



Friday 24th May 2024

Dear parents and carers,

*In this season of celebration, we praise you!
For work well done, we praise you!
For friendship and fun, we praise you!
For holidays to come, we praise you!
Lord, as we travel on together may we learn to celebrate and be thankful.
Amen.*

Our final week of term 5 has been incredibly busy and productive. My thanks to the staff and pupils who have worked tirelessly throughout this term, you are all absolute stars! Enjoy the break next week.

Parent/carer School Improvement Sessions

Thank you to the parents/carers who attended the final parent/carer school improvement plan session of the year. I have really enjoyed sharing our journey with you this year and hearing your views on our school improvement priorities. Thank you for your continued support.

PTFA Grow With It project

Massive thanks must go out to all the parents/carers who have been involved in our Grow With It project. We have a group of parents who have given up their time at the weekend to plant our raised beds and replenish our St Francis garden. I would also like to thank Helen, our PTFA chair, who is working so hard on top of her full time job and family commitments, to coordinate and lead this project. I honestly don't know how you do it- thank you so much. You have all made such a difference, we really appreciate your support. If you'd like to get involved in our PTFA please see me at the gate or speak to our PTFA chair, Helen.



Strengthening parental relationships coffee morning

We have some Relationship Practitioners facilitating a coffee morning for us 9-10am on Friday 21st June. Please come along and participate as much or as little as you like:

Being parents can be stressful and challenging at the best of times. Learn how to manage stress and communicate in ways that are helpful for a healthy co-parenting relationship.

Chat to Relationship Practitioners and take away FREE relationship support resources

I hope you all find time to have a break from work and spend time with your families over the next week

Best,
Sarah Ballantine
Head teacher

Celebrating Catholic Life at St. Bonaventure's!

Celebrating Pentecost:

Our week began with a special Pentecost assembly led by our chaplains. They brought the events of Pentecost to life with a re-enactment, reminding us of the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and the gifts it bestowed. Following this, children across all year groups are now busy planning class reflections centred on the "fruits of the Spirit" – the positive qualities we strive to develop as followers of Christ. These reflections will be a wonderful way for each class to explore a specific fruit they'd like to focus on, such as kindness, joy, or peace.

The spirit of Pentecost continued in our Key Stage assemblies. Key Stage 2 delved into John's Gospel account of Pentecost, discussing how they can actively spread peace within our school community and at home. In Key Stage 1, we marked the first ever World Children's Day, an initiative introduced by Pope Francis. We reflected on the Gospel message of letting the children come to Jesus and considered the plight of children around the world facing war, poverty, or the effects of climate change.



Caring for our Common Home:

Today's 2G class assembly showcased the Gospel value of "Care for our Common Home." The children presented on the importance of plants and how we can all play a role in protecting our planet. They also linked this to our "Live Simply" action plan by highlighting the vital role of bees in our ecosystem.

Looking ahead, Mr. Davis announced the next exciting action for our "Live Simply" award, which promotes the Catholic Social Teaching principle of solidarity. The children will be participating in a sponsored run to raise money for a water project in Ethiopia. This project aims to make a significant difference in the lives of a community lacking access to clean water.



Planting the Seeds of Kindness:

Inspired by the 2G class, we're holding a plant sale today. The children have been busy growing bee-friendly seeds, and we're offering them for purchase. By planting these seeds, you can help create a bee-friendly haven in Bishopston and beyond, welcoming pollinators to our local area. Funds raised from the plant sale will directly support the PTFA's initiative to create a wildflower meadow at St. Bonaventure's. If you're lucky enough to get a pot of seedlings, we'd love to see photos of your flowers! Share them with us, and let's spread the message of kindness to our environment – one bee-friendly flower at a time!





UP COMING DATES:

Week beginning 3rd June (menu week 1)

27th- 31st May- Half term

Monday 3rd June- Term 6 begins

Thursday 6th- Year 6 leavers cake sale

Friday 7th Bag 2 school

- H2O sponsored run
- Frozen Fridays- after school ice lolly/ice cream sale

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 & 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

For runners and walkers of all abilities



St Bon's last year raised £4,373 to help buy materials to build a water system in the rural Ethiopian village of Uba Dama.



Having clean, safe water just 10 minutes from their home is changing their future. Health improves, women have time to start small businesses & earn money for their families & children can attend school and play.

The children have been invited once again to partner me in raising money for another water project in Ethiopia, Tsito Tife, by doing a sponsored run /walk/ cake sale etc to raise as much money as possible. My target is £10,000 and with your help and generosity I hope to achieve it for the 1,632 people who live in Tsito Tife , many thanks - Mr Davis.

On Friday 7th June we will run our collective marathon - 42.2Km = 211 laps of the MUGA

- R - 1 - $42.2 / 60 = 0.7 \text{ Km} = 3 \frac{1}{2}$ laps
- Y2&3 - $42.2/45 = 0.9 \text{ Km} = 5$ laps
- Y4 - $42.2 / 30 = 1.4 \text{ km} = 7$ laps
- Y5 - $42.2/ 25 = 1.7 \text{ Km} = 9$ laps
- Y6 - $42.2/20 = 2.1 \text{ Km} = 11$ laps

Sponsor forms have been given to the children to collect as many sponsors as possible over half term.

