



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear parents and carers,

*Thank you for our school,  
for each other and for this new day.  
We pray that it may be a peaceful,  
safe and happy place.  
Help us to learn well,  
to respect each other and to live our school values.*

We have welcomed the sunny days this week. With this in mind please remember to ensure your child has a refillable water bottle with them each day, a sun hat and that you apply long lasting sun cream to your child/ren each morning.

### **Bishop Bosco's ordination**

We were lucky enough to be allocated 5 tickets to attend Bishop Bosco's ordination in Clifton Cathedral on Wednesday 8th May. Myself and Mrs Ward took three year 6s with us.

We are so incredibly proud of Siena, Otto and Zack who were selected to accompany us, after writing to me to express why they should be chosen to attend. Their behaviour throughout the 2.5 hour service was impeccable. My thanks must go to Mr King, principle of St Bedes Catholic college who, when he discovered we were having difficulties locating a taxi, dropped us back to St Bons in the St Bedes mini bus.

Later this term, Siena, Otto and Zack will be helping me to share an assembly with the whole school about Bishop Bosco and the role of a Bishop.



### **Safeguarding**

We have recently reviewed our procedures for visitors on site during school and ASC hours. You will notice that signs are now displayed on all external doors reminding parent/carers to ensure they have signed into the school building via the online signing in system located in the office reception area. Please do not enter the school building via a different area. All parents/carers are now required to be accompanied by a member of staff whilst in the school building during these hours.

In addition, if you volunteer to help out on a school trip please report to the office reception area where you will be signed by a member of the school office team who will give you a safeguarding leaflet to read. Do not enter the school via the playground or classroom doors.

Thank you in advance for your support.

### **SMSAs needed**

We are looking to recruit SMSA's to work lunchtime (12:00pm to 1:30pm) from term 6.

This involves supervising the children in the lunch hall and playground during lunchtime break.

Please contact the school office or myself on the school gate if you are interested in finding out more information.

Best,  
Sarah Ballantine  
Head teacher

# Celebrating Catholic Life at St. Bonaventure's!

## Witnessing a Special Occasion:

On Wednesday, Mrs. Ballantine and Mrs. Ward had the privilege of taking three excited Year 6 students to witness the ordination of Bishop Bosco at Clifton Cathedral. These students were chosen from a group of thoughtful Year 5 and 6 pupils who wrote heartfelt letters explaining why they wanted to attend.

## Celebrating the Ascension:

Thursday saw the whole school come together for a special service to celebrate the Feast of the Ascension. During the service, we reflected on Jesus returning to his Father in Heaven and the promise of the Holy Spirit. The children also had the opportunity to share their thoughtful Ascension Artwork with another year group.

## Joining a Worldwide Prayer Movement:

In the spirit of the Ascension, we're embarking on a special mission over the next ten days leading up to Pentecost. We're joining the global movement "Thy Kingdom Come," praying for the Holy Spirit to descend and bring Jesus' love into the lives of others. Every day, each class will recite the prayer "Come, Holy Spirit" (or their own creative version) to contribute to this global intention. During our service, we particularly thought of those in our local community and beyond who need to feel God's presence in their lives.

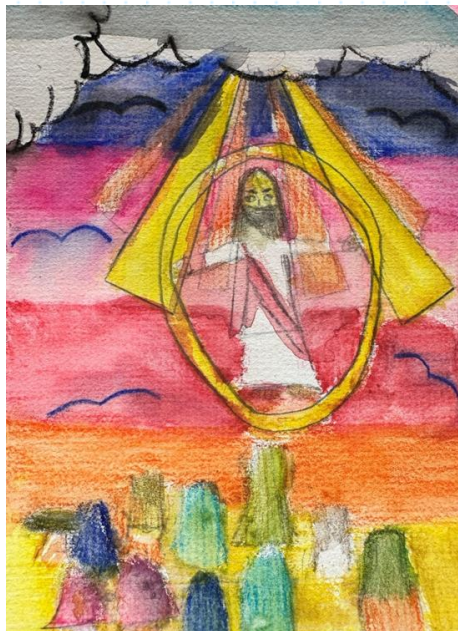
## Caring for Our World:

Friday brought a delightful assembly led 1P, who took the school on a trip to Kenya and captivated us with the theme of "Care for Our Common Home."

## Growing in Faith Together:

At our Chaplaincy Team meeting this week the children started to plan for reopening the St Francis Garden by thinking about how to ensure that everyone can access the garden and planning a prayer trail through the garden. We are all hoping that this space will be a haven for quiet contemplation once it reopens soon.

It's been a truly enriching week where we've learned, celebrated, and grown closer as a Catholic school family. We look forward to sharing more news with you next week.



