



Friday 1st March 2024

Dear parents and carers,

We have said goodbye to Mrs Williams today who has worked as a class teacher at St Bons for the past 18 years. Mrs Williams is moving to work in a school closer to her home, we would like to wish her so much love and luck in her new role. Her new school are so lucky to have her! We're really going to miss her.

Loving God,

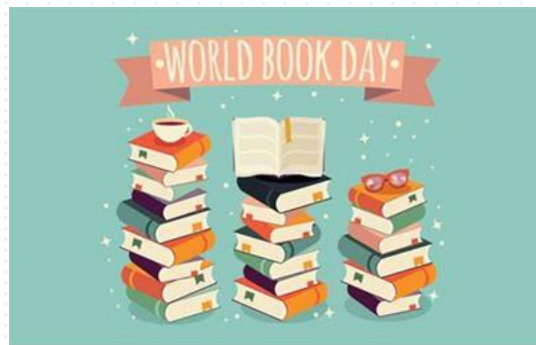
We place Mrs Williams before you and we celebrate her time with us in our school community.

We thank you for placing them with us, and we give thanks for their gifts that they have shared.

As Mrs Williams leaves us to go to another school, watch over them, and guide them with your love.

We ask this in your name,

Amen.



World book day

We are going to be celebrating World book day next Thursday 7th March. This year our St Bons theme is bedtime stories. Children can come to school on World Book day dressed either in the PJ's or dressed as a character from their favourite bedtime story/book.

We have so much going on in school on that day and the weeks that follow. Weather permitting we're going to be holding a parade on the playground shortly after registration. All parents and carers are welcome to stay and watch the parade which will take place at 9am.

On the theme of reading, we are very excited to announce that award-winning children's author Caryl Hart will be visiting EYFS and KS1 us on Monday 25th March! She will be working with the classes using one of her amazing books. Caryl will also be doing a book sale and book signing afterschool, there will be lots of books available but if you would like to pre-order any, please follow the link on the attached poster.

It's sure to be an inspiring visit and we can't wait to welcome Caryl to St. Bon's! Huge thanks to the PTFA for funding this visit!

Smartphones

I'm aware that there is a lot of chat amongst some class WhatsApp groups about children's use of Smartphones. Myself and Mrs Woolley have spoken to many of you about this, thank you for coming to talk to us about your concerns. We are arranging for an organisation to provide an information session for our parents and carer about device options for their children. More information on this will follow once we have a confirmed date.

SEND support sessions for parents/carers

You will be aware that I facilitate drop in sessions for parents/carers at the start and end of each term. Thank you to those parents/carers who were able to join us today. At this session, I signposted Speech and Language Therapy, SALT, resources. The slides I shared at this session are available on our website: [St Bonaventure's Catholic Primary School - SEND parent/carer support group \(st-bonaventures.bristol.sch.uk\)](http://st-bonaventures.bristol.sch.uk)

The remaining sessions for the year are as follows, 9-10am:

- 22nd March school nurse to facilitate to discuss how to refer and areas of support
- 26th April ADHD signposting, head teacher to facilitate.
- 17th May school nurse to facilitate
- 14th June school nurse to facilitate
- 12th July reviewing the year and planning head for 2024-25, head teacher to facilitate.

You do not need to book a place, simply sign in at the office reception area. Tea and coffee will be available and babies and toddlers are welcome to join.

Engagement survey

Thank you to everyone who completed the recent engagement survey. Sadly only 27 parents/carers were able to complete this. I will be sharing an analysis of the responses with the parent focus group later this term and will be back in touch to share next steps.

Redland Wind band

The children were treated to an amazing performance from the Redland wind band this week, they played music from Wallace and Gromit, Sugar Plum Fairy, William Tell and more, and then then spoke to the child about their instruments.



Best,
Sarah Ballantine
Head teacher

Catholic Life of our school this week

This week, our school has been focused on reflecting upon the season of Lent. Here are just some of the highlights:

Year 6 Chaplain-Led Reflection:

Our amazing Year 6 chaplains led a Lent reflection on Monday, sharing the story of Jesus overcoming temptation in the wilderness. They offered thoughtful examples of temptations they have faced and encouraged their peers to make good choices. Each class has then created a poster about temptation, to be shared next week as we continue our Lenten journey.

