



Friday 3rd May 2024

Dear parents and carers,

*O blessed Mother of God and our Mother too,
Protect our families and all the children of the world- especially the poor, hungry and homeless.
Teach us to remember that we are all brothers and sisters,
Children of God, now and forever,
Amen.*

We held our annual Crowning of Mary service in school on Wednesday. Our youngest and oldest pupils crowned our statue of Our Lady, Mary. Thank you to everyone who brought in flowers for this occasion.



I am delighted to announce that Kayley Thompson, LSA, and her partner are expecting their first child which is due to October. Congratulations to you both.

Mystery readers in EYFS and KS1

We would like to introduce Mystery Readers in our Reception and KS1 classes and we need your help!

A mystery reader is a parent or carer who volunteers to come into their child's class to share a short story book. You do not tell your child you're coming in and we will not tell them either- it will be a mystery who is coming in.

Class teachers will put a note on your child's Google classroom page inviting you to sign up. There will be one slot in each class each week. Please do not worry if you do not have the opportunity to sign up this academic year, we are hoping this will be a success and hope to continue it next academic year.

Parent Relationship Support coffee morning

We have a parental relationship practitioner visiting St Bons at 9am on Friday 21st June to facilitate a parent relationship support meeting. This will be an informal meeting where we will have the opportunity to talk to and hear a practitioner who will be providing advice on how to reduce conflict and improve outcomes for children. If you want to know more or have any concerns about this please send me an email or speak to me on the gate.

SEND parent/carers support meetings

It was great to see so many of our parents/carers attend our SEND meeting last Friday with Ros Parry, SENDCO at St Bedes. Ros spoke passionately about the provision for children at St Bedes and later shared her presentation with me. I have shared this with the parents who are on our SEND group mailing list. If you did not attend and want to find out what was discussed please take a look on our website for a copy of the slides:

https://stbonaventures.eschools.co.uk/web/send_parentcarer_support_group/271061/cHJldmllld3x8MjAyNC0wNS0wMiAxMDowOTozNA%3D%3D

A reminder that our next SEND parent/carers support meeting will take place 9-10am on Friday 17th May and will be led by the school nurse.

Finally, a reminder that school will be closed on Monday 6th May due to the bank holiday. We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 7th May.

Best,
Sarah Ballantine
Head teacher

UP COMING DATES:

Week beginning 6th May (menu week 1)

Monday 6th- May Bank holiday- SCHOOL CLOSED

Thursday 9th- KS1 summer sing

Friday 10th – 1P Class assembly
Year 5 bake sale

Monday 13th- SATS week all week

Tuesday 14th -RGS year 4 athletics festival
- Year 4 athletics festival @ St Bede's 1:30-3:00

Wednesday 15th- Holy Communion service with parents of those who made their First Communion this year- 2:45

Friday 17th- Newman trust meeting with parents 2:15-3:15
- SEND parent/carers support meeting with school nurse 9-10
- KS1 & KS2 Disco's
- Year 6 Leavers cake sale- after school



Celebrating Catholic Life at St. Bonaventure's!

This week has been buzzing with activity as we celebrate our faith and care for our environment!

Living Our Gospel Values:

We kicked off Terms 5 and 6 by launching our new Gospel Value: Care for Our Common Home. This value connects to the Catholic Social Teaching principles of Stewardship, where we are responsible for God's creation, and the Dignity of Work, where everyone has a part to play.

Live Simply Award - Bee the Change!

During our ethos assembly, we shared the exciting actions for our Live Simply Award, with a special focus on our "go big" project to support bees! This week, the children got their hands dirty planting bee-friendly seeds in pots. These flowers will be nurtured in school and then sold at the Summer Fair. Together, we're aiming to make Bishopston, and beyond, a colourful and welcoming environment for these vital pollinators.



Crowning of Mary:

On Wednesday, our school bloomed with a beautiful tradition—the Crowning of Mary. The children brought in a variety of flowers, which we used to create a vibrant display around our school statue of Mary. The choir added to the joyful atmosphere with their singing during the Crowning of Mary service. It was a heart-warming sight to see our youngest and oldest pupils place the crown upon Mary's head. After the service, Year 3 students spread the floral cheer even further by taking some flowers to decorate the Mary chapel at church. They were even joined by Mgr. Bernard for a special prayer time.

3J Takes the Stage:

This Friday, 3J class presented the first class assembly under our "Care for Our Common Home" theme. They did an outstanding job educating their fellow students on the importance of rivers, the impact of pollution, and what we can all do to save water and keep our rivers clean.

We're so proud of the way our school community is living out our faith and making a positive impact on the world around us! Stay tuned for more exciting news next week!

