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Friday 6th November 2026

Dear parents and carers,

We bless you,
God of Seed and Harvest
And we bless each other
That the beauty of this world
And the love that created it
Might be expressed though our lives
And be a blessing to others
Now and always.
Amen.

Thank you to everyone who supported their children to submit an entry to the Trust's annual art competition. We have been blown away by the creativity of the children. Here are just a few examples of their entries.







We will update you on the winning entries later in the term.

Schools' Cyber incident

You will be aware following the letter from Bristol city Council shared on Wednesday that the investigations into the recent cyber attack affecting Trading with Schools (TwS) IT network remains ongoing.
At this stage, there is no indication that St Bonaventure's School has been affected by the data theft, although investigations remain ongoing.
I would encourage all parents/carers to reread the letter shared as it contains essential information about how you can protect yourselves and your family from possible scams.
I will continue to keep you informed.

National anti-bullying week

National anti-Bullying Week 2026 will take place from Monday 16th to Friday 20th November with the theme: Break the Silence. The week will kick off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th, with adults and children being encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.

We have arranged for the charity Unique Voice, to deliver assemblies on Thursday 19th November. They are also delivering a session for parents/carers 2:40pm-3:10pm in the school hall. I would like to encourage as many of you as possible to attend this session. Please see next page for more information.

Key dates for the month ahead:

- Tuesday 10th November- Reading and phonics information session for parents/carers online at 3.30pm – joining link will be emailed to parents
- Monday 16th November- Odd Socks Day to mark the start of national Anti-bullying week.
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    - ❖ Monday 16th November- pupils can wear odd socks for anti-bullying week.
    - ❖ Thursday 19th November- Unique Voice parent session 2:40pm in school hall

- Wednesday 18th November-Friday 20th November- Year 6 retreat to Kintbury.
- Friday 27th November- pupils can come to school in non-uniform in exchange for bring a bottle for the Christmas Fair bottle stall.
- Saturday 28th November St Bons Christmas Fair- 3:00pm-6:00pm.
- Friday 4th December drama club performance and KS2 carol concert 3:20 – 4:20pm & 6:00pm-7:00pm information on tickets will be emailed separately.
- Thursday 10th and Friday 11th 2:00pm– Nativity performance RH, 1R, 2G
- Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th 2:00pm– Nativity performance, RR, 1CR, 2TP

Best wishes,
Sarah Ballantine
Principal

Unique Voice are thrilled to be able to offer a Parent/Carer session as part of their visit to St Bons. Unique Voice provides a specialised session for all parents and carers to share key up-to-date information and guidance surrounding bullying and young people. This session will look in-depth at the complex roles and emotions present in a bullying situation, and empower parents and carers to take an active role in supporting their young person through challenging relationships.
There are 3 ways to watch this session

1. Live in person at St Bonaventure's Primary School on Thursday 19th from 2:40pm - 3:10pm.
2. Live online during Anti-Bullying Week on **Tuesday 17th November at 12:30pm.** Anti-Bullying Week Parent/Carer Webinar
3. Online in your own time via a pre-recorded parent/carer session which is available via this link.

Well done to the basketball team.
Winning gold in the competition at St Bede's on Monday







Running & Walking Club

Do you want to get fit and have fun at the same time?!
Wednesday mornings at 7:50
Meet outside the office foyer

Children and adults welcome
For runners and walkers of all abilities

Wet weather clothing

We like the children to go outside for play time in lighter rain as we believe that fresh air is important. Please ensure that your child is prepared for wet and cold weather everyday including a water proof jacket/coat and suitable foot wear.

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.

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

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.









READING KARATE



Reading is a lifelong skill and at St Bons we to encourage reading for pleasure. Reading Karate is a reward-based system for reading at home, which results in the children moving up through coloured 'belts', depending on how many times they have read.

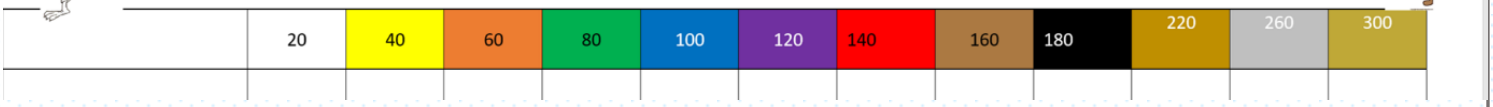
KS1

In KS1 we ask for an **adult** to number, sign and date the reading records (comments do not need to be long if you wish to write- title of book/number of pages read is fine). Only **1 read per day** counts. For every 20 reads, we are asking for the **children to show** their reading record to the teacher/LSA and they will get presented a certificate. After 'black belt', it increases to every **40 reads** to reach 'Gold' (300). Reading Karate is then **reset for the next school year**. We want our children to grow a love for reading, so alongside the levelled school books, children can share/read their own book of choice. We don't expect a whole book to be read! A few pages each night is fine. Reading Karate is more about how often you read, not how many books. It will be ok to back date to start of term 1.



Reading Karate Belt Chart





KS2

From Year 3 all the way to Year 6, children will work to get their Junior, Dans, Masters, Sensei and Hall of Fame status. This is a continuous journey, where it will not be reset over the summer holidays, so by the end of year 6, children should be able to become a reading sensei. Children can write the date, name of book/pages read and number the reads but we ask that an **adult signs the reading record** for staff to check weekly. **One read per day counts**. Alongside the levelled school books, children can share/read their own book of choice (e-books etc count!). At the end of the year, we like to celebrate our 'high achieving' readers in KS1/KS2 and do a fun activity with them. Any questions please let us know. Happy reading!

Miss Jones and Miss Davis

HLTAs

Karate Dans Junior Award	Reads 100
White Dan	200
Yellow Dan	250
Orange Dan	300
Green Dan	350
Blue Dan	400
Red Dan	450
Gold Star Dan	500

Karate Masters White Reading Master	Reads 550
Yellow Reading Master	600
Orange Reading Master	650
Green Reading Master	700
Blue Reading Master	750
Red Reading Master	800
Black Reading Master	850
Reading Sensei	900
Hall of Fame	1000+

ST BON'S PTFA

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Hello everyone

Message of the week – All things festive!

Christmas Fair



The Christmas Fair takes place on **November 28th, 3-4PM** at St Bonaventure's Primary School.

Our Christmas Fair team has been busy organising a host of festive fun for everyone to enjoy. There'll be:

- Santa's grotto
- Stalls
- Bouncy castle
- Mulled wine
- Mince pies
- Seasonal storyteller and more…

A letter with details went out this week with full details and **tickets go on sale today, November 6th on** St Bon's PTFA.

More info will be issued over the coming weeks, and class reps will be reaching out to organise hampers and volunteer roles.

Christmas artwork shop now open

The children have been busy in school creating some amazing designs. They are now ready for you to view and order at MyChildsArt

NEW FOR 2026
- add photos from home
- add multiple child's artwork to the same product. Perfect for siblings.

If your child's art isn't on the portal, or you have any issues contact them directly, customer services: 01530 887650.

EARLY BIRD 10% discount until 09/11/26 at 11:59PM
USE CODE: StBonaventX26

And even better, 20% from every purchase goes to the PTFA… Happy shopping

Other PTFA news

Disco fundraising update
We're still getting final receipts and checking everything. We hope to be able to confirm the total profit by end of next week.

Feast Day Fridays
We have raised **£862** raised so far. Year 1 are up next week, 13th November before Reception take on the final on November 20th.

PTFA management

Meetings
We're in the thick of this year's planning. The latest PTFA meeting took place on November 4th. The minutes will be available soon at St Bons PTFA.

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

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.