EYFS Prayer Focus:

The children in EYFS spent time considering how to listen to God more closely during Lent. They made prayer hearts, decorated them, and created a special prayer area in their classrooms.

Live Simply Award:

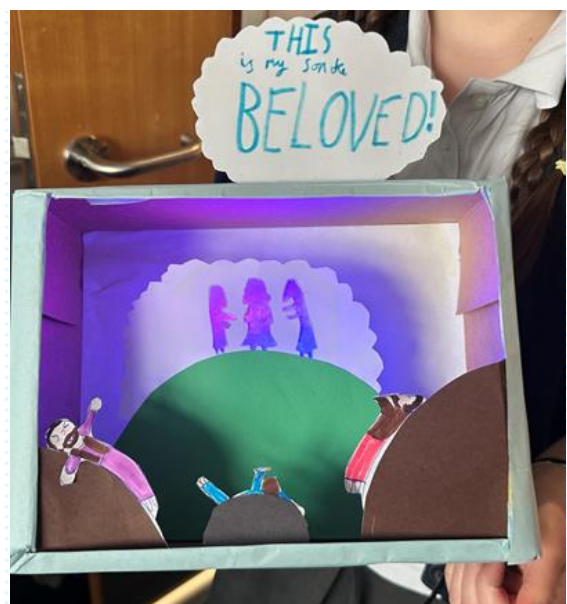
We are pleased to share with you that our school will be working towards becoming a LiveSimply school and achieving the LiveSimply Award. The LiveSimply Award, coordinated by CAFOD, the Catholic agency for overseas development, is presented to schools who demonstrate they are living simply, living sustainably, and living in solidarity with the world's poorest communities. During our LiveSimply journey, we will be taking faith inspired actions that support our school & local communities and our global sisters and brothers too. We look forward to telling you more about our actions and inviting you to also take part with us. We really appreciate your support. If you would like to know more about LiveSimply for schools, please visit cafod.org.uk/LiveSimplySchools

The Transfiguration:

In last week's Celebration of the word assembly the children in key stage 2 were challenged to produce a piece of art work to represent the transfiguration. Evelyn in 4H produced an amazing diorama which is shown in one of the photos this week.

St David's day:

Esme and Reuben led our St David's day celebrations today with an assembly in the hall. The children found out about St David and how he inspires us today.



UP COMING DATES:

Week beginning 4th March (menu week 1)

Tuesday 5th March- Bikeability bike checks

Thursday 7th March- Word book day- wear pj's or dress as favourite bedtime story- *A Pyjama Parade at 9am on the school playground (weather permitting!) parents/carers are welcome to stay after drop off and watch.*

Friday 8th March- Year 4 Bake Sale after school

Monday 11th March- Science week- all week-

Tuesday 12th & Thursday 14th- Reception height, weight & vision screening.

Tuesday 12th- Cross country event @ Collegiate 2:00-3:30

Wednesday 13th- Bikeability

Friday 15th- 4H Class assembly 10:00

Dates for your



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 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.

Clubs and sports at St Bon's



Sport and club's - week starting 4th March

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	NO YES	3:15 Mondays – Y3 & 4 - NOT ON THIS WEEK 3:15 Tuesdays - Y5 & 6
Drama	YES	Mondays- Y4 & Y5 3:15-4:30 Thursdays- Y6- 3:15 – 4:45 in hall
Circuits	YES	Thursdays Y1-Y6 - 7:50am in hall PLEASE NOTE FROM TERM 4 CIRCUITS WILL BE FOR Y2-6 ONLY
Running club	YES	Wednesdays – 7.45am – all welcome – meet outside foyer
Football	YES	Wednesdays- 3:15 – 4:30 Boys Practise
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 - 3:15 Paid club Booked through Mrs Hinkins.
Gymnastics	Yes	Tuesdays Y4 - 3:15 in hall
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

The link to book for Term 4 yoga is here: <https://bookwhen.com/emflow>
Choose St Bon's Yoga Course starting on 5th January and follow the link.

