



Friday 2nd October 2026

Dear parents and carers,

*Life journey winding,
Patterns undulating, overlapping weaving community.
Touch as you pass, smile, hold the moment
As God holds you in His heart.
Amen.*

Thank you for your patience this week as we have continued to operate without the internet. To reiterate this is not a problem with St Bons systems but with our external internet provider, Trading With Schools. In the typical St Bons way, we have kept calm and carried on. We have implemented our contingency measures for attendance, safeguarding and emergency procedures. Please do bear with us if you have emailed a member of staff as it is taking us longer than usual to respond.

Incident on Bishop Road

I have been made aware of an incident that took place on Bishop Road on Tuesday morning involving a parent with child on a bike and a car. This incident has been reported to the police. Please can I ask that all parents/carers take additional care on their journeys to and from school as the nearby roads are congested and at times pose a risk to cyclists and other road users.

Rewarding good attendance

This year we are reinstating some rewards for classes with good attendance. The class with the highest attendance each week will receive a certificate. The class that receives the most certificates in a term will be rewarded with a non-uniform day at the end of the term.

Why arriving to school on time matters

When a child arrives late to school, they miss important learning such as phonics or spelling teaching. Children often also feel embarrassed at having to enter the classroom late.

The table below indicates how frequent lateness can add up to a considerable amount of learning being lost. This can seriously disadvantage children and disrupt the learning of others.

Minutes late per Day	Equates to Days of Teaching Lost in one Year	Which means this number of lessons missed
5 minutes	3 days	15 lessons
10 minutes	6 days	30 lessons
15 minutes	9 days	45 lessons

Please can you ensure your child arrives to school on time each day. The school day starts at 8.50am every morning when we start our day together on the playground, sharing our prayer.

Safeguarding

I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you all that I am the designated safeguarding leader, DSL, at St Bons. If you need to contact me with a safeguarding concern my email address is

principal@stbo.newmancatholictrust.com.

Mrs Woolley is the deputy designated safeguarding leader, DDSL, and her email address is

deputy@stbo.newmancatholictrust.com

We are both always available on the school gates in the morning or at the end of the school day. Please do approach us if you have a concern or question.

Key dates for the month ahead:

- Thursday 15th October parents evening 3.45-6.45pm.
- Tuesday 20th October parents evening 3.45-6.45pm.
- Wednesday 21st October 2.30-3.15pm SEND information session for parents/carers of pupils with SEND.
- Thursday 22nd October last day of term 1. Pupils invited to wear bright clothes for CAFOD Harvest appeal.
Suggested donation £1.00.
- Friday 23rd October inset day. Holiday club operating school hours. Please book via Arbor.
- Saturday 31st October current year 6 deadline for secondary school applications.

- Monday 2nd November inset day. Holiday club operating school hours. Please book via Arbor.
- Tuesday 3rd November first day of term 2.
- Wednesday 4th November parents evening for parents/carers with a pupil on the SEND register.
- Friday 6th November parent/carers school improvement plan session with principal 9-10.1am.

Best wishes,
Sarah Ballantine
Principal

Catholic Life at St Bons: Building God's Kingdom Together

What a memorable week we have had! Being without internet access in school over the past few days has certainly asked us to be more creative in our teaching and our delivery of assemblies. Stepping away from our screens has provided a wonderful opportunity to connect more deeply as a school family, and the children have responded with brilliant enthusiasm and thoughtfulness.

In our Ethos Assembly this week, we focused on the theme of Building God's Kingdom at St Bons. We started by exploring a big question: *How do we know about God's Kingdom?* The children offered some profoundly beautiful answers. Their responses ranged from learning through the Bible and the way Jesus showed us, to the deep understanding that we simply "know in our hearts" through faith, trust, and love. We then discussed the nature of God's Kingdom and what it actually looks like. Again, the children were incredibly engaged, describing it as a place that is calm, quiet, and peaceful. They spoke about a community that shares in each other's hurts, a nice environment for animals, a kind and just world, and a fair place with deep respect for each other and the environment.