- Child in each class who raises the most will get a T-shirt
- All children will get an H2O wrist band

every child raised £5 - £2000
 every child raised £10 - £4000
 every child raised £20 - £8000
 every child raised £30 - 12,000
 every child raised £40 - £16,000
 every child raised £50 - £20,000

If you would like to donate online and are a taxpayer the government gives an **extra 25%** through gift aid to the amount donated, please visit :
<https://www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/Run4H2O2024>

Sports and clubs at St BONS

Sport and club's - week starting 20th 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	YES	Thursdays - Yr2-6 – 8:00am in with Mr Morgan
Running club	YES	Wednesdays – 7.45am – all welcome – meet outside foyer
Football	YES	Boys training
Chess Lunch break	YES	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>



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Hi All,

Thank you for another brilliant term, attached is the schedule for Term 6 CWS After School Club. The Website will be live to book from FRIDAY 24TH MAY. Any problems please shoot me an email. You can book via our website at www.cwsophie.co.uk

Hope you all have a lovely half term and look forward to seeing you all in term 6 😊

Please also note we are running holiday clubs this half term also and all info can be found on our website.

Thank you as always for the continued support

Kind Regards, Sophie 😊



PTFA NEWS

Disco fever: £2934 raised!

The discos last week were sell-out events and children (and grown-ups!) had a great time! Thank you to our amazing DJ, Mr Morgan, and to everyone who supported the events. See some of the highlights [here on Instagram](#).

Have you taken the tour of the St Francis Garden?

Head to our St Bon's Instagram account where Ed, one of our parent volunteers, will [walk you through](#) the new additions to the St Francis Garden. Thank you to everyone who [worked all day](#) on Saturday to rejuvenate the space, and also to add veg to our final raised bed.

Frozen Fridays: Year 6 will go next on **Friday 7 June**, followed by year 3 on **Friday 14 June**.

Bag 2 school Friday 7 June: Half term is the perfect time to have a clear out of any unwanted clothes, shoes, hats, belts and handbags etc ready to bring to school on the morning of Friday 7 June in bags labelled with your child's class. See full [list of items](#) you can donate.

Summer Fair

We can't wait to see everyone at this year's Summer Fair on Sunday 23 June! We would love your help with a number of things to make it a really special day (don't worry, reminders will be sent out nearer the time!):

Hampers: We've asked each class to make up a lovely summer hamper as a prize for the raffle at the fair on 23 June. Your class rep will be in touch soon with a sign up sheet of suggested items for each person in your class to donate. Please bring your items to school after half term, from **Monday 3 June to Friday 7 June**.

Raffle tickets: These should have come home with children. If you have more than one child in school then the youngest sibling should have brought the tickets home with them, so please have a look in bags! (if you can't find tickets, please pop to the school office who can give you some more). Please bring raffle ticket stubs and the correct cash (or a cheque) back to school in an envelope from **Monday 3 June** and leave in the drop box by the school office. Cheques should be made payable to 'St Bonaventure's PTFA'. Many thanks.

Pre-loved soft toys stall: We would like to invite everyone to bring in pre-loved soft toys in **excellent condition** on **Friday 7 June** (alongside your Bag 2 School). All soft, cuddly toys are welcome, from teddies and bunnies to lambs and dogs, and everything in between!

Goodie bags: We'll also be running the ever popular goodie bags stall, so we wanted to give you a bit of time to start gathering up little toys, pens, sweets or whatever you have at home that you feel another child would love to discover, and pop it in a goodie bag (old envelopes, or party bags will be fine). We'll be asking you to bring these in **nearer the time of the fair**, so watch this space.





COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

The shelves of the Community Pantry continue to be emptied each week by those in need, but we keep going thanks to our very generous supporters!

In the past few weeks, we've had donations from the families of children who took their first Holy Communion, money from the CAFOD plant sale and proceeds from the Friday soup lunches. All this, and we continue to receive a regular donation from Mary e as well as bits and bobs added to the food box donation point regularly by donors throughout the parish.

Your support means so much to those who use the Pantry, and we volunteers are very touched by it too.

Please donate:

Milk
Tinned tuna or other fish
Tinned meat meals
Tinned vegetarian meals
Wraps
Washing up liquid

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.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Year 6 Fiver Challenge.

Otto, Matthew and Stephanos from year 6 are raising money for guide dogs by making and selling customised t-shirts. They cost £4 but if you bring your own plain t-shirt you will receive 50% discount. The designs can not be too detailed or colourful but they will create incredible, unique t-shirts.

The purpose of this business is to help the blind to live a fulfilled and easy life.

You will find them taking orders in the playground after school on Tuesdays and Thursday by the main gate.

Thank you in advance, we hope you support these boys with this.

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 WhatsApp group set up.

Babysitter.

Would you like some help with childcare over the summer period? I'm a 16 year old, ex-St Bons student, currently finishing my GCSEs at Redmaids' High School. I enjoy being with children and I have experience of childcare through helping out at a primary school after school club, as well as through regular babysitting for primary school aged children. I am patient and happy to help with learning, organising activities and cooking. Feel free to contact me via email at elsasumpter@icloud.com.

