



Friday 24th November 2023

Dear parents and carers,

'Dear God,

Help us to be more courageous in everything we do, even if it's challenging.

Let us admit our mistakes and find the courage to say sorry if we need to.

Help us to respect other people's opinions
and to respect everyone around us, even our self.

Amen.'



Thank you to everyone who supported our book fair last week. We have been given commission on the books that were sold and will use this to purchase a Christmas book for each class which we'll present to them nearer to the end of this term.

Good luck to the KS2 choir who will be singing at the Snowman Concert on Saturday. We hope you enjoy the show!

Appointments in term time- The number of parents/carers requesting to take their children out of school to attend medical and dental appointments has increased significantly this term. Please can I ask that routine appointments are made for the lunch hour (12.15-1.15), after school or holiday periods.

Christmas Fair- Don't forget it's our Christmas fair 2-5pm on Sunday 3rd December.

On Friday 1st December we are inviting all children to come to school wearing non-uniform in return for bringing a donation of a bottle for our Christmas fair bottle stall.

Reading information sessions for parents/carers of KS2 pupils

KS2 staff will be leading a session for parents/carers of KS2 children in the school hall on the following dates:

- Monday 27th November 9am
- Tuesday 28th November 2.30pm

Please do try to attend. You'll receive an update on our reading curriculum and be shown how and what we teach in school plus how you can support your child at home.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff that accompanied the Year 6's to Kintbury this week!

Best,
Sarah Ballantine
Head teacher

Catholic Life Of Our School

The school is busy in the build up to Christmas. When showing round a group of prospective parents this week it seemed as if wherever we went there were children singing Christmas songs and carols all busy rehearsing for nativities and the carol service at the end of term.

Headteachers assembly

Mrs Ballantine shared the book 'Here we are' in her assembly this week and talked about how we are all different and all special. The children thought about what being our best selves looks like when we want to show love for our neighbour.

Celebration of The Word

As we approach the end of the liturgical year and prepare for Advent, the Celebration of The Word this week was based on the Parable of the Talents. The message for the children was God gives us all great gifts and we can show our love for God back by using our gifts to share love and kindness with others.

Foundation stage celebration assembly

The children in reception classes have been learning about the events of the first Christmas and Mary and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem. In their celebration assembly this week the children thought and talked about what Mary and Joseph would have prayed for on their journey.

St Cassian's Retreat

Year 6 have been on a retreat to St Cassian's this week and had the opportunity for prayer and reflection on the true meaning of Christmas as well as some lovely food, a beautiful setting and some early morning running with the staff. Staff described the retreat as 'The best thing about Kintbury is the transformative spiritual experience it offers. Through prayer, reflection, and community, children and adults deepen their connection with God, find inner peace, and gain a renewed sense of purpose. The retreat provides a sacred space for personal growth, fostering a stronger faith and a sense of community'.



27th November (MENU week 2.)

Friday 1st- Non-uniform for bringing in a bottle- please bring something that you would be happy winning.

UP COMING DATES:

Christmas Fair- 3rd December

KS1 Nativities- Week beginning 4th December

KS2 Carol concert- Thursday 14th December 6pm

Christmas Lunch- KS2 12th December, KS1 13th December

UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Lunch

Children will come home with Christmas lunch order slips on Monday.

These must be completed and returned to the office by Wednesday 29th



Bike Shed

Our site manager has requested that parents/pupils please collect any bikes/scooters by the last day of term.

Any left in the bike shed over the Christmas holidays will be disposed of.

This is in the aim to tidy the area which has become over crowded as he suspects there are some left that are broken or left behind by old pupils.

First Holy Communion 2024

The application process for the First Holy Communion programme is now open. If your child is in year 3 or above, and you wish to enrol him/her for the preparation programme starting in January, please complete an online [application form](#).

First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 11th May 2024.

For more details, please contact the parish office on 0117 942 4448 or visit <https://stbonsbristol.com/sacraments/>.

Nasal Flu Immunisations 15th December

Children in Reception to Year 11 are being offered flu vaccinations this winter to help protect them from flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia. Vaccinating your child will also help protect you, your family and friends. The flu vaccine is administered using a nasal spray, this vaccine is free and painless, please ensure you complete your consent form at

<https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2023/consent?v=1.23>

If your child is unable to receive the nasal flu vaccine, community catch-up clinics will be available, please contact sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net or 03001245515 for more information.

