.

Firstly, our thanks go out to our incredible PTFA who have worked tirelessly this year to support the school, working under challenging conditions without some of the key committee roles. The committee are a true asset to the school and there is so much we couldn't do without your support. A heartfelt thanks to you all.

Secondly, to our volunteers. So many of you give up your time to help with reading, forest schools, swimming, morning movement sessions and school trips. We simply couldn't provide the breadth of experience we currently do without your support. Thank you for your continued support.

Pupil's end of year reports

All children will be bringing home their end of year reports today. Please do look out for these in their bags. If you wanted to discuss something within your child's report with their class teacher, please attend our report drop in which takes place on Monday between 3.30-4.30pm in your child's classroom. There is no need to book, we are operating a drop in and wait system.

Are you planning on buying some children's books, if so please read this!

St Bons has recently signed up to LoveReading4kids which is an online bookstore which allows parents/carers to purchase children's books with 10% off the RRP whilst also choosing to donate 25% of the cover price of a book to school of your choice. Please use the link to find out more: <https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/our-purpose>

Government's Great British Summer Savings scheme.

Between 25 June and 1 September 2026 there is a temporary reduction on VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts, exhibitions and a wide range of other attractions.

In addition, there is to be free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England.

Details of Summer Savings participating venues can be found on the attraction finder website, which can be accessed via the following link: <https://summersavings.gov.uk>

Key dates:

- Monday 20th July 3.30-4.30 Parent/carer report drop in.
- Tuesday 21st July:
 - Leavers Mass in Church 9.15am
 - Last day of the school year for pupils
- Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September inset days- school closed to pupils. Holiday playscheme is running on the Thursday 3rd for those who have booked, these sessions are from 8:50-3:30. No playscheme Friday 4th September.
- Monday 7th September first day of term 1 for pupils in years 1-6.
- WB: 7th September Reception pupils home visits.

Best wishes,
Stephanie Woolley
Deputy Principal

Celebrating the Feast of St. Bonaventure: A Journey of Faith and Welcome

This week, our school community came together to celebrate the Feast of St. Bonaventure. It was a wonderful opportunity for us to reflect on the life of our patron saint and consider how his virtues can guide us in our daily lives, particularly in how we welcome others.

A Journey of Peace

St. Bonaventure was a man of great dedication, known for his tireless travels across Europe to restore peace within the Franciscan Order. We learned that his journeys were far from easy; he frequently travelled by foot from Paris to the South of France, crossed the Alps to reach Rome, and other areas of Italy and beyond.

As we reflected on his life, the children were struck by the immense challenges he faced. Relying entirely on the kindness of strangers for food, shelter, and companionship, Bonaventure exemplified the true meaning of humility and trust.

Connecting to Our School of Sanctuary

Our reflections led us to the question: How would we make St. Bonaventure feel welcome if he arrived at our school today?

This conversation perfectly complemented our ongoing work as a School of Sanctuary. Year 6 has taken this initiative to heart, creating a comprehensive Welcome Pack for new pupils joining our school, ensuring they feel supported from their very first day. Furthermore, our "Tree of Welcome" is now complete in the entrance corridor, featuring a beautifully decorated or embroidered leaf from every child in the school, a vibrant symbol of our inclusive community.

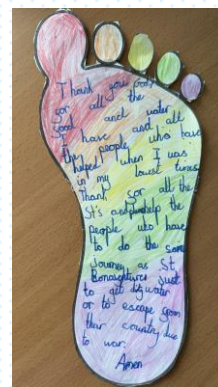
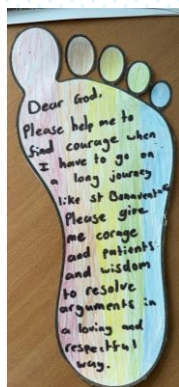


A Day of Reflection and Creativity

To mark the occasion, each year group participated in special challenges:

- Our Younger Pupils: Explored the practical side of Bonaventure's travels, reflecting on what he would have needed to pack in his rucksack to survive such long and arduous journeys.
- Our Older Pupils: Deepened their understanding by reflecting on the internal virtues and spiritual qualities, such as patience, perseverance, and kindness, that Bonaventure required to sustain him on his path.

The school was filled with prayer throughout the day. Pupils wrote messages and prayers on paper footprints, which were placed around the school to encourage Bonaventure on his journey. Additionally, every class contributed to a collective prayer, asking God for His grace and support during the difficult times in our own lives.



Water sprays and bottles

We have a child within our school community with Cystic Fibrosis, this is a serious condition and stagnant water poses a major threat to the child's health.

Our main priority in school is to keep every child safe and so we are no longer allowing children to bring into school any type of water spray. This includes water bottles with a spray feature and fans with a water spray.

If your child has this type of water bottle please bring an alternative from Monday.

Booking for Term 1 Afterschool club and breakfast club are now on Arbor.

Bookings have closed on Arbor for summer holiday playscheme, if you require a session, please email Kidzone to enquire if they have space.

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 – End of another fantastic year



As we reach the end of the academic year, we want to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has supported the PTFA in any way - whether you volunteered your time, donated items, attended events, bought raffle tickets, shared ideas or simply helped spread the word. Every contribution, big or small, has made a difference. Together, your support helps us raise funds for the school, reduce waste through preloved uniform and community-led initiatives, and create extra opportunities that enrich school life for the children.

We already have some exciting plans taking shape for next year and look forward to building on everything achieved so far. We hope to see many familiar faces, as well as plenty of new ones, getting involved in whatever way they can. Thank you again for being part of such a supportive school community - we look forward to seeing you in September.

PTFA management Meetings

You can [view the minutes](#) from our AGM

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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

Fairfield school open days

If your child is in year Year 5 (going into Year 6 in September) please follow the link to book an open day tour. [Open Events - Fairfield High School](#)

They will also be publishing new Magic Morning dates soon, these sessions allow children to come into school and take part in a few lessons to see what secondary school is like. Booking will be available on their website soon:

[Transition/Magic Mornings - Fairfield High School](#)

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) for further details.

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.

The Newman Catholic Trust are recruiting a Trust Finance Officer and a Trust Senior Finance Manager for 2026/27. If interest please follow the below links:

- Trust Finance Officer: <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/17561/EDV-2026-CNCET-46427>
- Trust Senior Finance Manager <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/17561/EDV-2026-CNCET-16273>