



Friday 9th February 2024



Dear parents and carers,

*Lord our God, in your generosity and love you surround us with wonders of the universe.
Send your Spirit upon us all and fill us with your wisdom and blessings that we may devote ourselves to our
studies and draw ever closer to you, the source of all knowledge.
Amen.*

World Book day Thursday 7th March

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book day in school on 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 are planning lots of exciting events throughout the day, more details to follow next term.

School Improvement plan, SIP, session for parents and carers

My next SIP session for parents and carers will take place on Friday 23rd February

Engagement survey

Thank you to those parents/carers who have completed the engagement survey shared at the start of this week. For those parents/carers who have not completed this, here is a reminder of the email send out on Monday:

The parent focus group met in term 3 2024 and talked about parental engagement. It was suggested by the group that we find out exactly what the St Bons parent/carer community want in terms of information in order to support their children.

We would appreciate your time in completing the following questions which will help me shape how we engage with parents/carers moving forward. To access the survey please use this link:

<https://forms.gle/7MAb1tmGYH1ADHahZ>

This survey will close at midday on Monday 26th February 2024.

Times Table Rockstars, TTR

Parents of children in years 2-6 will have received a letter from our maths leaders Mrs Harvey and Mrs Garrett earlier this week. We are asking all children in these year groups to use TTR at home every night to reinforce their recall of multiplication and division facts. Each class will have a TTR class display which will be referred to in maths lessons and used to reward the children who make the most progress recalling timetable facts. Please refer to the letter sent via email for more information.

I hope you all have a great week and I look forward to seeing you all after half term.

Best,
Sarah Ballantine
Head teacher

Catholic Life of our school this week

This week has been a celebration of our Catholic faith at St Bonaventure's! Let's hear about some of the highlights:

Key Stage 1: Compassion in Action!

In our Celebration of The Word this week our key Stage 1 children journeyed through the story of Jesus healing the leper, discovering the powerful message of compassion. Their "word of the week" was compassion, and over half term, they'll be putting this into action! Keep an eye out for some extra acts of kindness and care at home over the next week.

Key Stage 2: Finding Peace in the Busy World

In Key Stage 2, the focus shifted to the importance of finding quiet moments amidst the hustle and bustle of life. We explored the value of rest, appreciating God's creation, and spending time in prayer. The children were challenged to create space in their lives for talking and listening to God—a reminder to slow down and connect with our inner selves and strengthen our connection with God.

Walk the Walk Assembly: Celebrating our Gospel Values and Achievements

Today's Walk the Walk assembly was a celebration of our Gospel value, "Seek the Truth." Children showcased how their work in History, Science, and RE has deepened their understanding of this theme. Individual awards were presented to students who demonstrated curiosity, resilience, and a desire to create a fair and just world where everyone's voice is heard. What an inspiring way to see our values come alive!

Seek the Truth in our Learning..

This week year 1 visited the SS Great Britain, they learnt all about Brunel and discovered his brilliant designs. They learnt about life for the people who would have been alive during that time.



Year 2 have been working really hard learning about the Great Fire of London. We used historical evidence to discover how the fire started, how it spread and how it was put out. We also learned about how firefighting has changed over time. We know how important witness accounts are for seeking truth, so we learned about some historical figures and explored Samuel Pepys' diary.



In Y3, we challenged ourselves to seek the truth by finding out more about unsung heroes in History. We learnt about Amelia Edwards during our trip to Bristol City Museum and 3B shared Y3's learning with us in their assembly last week.



3J classroom was turned into a museum today as they exhibited their work on the ancient Egyptians. Following from their visit to the Bristol Museum this week they created Canopic Jars from clay, mummified teddy bears and lots of other Egyptian artefacts.



