



Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear parents and carers,

*Dear God,  
As the wise men followed the star,  
Found the baby Jesus and realised how much you loved them,  
Help us, like them, to know your love for us,  
And to share that love with those we meet today.  
Amen.*

I hope you all had a good Christmas and New Year. I would like to pass on my congratulations to Izzy Gillespie, KS2 LSA, who married her fiancé Sam at the start of the Christmas holidays. Congratulations to you both.

I am also pleased to inform you that Rachel Howard, Reception class teacher, and her partner Charlie are expecting their first baby, due in June. Congratulations to you both.

#### **Parent/carer SIP session Friday 12th January 9am**

I will be running a session for all parents/carers on Friday 12th January at 9am in the school hall. Refreshments will be provided. There will be an opportunity for you to hear an update on our School Improvement priorities for this academic year including hearing from some of the pupils themselves and take a look at some of our pupils work.

#### **Parent dyslexia session**

I have arranged for SENCAT, SEN Consultancy, Advice and Training agency, to provide an information session for all parents/carers on Monday 15th January 9.00-10.00. The session will take place in school. All parents/carers are welcome to attend, simply come to the main office reception area to sign in. Refreshments will be provided.

#### **WhatsApp**

Please follow this link for information provided by the NSPCC about WhatsApp:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/2023-01-12-is-whatsapp-safe-for-my-child/>

Best  
Sarah Ballantine  
Head teacher

## Catholic life of the school

### Epiphany: Seeking Truth and Sharing Light

This week, the spirit of the Epiphany shone brightly at our school as we celebrated the feast with a special Mass.

Mgr. Bernard captivated the children with tales of the Wise Men – their long journey guided by a star, their unwavering search for a new born king, and the wonder they must have felt upon finding Jesus.

He reminded us that the Wise Men are role models for all of us, for they teach us the importance of seeking truth and following its light.

Inspired by this message, our school is embarking on a new gospel theme for the next two terms: "Seek the Truth."

Throughout their learning, our children will explore the concepts of equality, truth, and justice. They will discover more about the Catholic Social Teaching principles of Solidarity, the common good, and the option for the poor and vulnerable.

Next Friday, Year 2 will put their faith into action, culminating their work on last term's faith awards. They are organising a "Wear Blue for Bangladesh" day, where everyone is invited to wear blue and donate £1 to support those affected by climate change in that country.

This initiative exemplifies the spirit of the Wise Men – not only seeking truth, but actively pursuing justice and compassion for those in need.

Through these activities and explorations, we hope to nurture in our children a lifelong commitment to truth-seeking and empathy.

May their hearts, like the star that guided the Wise Men, lead them to a deeper understanding of the world and their place within it.

Year 2 would like to share a prayer they have written:

*'Dear God,*

*We pray for the people of Bangladesh who are affected by flooding.*

*We pray that the people and animals in Bangladesh get the help they need.*

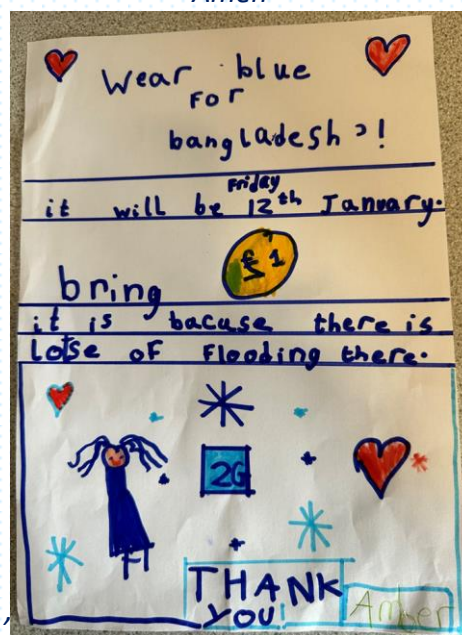
*We pray that people don't get hurt and they look after each other.*

*We pray that those affected by floods find a safe place to live.*

*We pray that you look after the homes and habitats.*

*We pray that people respect the world and treat it with kindness.*

*Amen'*



### UP COMING DATES:

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January- Ten Ten Session- 9:15

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January- Wear blue for Bangladesh- bring £1 donation  
SIP session 9am in hall

Monday 15<sup>th</sup>- Dyslexia session- Information for parents from SENCAT 9:00-10:15



### First Holy Communion 2024

Deadline for FHC applications is Friday 19th January. Enrolment Mass for children and their parents will be on Sunday, 21st January at 10am, followed by parents' meeting straight after the Mass.

For more details, please contact the parish office: [bristol.stbonaventure@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bristol.stbonaventure@cliftondiocese.com) , 0117 942 4448 or visit <https://stbonsbristol.com/sacraments/> .

### 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 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

## Iron on St Bonaventures logo badges



Don't forget we now have iron on logos to sell to parents, they are fantastic quality and hope it makes uniform much more affordable for parents. The badges are £1.30 each and can be ironed on to cardigans, sweatshirt, polo shirts and t-shirts. We hope this makes uniform more affordable for parents

Payment can be made via School Gateway and will be payable from Monday.  
Once ordered you can pick up the following week from the office during school hours.



### **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](mailto: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.**



## 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.

**TERM 3 CWS AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS SCHEDULE. PLEASE BOOK VIA OUR WEBSITE [www.cwsophie.co.uk](http://www.cwsophie.co.uk)**

### TERM 3 - CWS AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

MON

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

£20 FOR 5 WEEK COURSE

TUE

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

£20 FOR 5 WEEK COURSE

WED

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

£24 FOR 6 WEEK COURSE

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

**TAG RUGBY/CRICKET**  
30.30PM-4.30PM  
Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6

£24 FOR 6 WEEK COURSE

PLEASE VISIT OUR  
WEBSITE TO BOOK -

[WWW.CWSOPHIE.CO.UK](http://WWW.CWSOPHIE.CO.UK)

**CLUBS WILL START  
BACK WEEK  
COMMENCING  
WEDNESDAY 3RD  
JANUARY 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 .**



## 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	Thursdays- Y6- 3:15 – 4:15 in hall Mondays- Y4 & Y5 3:15-4:30 (not accepting new sign ups)
Circuits	YES	Thursdays Y1-Y6 7:50am in hall
Running club	YES	Wednesdays – 7.45am – all welcome – meet outside foyer
Football	YES	Please see Mr Morgan for the details
Tag Rugby	Yes	Thursday Y5 & Y6 8:00
Chess Lunch break	NO	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 –

## 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.