Reception places for September 2024



Just a reminder that applications for Reception places for September 2024 are now open, We still have spaces on our open days, book on to a tour with the office if you feel this would be helpful.

The deadline for applications is 15th January 2024.



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 Wednesdays 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

**A special invitation is extended to parents/carers of children who have just joined us.
If you would like more information about the group – please email Mrs Cela.**

Clubs and sports at St Bon's



Club...	Is it running...	Day and year group...
Netball -	YES YES	3:15 Mondays – Y3 & 4 3:15 Tuesdays - Y5 & 6
Drama	Yes (Year 6)	Thursdays- Year 6- 3:15 – 4:15 in hall Years 4-5 will start after Christmas
Circuits	YES	Thursdays- Y1-Y6, 7:50am in hall
Running club	YES	Wednesdays – 7.45am – all welcome – meet outside foyer
Mr Morgan after school	YES	Wednesdays- girls match, no training.
Tag Rugby	Yes	Thursday Y5 & Y6 8:00
Chess Lunch break	YES	Fridays -Y5 & Y6 12:15 fortnightly
Hockey with Mrs Hinkins	YES	Fridays - Y5 & 6 £5
Gymnastics	YES	Tuesdays- 3:15- Year 3
Dodge ball	Yes	Fridays – Y3 &4- 8:00 in hall
Art/Drawing- lunch time	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 – whole school - 12:15 in 1P
Choir – Lunch time	KS1 YES KS2 YES	Mondays – KS1 12:15 in 2TW Thursdays – KS2 –12:15 in 2TW
Yoga	YES	Friday Y1 – paid class – https://www.emflow.co.uk/book.html



Running Club

Running/walking club

Do you want to get fit and have fun at the same time!
Join us on Wednesday mornings at 7.50am.
Children and adults are welcome.

Coaching with Sophie

If you would like to book onto our clubs please do so via our website - www.cwsophie.co.uk the bookings are now live.

Please also be aware Thursday's we have both Girls only sports and Tag Rugby/Cricket these are separate classes and Tag Rugby and Cricket are for both boys and girls, but right now it falls under girls sports on the websites.

TERM 2 - CWS AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

MON	TUE	WED	THU
FOOTBALL CLUB 3.30PM - 4.30PM RECEPTION, Y1,Y2 £24 FOR 6 WEEK COURSE	FOOTBALL CLUB 3.30PM - 4.30PM Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 £28 FOR 7 WEEK COURSE	MULTI SPORTS CLUB 3.30PM - 4.30PM RECEPTION/Y1/Y2/.Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 £28 FOR 7 WEEK COURSE	GIRLS ONLY SPORTS 3.30PM-4.30PM RECEPTION/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 TAG RUGBY/CRICKET 30.30PM-4.30PM Y2/Y3/Y4 £28 FOR 7 WEEK COURSE
PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO BOOK - WWW.CWSOPHIE.CO.UK	CLUBS WILL START BACK WEEK COMMENCING TUESDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2023 (FIRST WEEK BACK TO SCHOOL)	PLEASE NOTE THURSDAYS GIRLS ONLY SPORTS AND TAG RUGBY/CRICKET ARE <i>TWO DIFFERENT CLUBS</i> AND TAG RUGBY/CRICKET ARE FOR EVERYONE BUT IT WILL SHOW UNDER GIRLS SPORTS ON THE WEBSITE FOR THE TIME BEING.	

Window Wanderland

We are really excited to be hosting Bishopston Window Wanderland again this year. The event takes place in March and we are looking for parents, carers, and members of our school community who are able to join our working party.

What we need:

- Someone who would be willing to support with social media
- Local business who are happy to sponsor the event.