6WA visited the 'Egyptian Museum' today in 3J and wrote TripAdvisor reviews about their experience
 TripAdvisor review: 5 stars

Claudia and I loved visiting the Egyptian Museum in 3J. Abi and Sofia-May were particularly great tour guides; they had loud, clear presentational voices and they knew so many facts so were able to answer our questions! This goes for everyone – the sculptures they made out of clay were fantastic and they used wooden sticks, straws, blue tack and more to create amazing models of Shadufs. The pyramids were really fascinating and I loved the step by step way we were showed how people were mummified... it was so cool (and fluffy!) Looking at Tutankhamun was also fun; there are countless facts that I learned in just half an hour that I didn't know before. Also, using the hieroglyphics was fun even though the only name I managed to unscramble out of the symbols was 'roco' (the easiest one). If I could rate my experience a 10, I would but I'll just have to stick with an amazing 5 out of 5 stars. I want to say a massive thank you for a wonderful experience. Matilda

UP COMING DATES:

Monday 12th -16th Half Term

Monday 19th- Term 4 begins (menu week 2)

Friday 23rd – Parent/Carer School improvement plan.

Please note that 2TW class assembly has been rescheduled to the 21st June

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

**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.

St Bon's has been invited to take part in a competition to design and make a marble run. This will take place in school on the week beginning Monday 11th March with a launch assembly and will culminate at the end of the week when the slowest marble runs will be shown to the whole school and 2 teams, one from KS1 and another from KS2 will go to Bristol University on **Wednesday 27th March** along with 23 other schools to show their designs and listen to a keynote speaker from Bristol University as well as receive prizes.

Please can you gather anything that would be useful to come into school to be used for this challenge. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANYTHING TO SCHOOL UNTIL WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH.** Included is the design brief and a picture from another school to give you some idea of what we will be doing. Many thanks.

Design challenge:

Working in teams children design and build a marble run on an A2 piece of card that keeps a marble rolling for the longest time.

- The goal is to keep the marble rolling as long as possible, not as far as possible
- Children can cut the tubes in half lengthwise to make chutes. Or make cardboard tabs the marble rolls along. As long as the marble stays on the run it doesn't matter how it gets down.

consider:

- A range of materials to slow down the marble e.g. sand paper, bubble wrap, double sided tape (however, this might cause too much friction and the marble might stop).



EYFS will do a slightly different challenge: Use their outdoor area and use piping / tennis balls other materials to build a large marble run.



Clubs and sports at St Bon's



Sport and club's week starting 19th February

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 – 4:45 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	Wednesdays- 3:15 (please see Mr Morgan)
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



Window Wanderland – A Walking Trail to Light up our Winter

On Saturday 9th March St Bonaventures will be once again hosting the opening night of this wonderful event, please do support us by coming along. Pick up a map of the trial, view the schools amazing windows that we will create, and enjoy free hot chocolate from FED, PizzaRova pizza and sweet treats from Joes Bakery.

“Which event sums up community and creativity better than Window Wanderland?” – Featured in The Sunday Times.

Imagine walking around your streets at night and seeing your neighbourhood in a whole new light. Window Wanderland is a fun community project that started in Bristol in 2015, with amazing results, and your area will host this unique event in month, year of event.

What is it? Bishopston Window Wanderland invites Bishopston residents to make displays in their windows or gardens that will then form a magical trail which can be explored by the whole community. What goes into the displays is totally up to you: from a string of fairy lights to a band playing in the living room, from simple to spectacular: as long as it's family friendly, anything goes.

It's easy to put your house on the map if you want to make a display, just visit our event www.windowwanderland.com/event/bishopston-bristol-2024

How can I help?

- ❖ Share our poster on your local Whats App groups.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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 IMPORTANTLY SIGN UP YOUR WINDOW TO OUR MAP.**

When you sign up you will receive free membership to the scrap store for the 4 weeks leading up to the opening event.

TERM 3 CWS AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS SCHEDULE. PLEASE BOOK VIA OUR WEBSITE: www.cwsophie.co.uk

TERM 4- 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 £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 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 .	



We have 5 music stands that are no longer in use. Please get in touch if you could make use of one. We would appreciate a donation to go to the school.



COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Please donate:

tinned vegetarian meals
tinned vegan meals
tinned meat meals
tinned fruit
cereal
shampoo
deodorant
toilet rolls

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.