TERM 4- CWS AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

MON

FOOTBALL CLUB
3.30PM - 4.30PM
RECEPTION, Y1, Y2

£24 FOR 6 WEEK COURSE

TUE

FOOTBALL CLUB
3.30PM - 4.30PM
Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6

£24 FOR 6 WEEK COURSE

WED

MULTI SPORTS CLUB
3.30PM - 4.30PM
RECEPTION/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6

£24 FOR 6 WEEK COURSE

THU

GIRLS ONLY SPORTS
3.30PM-4.30PM
RECEPTION/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6

TAG RUGBY/CRICKET
3.30PM-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
19TH FEBRUARY 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 .



Window Wanderland needs you!!!

Window Wanderland starts on the 9th March and the school are once again hosting the opening night. If you live in Bishopston please join in with this wonderful event and sign up your window to the map. If you live outside Bishopston please come along to the school on the evening of the 9th and see the school amazing window displays.

Other ways in which you can help:

- ❖ Pop into the office and get a poster to display in your window.
- ❖ Ask the office for flyers and post them around your Bishopston neighbourhood.
- ❖ Share our poster on your local Whats App groups.
- ❖ Visit our Instagram page Bishopston window Wanderland and forward to your stories.
- ❖ Get your local business involved by sponsoring the event or signing up your window.
- ❖ MOST INPORTANTLY SIGN UP YOUR WINDOW TO OUR MAP.

Take a look at this youtube video for easy ideas on what to make:

[How to make a Window Wanderland Festival Display \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)



PTFA News

www.stbonsptfa.com

Email – contact@stbonsptfa.com

Uniform – ptfauniformrep@gmail.com

Facebook – St Bons Parents and Carers

Instagram - @stbonsptfa

PTFA news: Friday bake sales are back!

Bake sales: Proceeds from year group bake sales will go directly to class teachers to buy resources for their classes. Check dates with your class rep. First up is year 4 with a bake sale on **Friday 8 March!**

Quiz night 26 April: Can you offer help with planning, setting up and tidying away, bar duty, tech set up, tickets etc? If so, we would love you to join our online planning meeting on **Tuesday 5 March** from 8-9pm (a Zoom link will be sent round via class reps shortly).

PTFA meeting: Our next meeting will be **Thursday 14 March at 8pm** via Zoom. Details will be sent round nearer the time. Everyone is welcome to these meetings, so please pop the date in your diary. We'll be discussing our upcoming events, including the Summer Fair on Sunday 23 June.

Pre-loved uniform: If you are able to donate any uniform in good condition for future sales, please let us know by email ptfauniformrep@gmail.com and then drop it off at the school office. Thank you.

Wish list: The staffroom is full of parcels from the school's Amazon wish list - all purchased by the PTFA! The [St Bon's Amazon wish list](#) is an easy way to support your child's class.

Dates for your diary

- ❖ **Quiz night**, Friday 26 April
- ❖ **Discos for reception / KS1, and KS2**, Friday 17 May
- ❖ **Bag 2 School**, Friday 7 June
- ❖ **Summer fair**, Sunday 23 June, 2-5pm



Friday
BAKE SALES ARE BACK!!

Each year group is invited to run a bake sale on a Friday after school.

Proceeds will go directly towards class resources.

Check dates with your class rep!

www.stbonsptfa.com



COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Those of you who subscribe to Which? magazine may have seen an item this month which showed that a basket of groceries now costs 31% more than it did in January 2022. We're definitely finding that inflation is hitting the pantry quite hard in two ways: higher food prices mean more people using the service and also the kind donations we receive from church-goers and local supporters just don't go as far as they did even a few months ago. As a result, our shelves are looking really quite bare this month.

All your donations are so appreciated. If you're able to give cash, you can donate at the back of the church or at 55 Egerton Road. Otherwise, we'd be so grateful if you could pop some of the items below in your basket next time you do your weekly shop.

Please donate:

Crackers
Oatcakes
Sweet biscuits
Tinned fruit
Tinned custard
Rice pudding (tins or packets)

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.