## Prayer Group for St Bons

We are looking to start a monthly prayer group for parents, friends, carers who are interested in simply meeting for 30 mins to prayer for our school. It most likely will be straight after drop off or just before pick up to make it easier. It will be run by parents from the school. First date will be after half term. If you are keen to be kept in the loop on this, please send a message to Lorna Savage on 07855108729, giving your name and we'll get a WhataApp group set up.

Please note there will be no holiday playscheme running for the May half term.

### UP COMING DATES:

#### Week beginning 13<sup>h</sup> May (menu week 2)

Monday 13<sup>th</sup>- SATS week all week -Y6 are invited to come into school at 8:25 to have breakfast before starting their exams.

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

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

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> - 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

Week Beginning 20<sup>th</sup> May- Care for our common home curriculum week

Monday 20<sup>th</sup>- Virtual meeting with Newman Trust 6:00-7:00

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – RGS Y6 visit 9:30

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> – 2G class assembly 10:00  
- Frozen Friday- afterschool ice cream/lolly sale  
- School improvement plan session 9:00-10:00

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](mailto:esmeralda.cela@bristol-schools.uk)



Well done to Ilaria in year 5 who took part in a Triathlon on the weekend. She raised £215 for Charity.



Massive well done to the year 4 cricketers who represented us at St Bede's this week at a non-competitive tournament. Their playing was superb and showed great respect and consideration for the other teams. We look forward to seeing you to play again in the future!



### 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](http://www.cwsophie.co.uk),

TERM 5- CWS AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS			
<b>MON</b> FOOTBALL CLUB 3.30PM - 4.30PM RECEPTION, Y1, Y2 £20 FOR 5 WEEK COURSE (BANK HOLIDAY)	<b>TUE</b> FOOTBALL CLUB 3.30PM - 4.30PM Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 £24 FOR 6 WEEK COURSE	<b>WED</b> MULTI SPORTS CLUB 3.30PM - 4.30PM RECEPTION/Y1/Y2/.Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 £24 FOR 6 WEEK COURSE	<b>THU</b> 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 - <a href="http://WWW.CWSOPHIE.CO.UK">WWW.CWSOPHIE.CO.UK</a>	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 Bons



## Sport and club's - week starting 13<sup>th</sup> 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	NO	<del>Thursdays— Yr2-6 — 8:00am in with Mr Morgan</del> Cancelled this week due to SATS
Running club	YES	Wednesdays – 7.45am – all welcome – meet outside foyer
Football	YES	Boys training
Chess Lunch break	NO	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
Yoga	YES	Fridays- Y1 & Y2 – 3:15-4:15 Outside club must be booked through

Yoga club on Fridays is now open to Year 1 and 2. Please book at <https://www.emflow.co.uk/book>



## PTFA news

### It's disco time!

**Discos:** We are looking forward to the Reception/KS1 and KS2 discos on **Friday 17 May**. Thank you so much to all those who returned adult tickets for the KS2 disco to avoid a ballot! Each class has now been asked to find volunteers to help with the smooth running of the event. Please ask your class rep for the rota and the slots that need to be filled. Thank you.

**Planting day:** 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. Please let us know by email ([contact@stbonsptfa.com](mailto:contact@stbonsptfa.com)) if you plan to come along. As before, the planting day will be for adults only as we are not allowed to have children on site during this time.

**Bake sales:** Thank you for all your support for the bake sales. The grand total will be revealed very soon.

**PTFA meeting:** The next PTFA meeting will be on **Thursday 16 May at 8pm online**. Everyone is welcome to come along to these meetings – they are a good opportunity to connect with other parents and get involved in the prep for our upcoming events. On 16 May we'll be discussing the Summer Fair and doing a little bit of planning for the Autumn term, so all ideas are very welcome!

**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.





## 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**.

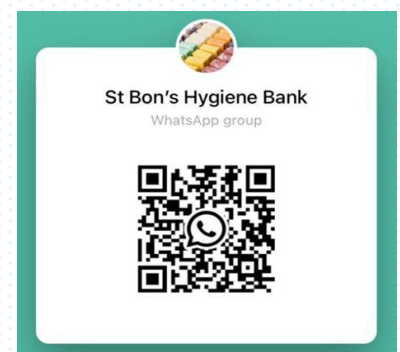
### How do I donate money?

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.

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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.





### **Redland Green School - Open Morning Tours**

We are delighted to welcome Year 5 parents to come into Redland Green School for an opportunity to meet our leadership team and have a school tour. The morning will start at 9:00am with a talk by a SLT member, followed by an opportunity to tour the school in the company of some of our students. As places are limited, please only book a maximum of two places per family. Please follow this [link](#) for more details.

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