



Friday 29th September 2023

Dear parents and carers,

*Dear God,
Speak to our hearts and help us to see that we are one big family.
Old or young, short or tall, wherever we live, you made us all.
Help us to share, however hard it seems, to make our world fair,
And live out our dreams.*

Amen.

(CAFOD Harvest prayer shared with the children in my assembly this week)

We've had a wonderful busy week in school and can't quite believe we're half way through this term!

Next week we move into the season of Harvest. We will be celebrating our Harvest Mass at 9.15am on Tuesday 3rd October in church. Parents and carers are welcome to join us.

On Friday 6th October we are taking part in CAFOD's Brighten Up Harvest fundraising appeal. All children are encouraged to come to school wearing their brightest clothing. A voluntary donation of £1 is suggested.

Reading information sessions for parents and carers of Reception and KS1 children

The English team are delivering sessions for parents/carers of pupils currently in Reception and KS1:
2.30pm Tuesday 7th November & 9am Tuesday 14th November.

These sessions will provide you with an overview of the strategies we use in school, year group expectations and how you can support your child at home.

Dates for sessions for parents/carers of KS2 pupils will be shared later this term.

Reading volunteers needed

We are looking for parents/carers/grandparents who have a spare afternoon or window in their week where they can come into school and listen to pupils read. Training will be provided. If you would like to find out more please email amy.gamble@bristol-schools.uk and you will be signposted to our reading team.

EYFS/KS1 Nativity dates

Reception and KS1 pupils will perform their nativity performance on the following dates:

- ❖ Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th December 2pm **RHM, 1P, 2TW.**
- ❖ Wednesday 6th & Thursday 7th December **RH, 1CR, 2G.**

All children will receive 2 tickets. Tickets will be issued randomly for either performance dates and will be allocated next term.

There will be a small number of spare tickets available. Parents who would like to request one additional ticket will be put on a waiting list. More details to follow next term.

The KS2 carol service date will be confirmed later this term.

Best,
Sarah Ballantine
Head teacher



Catholic Life of the School This Week

Headteacher's Prayer and Liturgy

The saint we are celebrating in this week's newsletter is St Clare created by the children in year 2 last year. Mrs Ballantine led the school on the theme of harvest and our global neighbours. She reminded us of the importance of helping others in need both locally and globally. She spoke about the work of CAFOD and how we can support their efforts to help people in need around the world. We are looking forward to our 'Going Bright for Harvest' day next Friday when we will be raising money for CAFOD. Please wear your brightest clothes and bring a donation to help support this important work.

Key Stage 1 Prayer and Liturgy

In Key Stage 1 this week, the children discussed the parable of the two sons whose father asked them to work in the vineyard. The children thought about some positive changes they would like to make and realised that we can all make a difference in the world, even if we just make a small change.

Key Stage 2 Prayer and Liturgy

In Key Stage 2, the children discussed last week's gospel which was the parable of the workers in the vineyard. The children thought about God's love for us being deeper, wider and higher than we can imagine. They also reflected on how we can show our love for God by loving our neighbours.

Prospective House Captains' Speeches

On Friday, our prospective house captains made their speeches to the school explaining how they are good role models, represent our gospel values and follow in the footsteps of the saints. The children were impressed by the speeches and are looking forward to voting for their House Captains next week.

Foundation Stage Kindness Trees

Our FS children have settled in well to school and this week made kindness trees in response to learning about how God wants us to look after others. The children decorated their trees with their handprints and their display is a beautiful reminder of the importance of being kind to others. It has been a busy and fruitful week in the Catholic life of our school. We have learned about the importance of harvest, sharing what we have with others, and God's deep love for us. We have also seen our children grow in their understanding of what it means to be a good role model and to show kindness to others.

Thank you to all of our staff and parents for their support in helping us to create a strong Catholic community at our school.

Events w/c 2nd October (MENU week 1)

Tuesday 3rd ~ Harvest Mass 9:15 in the church

Wednesday 4th ~ Reception parents/carers information session 2:30-3:15 in hall

Friday 6th October ~ Brighten up harvest- Wear bright clothes £1 suggested donation.

~ 6WA class assembly.

UP COMING DATES:

KS2 Carol concert- Thursday 14th December 6pm

UPCOMING
EVENTS



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.

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

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.

Clubs and sports at St Bon's



Week of 25th September

Netball - 3:15	YES YES	Mondays – Y3 & 4 Tuesdays - Y5 & 6
Drama		
Circuits 7:50am	YES	Thursdays- Y1-Y6 in hall
Running club – 7.45am	YES	Wednesdays – all welcome – outside foyer
Mr Morgan after school	YES This week will be a boys match, Mr Morgan will be sending out forms to those taking part	Wednesdays – Y5 & 6
Tag Rugby	NO	Will start in term 2 for Y5 & Y6
Chess – Lunch break	YES	Fridays - Y5 & Y6 fortnightly
Hockey with Mrs Hinkins	YES	Fridays - Y5 & 6 £5- See flyer attached to email for sign up details.
Gymnastics- 3:15 – 4:15	YES	Tuesdays- Due to over subscription this term will now be year 3 only. Year 4 will start after Christmas.
Dodge ball- 8:00	YES	Fridays – Y3 &4- in hall
Art/Drawing 12:15-12:45	YES	Tuesday lunch - KS2 – In 4H
Debating Club 12:15	YES	Wednesday lunch – Y5 & Y6 -In 3B/3J
Well-Being Singing 12:15	YES	Tuesday lunch – whole school - in 1P
Choir – 12:15	KS1 YES KS2 YES	Mondays – KS1 in 2TW Thursdays – KS2 – in 2TW
Yoga	YES	Friday Y1 – paid class – https://www.emflow.co.uk/book.html



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COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY.

As the new school year gets properly underway, we know that many of you will be struggling with the usual stresses and strains: the rushing around, the expensive uniforms, making sure the children get up and out of the door on time. On top of all this, some families will also be battling with food poverty and will be trying to ensure their children are getting enough to eat.

That’s where the Community Food Pantry can help - but at the moment, we’re finding our shelves are almost bare at the end of each day. Please consider donating: your support is essential to allow us to help struggling families this Autumn.

A big thank you to our volunteers Sue and Richard, who did an extra top-up shop last week when we ran very low on essentials. Your kindness is much appreciated!

Please donate:

Oil
Sugar
Tuna
Other tinned fish
Coffee
Shampoo
Pasta
Sweetcorn
Sanitary towels

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 Jenny Glester’s door at 57 Egerton Road.

Nasal Flu Immunisations 15th December

Children in Reception to Year 11 are being offered flu vaccinations this winter to help protect them from flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia. Vaccinating your child will also help protect you, your family and friends. The flu vaccine is administered using a nasal spray, this vaccine is free and painless, please ensure you complete your consent form at

<https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2023/consent?v=1.23>

If your child is unable to receive the nasal flu vaccine, community catch-up clinics will be available, please contact sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net or 0300 1245515 for more information.



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Uniform Shop

If you have any outgrown branded uniform in good condition please consider donating it to the PTFA uniform shop. We're really in need of more stock. Please contact Ellie, our uniform rep, at ptfauniformrep@gmail.com

Coming up:

✓PTFA meeting 10th October

✓Disco (TBC)

✓Bag2School 31st October

✓PTFA meeting 10th November

✓Christmas Fair 3rd December