If you think you could help us in any capacity please email us at Georgina.Beattie@bristol-schools.uk





PTFA News

www.stbonsptfa.com

Email – contact@stbonsptfa.com

Uniform – ptfauniformrep@gmail.com

Facebook – St Bons Parents and Carers

Instagram - @stbonsptfa

 **Christmas Fair Sunday 3rd December 2-5pm** 

Woop woop it's nearly here! You should have received an information letter with details of ways you can support the fair and donations we need for the stalls. As a gentle reminder:

- Please sign up to your class stall. Your time is so important, without the stalls we have no fair. Remember if your employer offers matched funding it can provide a generous boost to our fundraising total.
- On 1st December, in return for a non-uniform day, we're collecting:
 - Goodie bags
 - Christmas jumpers and party wear
 - Bottles for the bottle stall – something you'd drink yourself, is unopened and is in date please.
- We have 14 amazing bumper packed hampers up for grabs! Please return your completed raffle ticket stubs and money to the office.
- Payment tokens will be available online soon and for sale at the school gates from Monday 27th November at drop off and pick up.
- Please bring baked good for the bar and café to the fair on 3rd December.

Silent Auction

We've been working hard to collect some incredible prizes for our Christmas Silent Auction – an amazing chance to potentially get a special present for a loved one (or yourself) for a bargain! The auction will open online in advance of the fair and prizes will be available to bid on at the fair too.

Prizes include:

- ☆ Tickets to Bristol Flyers Basketball
 - ☆ Into to Padel Tennis lessons for a group of 4
 - ☆ x2 days holiday camp at Elly Sherman tennis
 - ☆ £50 voucher for The Wave surf session/lesson
 - ☆ Signed Kevin Sinfeld autobiography
 - ☆ Family trip to Longleat
 - ☆ 2 hr Personal Stylist session
 - ☆ Family trip to Avon Valley
- And much more....

Christmas Cards and Shop

Our Christmas shop is open! The children have been busy creating some amazing Christmas designs. They are now all scanned in and ready for you to view and order at:

<https://mychildsart.co.uk/find-artwork?username=StBonaventuresPtfa&access-code=Nc4QU92G>

Alternatively use this link and login: <https://mychildsart.co.uk/order>.

Username: StBonaventuresPtfa Access code: Nc4QU92G

Any problems contact the customer service number on 01530887650

Committee Positions Available

We have one person interested in co-chairing the PTFA but this role is so much more fun as a team! So if you've been thinking about it please do let us know. No prior experience necessary just some enthusiasm and a desire to help the school provide our children with an amazing experience now and in the future.. You'll have a full handover with lots of support from the outgoing chairs and the rest of the committee who are a really friendly bunch.

Coming up:

✓Christmas Fair 3rd December



COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY.

As the days get shorter and colder, so the strain on many people within our community and beyond gets worse. We have a unique opportunity to help them at the Community Food Pantry. If you feel that you could help lighten a stranger's load by donating some essential food from the list below or by giving money so we can continue to keep the shelves stocked, please feel free to donate. Any amount of food or money is hugely appreciated and will go straight to those who are in need

Huge thanks go to all the volunteers who keep the Pantry well stocked all week and to Sue and Richard for their generous offerings. Also, thanks go to the many, kind people who donate anonymously by dropping food at the church, by using the Donation Point there or by putting cash through Jenny's door.

As a community we can bring food and hope to those that need it.

Please donate:

Tinned fish
Tinned meat
Tinned soups
Sweet corn
Oil
Sugar
Sanitary towels
Tinned Fruit
Cereal

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 Jenny Glester's door at 57 Egerton Road.

Community News

St Bonaventures Church Nativity

Hello all!

Yes it's arrived again.....Nativity time!!!!

We will be having this year's children's nativity service on Saturday December 16th at 3pm.

Followed by coffee and minced pies in the Prestbury. Children are invited to dress up as their chosen nativity characters and take part in the service if they wish.

If your child would like to be one of our amazing readers please contact Neta by email nroylancesmith@outlook.com

We are also needing adults to be main characters too!!!!

Many thanks as always

St Bon's Brownies

St Bon's Brownies meet on a Monday evening in the Parish Hall from 6.30 - 8pm and is open to girls aged 7- 10.

Through regular meetings, special events, day trips and sleepovers, Brownies learn new hobbies, play games, complete challenges and get adventurous outdoors. Girls also extend their knowledge and abilities by working towards badges covering many different hobbies and activities from Baking or Inventing to Painting or Performing.

There will be some spaces for new Brownies to start after Christmas so if your daughter would like to join Brownies, please email stbonsbrownies@gmail.com giving her name, date of birth and a contact number.



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.