Crucially, the children also took time to reflect honestly on the parts of our own school life that don't always reflect God's Kingdom in the way we would like them to. Kit in Year 6 captured the spirit of our mission perfectly, reflecting that, "We are building God's house here; everyone is equal and the same." The children recognised that bringing this vision to reality requires every single one of us to play our part. It is in the way we treat one another every day, and importantly, the way we actively put things right when they go wrong.

Welcome to our New Chaplaincy Team!

We are absolutely delighted to announce that our new Year 5 Chaplaincy Team has been officially appointed! Children who wished to become chaplains were invited to write letters explaining the unique qualities they could bring to the role, along with their personal vision for creating God's Kingdom here at St Bons.

As ever, we were blown away by the responses - 20 children across Year 5 applied, and we were so impressed by their dedication that all 20 have been appointed! Looking ahead, the Newman Trust Chaplaincy Lead will be visiting St Bons next week to work closely with both our Year 5 and Year 6 Chaplaincy Teams. They will be collaborating to create their action plans for the year ahead, and we cannot wait to see the wonderful initiatives they will bring to our school community.



Lost Property

Please can we remind parents to clearly name jumpers and cardigans, those left in the classroom can then easily be given back.

Lost property is put into the black box outside the school office, this is cleared at the beginning of every month so please check regularly

Break time snacks

In key stage 1 children are given free fruit for snack. From year 3 children can bring in a healthy, **nut free** snack from home. Children should not bring crisps, chocolate bars or sweets.

EAL (English as an additional language) Coffee mornings **Every Tuesday 2:15-3:20**
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.



A friendly reminder that children are not to bring spray water bottles or fans with a water spray into school.



Kidzone

OCTOBER PLAYSCHEME

26th- 30th
October 2026



Activities:



Karaoke



Craft



Dressing Up



Cookery



Sports



08:30 AM – 17:45 PM

St Bonaventures Primary School

Short Day 10:00-16:00 £26

Long Day 08:30-17:45 £37

Hello everyone

Message of the week - It's Disco time

Have you got your tickets for the autumn disco yet?

Date: October 16th

3:35-4:30 - Reception

5:00-6:00 - KS1 (Years 1&2)

6:30-7:45 - KS2 (Years 3 onwards)

For reception and KS1, each child must have a responsible adult with them, and each adult can be responsible for up to 4 kids.

For KS2 there are 45 volunteer adult tickets available, the rest are reserved for the kids.

Tickets on sale at [St Bons PTFA](http://www.stbonsptfa.com) now!

Other PTFA news

Feast Day Fridays



Last week was an absolute corker of a week for the year 5 team, who managed to raise a whopping **£258!!**

Year 3 take up the challenge next week, **Friday, 9th October.**

Your class reps will be reaching out shortly to start arrangements, and we'll share the totals raised on a weekly basis.

New parents' coffee morning

We had a great turnout for this year's new parents coffee morning - some great contacts were made, new volunteers recruited and, by some stroke of timing, we even found people with connections that will help us in our upcoming projects.

Thank you to everyone who took the time out to come and learn about the PTFA, our projects and how they could get involved - our work is all based on the kindness of people offering their time, energy and expertise. Everything we do goes towards enhancing the school experience for our kids and we really appreciate any form of help.

PTFA management Meetings

We've already kicked off this year's planning in earnest, with the latest PTFA meeting having taken place on September 9th. You can view the minutes [here](#).

Our next meeting is on October 7th, 8-9.30PM. All are welcome to attend and see what we get up to.

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

Road Closure

Logan Road will be closed on Thursday and Friday of next week. This will likely cause traffic disruption to the surrounding roads, in particular Berkeley road which leads to the Church carpark. Please allow extra travel time when dropping off or consider parking further away and walking an extra 5 minutes.



Parents/carers prayer group

There is a Christian prayer group that meet once a month in the church next to school. We meet for 30 minutes, on different days of the week and pray together for our school community. Toys available for any little ones who come along. Please contact Harri if you would like to be added to the WhatsApp group 07969059624. *Everyone is welcome to join us*

First Holy Communion 2027

Application forms for First Holy Communion 2027 for children in year 3 and above are now available to collect from Canon Tom after Mass. Please collect, complete and return the form to Canon Tom.

