



Thursday 28th March 2024



Dear parents and carers,

*In this season of growth we rejoice in your life!
God you have shown us in Jesus what life is meant to be.
Help us by your Spirit to grow more like him every day.
Amen.*

What a way to end the term! Thank you so much to everyone who made our Easter festival such a success, the children's artwork and performances have been amazing. Well done to St George who won the Easter Festival shield.



It has been an incredibly busy and productive term and I would like to express my thanks to all the staff who have worked tirelessly to plan and deliver World book day, Science week, DT week and our many author visits. The children have thoroughly enjoyed these activities and it wouldn't be possible without the dedication of our staff team.

Marble run competition

The winners of our in-school marble run competition attended an event at Bristol university on Wednesday. We took our all female team of engineers, to the event which was lead by a very inspiring roboticist and our KS 1 team won the most inventive marble run, we are so proud of these budding inventors.



Year 6 Macbeth Performance

On Tuesday our year 6 drama group performed Macbeth at the tobacco factory as part of a Shakespeare festival. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and their amazing performance on the night.



SEND parent/carer support group meeting

Our next SEND parent/carer support group meeting will take place on Friday 26th April 9-10am. At this meeting we will be joined by the SENCO from St Bedes. This meeting is open for any parent/carer to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Summer school uniform

Thank you for your support in ensuring your children are wearing the correct school uniform. Here is a link to the uniform policy: https://stbonaventures.eschools.co.uk/web/school_uniform/262553

In term 5-6 children are able to come to school wearing:

Blue checked summer dresses/playsuit

Black, navy or dark grey shorts

Children may wear sensible summer sandals. These should be a plain colour with suitable straps to ensure that they are secure and will not fall off the foot (no flip flops, Crocs or highly ornate sandals). Socks MUST also be worn with these to avoid rubbing and accidents.

Length of school day consultation

I am currently consulting with all stakeholders on the length of the school week.

In March 2022, the Government introduced a non-statutory expectation of a 32.5 hour minimum core school week by September 2023. In July 2023 the deadline to meet this expectation was deferred to September 2024 at the latest, in recognition of the pressures facing schools.

The 32.5 hour minimum expectation includes the time in each day from the official start of the school day (i.e. morning registration) to the official end of the compulsory school day (i.e. official home time). The 32.5 hour minimum includes lunch times and other breaks as well as teaching time and any enrichment activities that all pupils are expected to attend. It does not include optional before or after school provision.

At St Bons the length of our school week is currently 32 hours. We would need to add 25 minutes a week to our school week in order to meet this expectation. This would extend each school day by 5 minutes. I would like to know if you would prefer to have this additional 5 minutes added to the start or end of the school day.

I am currently consulting with staff as well as parents/carers. I hope to provide you with an outcome at the end of term 5 with the view to implement these changes from September 2024. Please use the following link to engage in this survey: <https://forms.gle/DZPFg3gLVptD4DHSA>

Best,
Sarah Ballantine
Head teacher

Catholic Life of our school this week

This week has been another busy week at St Bon's leading up to Easter.

We'd like to begin by saying a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has supported our "Live Simply" action.

Your generous donations allow us to stand in solidarity with our global neighbours. Remember, there's still time to contribute to our Big Lent walk fundraising either online or through cash donations at the school office.

We are incredibly proud of our students! Their dedication to fundraising and making a difference to the lives of others has shone brightly throughout this term.

Holy Week saw the children reflect on the journey of Jesus to the cross. Each class creatively reflected on a Station of the Cross, culminating in a moving school service where they shared their interpretations. Below are some photos of their amazing work.



The term ended on a high note, with the calm reflection of the Passiontide Mass on Wednesday followed by the joyful chaos of the Easter Festival on Thursday. These contrasting events perfectly encapsulated the spirit of the season.

We look forward to sharing more faith-filled news with you next term!