On 25th April St Bon's had 2 teams that qualified for the Bristol Schools tag rugby finals. This was a round robin tournament that took place at St Bedes. We won beating all the other schools! Well done to both teams who took part. Thank you to all the parents who supported the children.



A big congratulations to James in year 6 who has had a very successful weekend, adding to the trophy shelf. He is now one half of the British U15 Real Tennis Handicapped Doubles champions!



A group of year 5 & 6 children went bowling the Bristol bowling centre



Well done to St Bon's for beat Cathedral Primary in the league 9-2.



Year 3 & 4 went to St Bede's to attend a multi sports event



**English as an Additional Language
Coffee Mornings**



If English is not your first language, please come along, share your views, meet other parents, be a part of your child’s learning and relax at our coffee mornings from 9 – 10am on Mondays in the School – come to the office.

The group is run by Mrs Cela – if you would like more information, please email her at esmeralda.cela@bristol-schools.uk



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

We now have a designated walker so if you do not want to run please come along for a walk.

Bookings for Coaching with sophie are made through the website, www.cwsophie.co.uk , the time tables is below:

TERM 5- CWS AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

MON	TUE	WED	THU
FOOTBALL CLUB 3.30PM - 4.30PM RECEPTION, Y1,Y2 £20 FOR 5 WEEK COURSE (BANK HOLIDAY)	FOOTBALL CLUB 3.30PM - 4.30PM Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 £24 FOR 6 WEEK COURSE	MULTI SPORTS CLUB 3.30PM - 4.30PM RECEPTION/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 £24 FOR 6 WEEK COURSE	GIRLS ONLY SPORTS 3.30PM-4.30PM RECEPTION/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 TAG RUGBY/CRICKET 30.30PM-4.30PM Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 £24 FOR 6 WEEK COURSE
PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO BOOK - WWW.CWSOPHIE.CO.UK	CLUBS WILL START BACK WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 15TH APRIL 2024 (FIRST WEEK BACK TO SCHOOL)	PLEASE NOTE THURSDAYS GIRLS ONLY SPORTS AND TAG RUGBY/CRICKET ARE TWO DIFFERENT CLUBS AND TAG RUGBY/CRICKET ARE FOR EVERYONE .	

Sports and clubs at St Bona



Sport and club's - week starting 6th May

If your child is on the register for any clubs and isn't going to attend for any reason could you please let the office know so their absence from the register is noted.

Club...	Is it running...	Day and year group...
Netball	YES YES	Mondays- Y 3&4 - 3:15 - 4:15 Tuesdays- Y 5&6 - 3:15 – 4:15
Circuits	YES	Thursdays - Yr2-6 - 7:50am in hall with Mr Morgan
Running club	YES	Wednesdays – 7.45am – all welcome – meet outside foyer
Football	YES	Girls practise.
Tag Rugby	NO	Rugby has now finished until September.
Chess Lunch break	YES	Fridays 12:15 -Y5 & Y6 fortnightly
Hockey with Mrs Hinkins	YES	Fridays- Y5 & 6 - 3:15 Paid club Booked through Mrs Hinkins.
Dodge ball	YES	Fridays – Y3 &4- 8:00 in hall with Mrs Ballantine
Art/Drawing- lunch	YES	Tuesday lunch - KS2 – 12:15 In 4H
Debating Club- lunch time	YES	Wednesday lunch- Y5 & Y6 - 12:15- In 3B/3J
Well-Being Singing- lunch time	YES	Tuesday lunch 12:15 whole school - in 1P
Choir – Lunch time	KS1 YES KS2 YES	Mondays – KS1 - 12:15 in 2TW Thursdays – KS2 –12:15 in 2TW



PTFA news

Guess what we raised?!

Thank you to everyone who came to the Big (St) Bon's Quiz of the Year - we raised £1640!

...and what a night it was! Huge thanks to Matt our Quiz Master, and to the organising team, for making it such a memorable evening. Congrats to the winning team too. Check out clips and action from the evening on our [Instagram page](#) or [website](#).

Big Seed Sow: It's the 'Big Seed Sow' this week as part of the RHS Grow With It campaign. Our children have been busy planting seeds to grow in school and then at home. We will be inviting the children to donate their plants to sell at our Summer Fair on 23 June, to raise money for our very own [Grow With It](#) project. We hope the money raised will go towards planting of a wildflower meadow, and plans for a Living Wall at the back of school. If you are able to grow plants to sell at the fair, please do get in touch (contact@stbonsptfa.com).

Discos: Thank you for buying your tickets this week for the discos on **Friday 17 May**. As a reminder, a raffle system will be used to randomly allocate tickets **if** we exceed capacity. If you are not successful in this then you will be refunded. A rota asking for volunteers will be circulated to class reps next week.