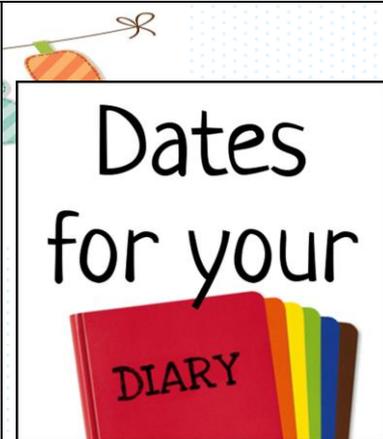
UP COMING DATES:

Week beginning 15th April (menu week 1 of new spring/summer menu)

Monday 15th April- Term 5 begins

Tues 16th April- Parent session, children's relationship with technology 9:00

Friday 19th- School improvement plan session 9:00
Reception bake sale- after school



Easter Playscheme

Kidzone playscheme is still open for bookings via school gateway, it will operate during the Easter holidays as follows:

Tuesday 2nd April- Friday 5th April

Monday 8th April – Friday 12th April

Kidzone will be closed on Easter Monday

We offer two sessions:

Full Day - 8:30am - 5:45pm - £28.00

Short Day - 10am - 4pm - £21.00



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

Clubs and sports at St Bon's



Sport and club's - week starting 15th April

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 as usual week 2 YES	Monday 3:15 - 4:15 For YEAR 6 Only - NOT Yr3&4 Tuesdays 3:15 – 4:15 - Y5 & 6 as normal
Circuits	NO Starts week 2	Thursdays Y1-Y6 – 7:50am in hall PLEASE NOTE FROM TERM 5 CIRCUITS WILL BE FOR Y2-6 ONLY
Running club	YES	Wednesdays – 7.45am – all welcome – meet outside foyer
Football	NO Starts week 2	Wednesdays 3:15 – 4:30
Tag Rugby	YES	Thursday 8:00 - Y5 & Y6
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.
Gymnastics	NO	NO GYMNASTICS FOR THE REST OF THE SCHOOL YEAR
Dodge ball	NO Starts week 2	Fridays – Y3 & 4 – 8:00 in hall
Art/Drawing- lunch	NO Starts week 2	Tuesday lunch – KS2 – 12:15 in 4H
Debating Club- lunch time	YES	Wednesday lunch 12:15 Y5 & Y6 - 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 12:15 – KS1 in 2TW Thursdays – KS2 –12:15 in 2TW

Bookings for Coaching with sophie is now live on 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 .	



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

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



PTFA News

www.stbonsptfa.com

Email – contact@stbonsptfa.com

Uniform – ptfauniformrep@gmail.com

Facebook – St Bons Parents and Carers

Instagram - @stbonsptfa

PTFA news

Calling all businesses!

Calling all businesses! We are currently looking for businesses who would be interested in sponsoring, and /or donating prizes for our Summer Fair on 23 June. If you can help, then we would love to hear from you – please email us at: contact@stbonsptfa.com

The Big (St) Bon's Quiz of the Year, Friday 26 April: Tickets for the biggest event of the year (exclusively for the grown-ups) are now on sale! Remember this event is open to all parents/carers, teachers, and friends, so please feel free to bring others along too. The more the merrier!

PTFA meeting: Read the minutes from our last meeting. The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 18 April** at 8pm, online (details to follow).

Bake sales: Thank you to everyone who has supported the bake sales this term! We look forward to more baked delights next term, starting with the Reception classes bake sale on **Friday 19 April**. A reminder that proceeds from year group bake sales will go directly to class teachers to buy resources for their classes.

Dates for your diary

- ❖ **The Big (St) Bon's Quiz of the Year**, 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





COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Thanks to all those who took part in the cake sale at the Church last week, it raised a smashing £120 for the Pantry (and another £120 for Cafod). We also had a great response to our request for help with the Pantry stock-taking rota, it's wonderful to know there are so many people who want to support this great cause.

Please donate:

Long-life dairy milk
Tuna
Other tinned fish
Tinned peas
Tinned sweetcorn

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.

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.