Planting day, Saturday 18 May: We've got veg to add to our final raised bed, and we've also been asked if we can help rejuvenate the St Francis Garden, so please join us on **Saturday 18 May** from 9.30am to 3pm for another planting day. Any time you can give would be really appreciated. Please let us know you are planning to come along by emailing: contact@stbonsptfa.com There might be tea and cake again...

Bake sales: The year 5 bake sale will be on **Friday 10 May**. This is the last of our bake sales!! Proceeds from year group bake sales will go directly to class teachers to buy resources for their classes. Thank you for all your support for the bake sales.

Frozen Fridays are back: Each year group will be invited to sell ice creams, ice lollies (and strawberries if we can source them for the right price on the day). We'll have everything in our PTFA cupboard freezer ready for you to sell. See your class rep for the rota. Year 4 will go first on **Friday 24 May**.

Other upcoming dates: Bag 2 School Friday 7 June
Summer fair, Sunday 23 June, 2-5pm.



GROW WITH IT

THE BIG SEED SOW



Children have planted seeds this week to grow in school and then at home. We hope some of the plants will be donated to the plant stall at our Summer Fair on 23 June. Good luck everyone!

ST BON'S DISCO

FRIDAY 17 MAY

Reception / KS1 disco: 5pm to 6.15pm
KS2 disco: 6.45pm to 8pm

Buy tickets at: www.stbonsptfa.com

ST BON'S PTFA

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

There's been so much generosity towards the Pantry recently! Pupils in year 6 of St Bonaventures' School held a book sale and raised a magnificent £248. And we've also had a steady trickle of food donations in the box outside the Presbytery and cash donations to 55 Egerton Road. Thank you to all those people who donate - anonymously or otherwise - to keep the Pantry going. You're helping to keep people going through really tough times.

Hilary is organising a plant sale after both Masses on Sunday 12th May, with all proceeds split between CAFOD and the food pantry.

If you're able to donate food to the Pantry, do pop a couple of items into your trolley next time you shop, we'd appreciate any of the following things:

Please donate:

Milk
Coffee
Washing up liquid
Sanitary products

Please DO NOT donate:

Fresh food (we can't safely store it and it will go to waste)

Where do I leave food donations?

Please put **food donations** either in the **clear box** labelled "**Community Food Pantry Donation Box**" at the **back of the church** or in the **box outside the front door of the Presbytery**.

How do I donate money?

There is a "Food Pantry" button on the Donation Point inside the church if you would like to make monetary donations by card. Or you can give cash to Mgr. Massey or put it in an envelope through Trish's door at 55 Egerton Road.

COMMUNITY NEWS



St. Bon's Hygiene Bank provides families of children at the school with bags of hygiene products every half term. We have an amazing group of parents who regularly donate supplies of things like toothpaste, shampoo and washing up liquid to the bank, but it would be great to have some new people in the group. If you think this is something you would like to help with, please scan the QR code below to join the St. Bon's Hygiene Bank WhatsApp group:

We would also love to hear from anyone who is interested in volunteering to help run the hygiene bank. Call or message Nicola on 07947 690569 or Katie on 07792 420999 to find out more.



Bristol Chess Megafinal

Held at Bristol Grammar School Great Hall on Saturday 8th June.

This is not a CSC event but Richard from chess club will be there as an arbitrator.

The first of 6 games start at 10am and the presentations should be finished 5pm.

This event is open to anyone who would like to register at a cost of £25. There will undoubtedly be some very good players attending but most in years 4, 5 and 6 categories are likely to be reasonably proficient players who are part way through or have completed a year with a CSC tutor (such as Richard).

Numbers are limited and last year it was sold out several weeks before the day. There are other online and alternative location options.

Please follow the link for information on how to book:

<https://www.delanceyukschoolschesschallenge.com/megafinals-2024/>

Mums Dance

I'm SO excited to invite the mums at your school to join in with this - If you loved Saturday morning TV in the 80s you'll love this!!!

On Monday 13th May, Mum-Dance will be hosting an *unofficial* **WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT AT THE BIGGEST EVER OOPS UPSIDE YOUR HEAD!!** We're doing this to support **Mental Health Awareness Week and we are fundraising for Mind**, the mental health charity. We are joining 7 classes across the UK together to smash the current world record of 454 people in the line.

This would be a fantastic way for your school as a whole to mark the start of Mental Health Awareness Week and to help fundraise. It's happening right there on your school premises and it's super super easy to get involved!! **Participants just need to buy an event ticket for £3 on the website and 70% of ticket sales are donated to Mind, plus we will be collecting cash donations on the day in a donation pot.**

Monday 13th May - 7.30 - 8.30pm

School Hall, St Bons

All the mums invited!

Book £3 event ticket (70% donated to Mind) at [Oops Upside Your Head – Mum-Dance'](#)