



Friday 15th December 2023

Dear parents and carers,

*'May the light of the star guide us,
May the awe of the shepherds inspire us,
May the strength of Joseph protect us,
May the peace of Mary shelter us,
May the presence of the angels look after us,
May the wisdom of the kings teach us,
May Jesus look over us today, tomorrow and forever.
Amen. '*

We've had an incredibly busy end to the term. We enjoyed Christmas dinner on Tuesday, thank you to the kitchen staff who did an amazing job serving almost 390 cooked meals.

Well done to everyone who was involved in our KS2 Carol service on Thursday evening, our thanks go out to Mgr. Bernard for hosting us in the church.

This morning we celebrated Advent Mass in the church, this was a wonderful end to a busy term.

Thank you to our volunteers!

I would like to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you to everyone who regularly gives up their time to volunteer in school. We have a team of parents/carers who help every week with Forest School, reading and supporting in class. You all make a huge difference and I really appreciate your support.

If you want to find out more about how you can help out in school please see me on the gate in the morning or afternoon.

Term 3

Please remember Tuesday 2nd January is an inset day and school will be closed to all pupils.

Pupils return to school on Wednesday 3rd January.

On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank you for your kind words and gifts, we do not expect them but really appreciate your generosity. Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all in the new year,

Best,
Sarah Ballantine
Head teacher

UP COMING DATES:

Tuesday 2nd January- **Inset day**- Children do not attend school.

Wednesday 3rd January- Children return to school.

Thursday 11th January- Ten Ten Session- 9:15

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

Iron on St Bonaventures logo badges



We now have iron on logos to sell to parents, they are fantastic quality and hope it makes uniform much more affordable for parents. The badges are £1.30 each and can be ironed on to cardigans, sweatshirt, polo shirts and t-shirts.

Payment can be made via School Gateway and will be payable from Monday.

Once ordered you can pick up the following week from the office during school hours.

Reception places for September 2024



Just a reminder that applications for Reception places for September 2024 are now open, We still have spaces on our open days, book on to a tour with the office if you feel this would be helpful.

The deadline for applications is 15th January 2024.



The Bristol Standard

We are pleased to share that Kidzone have been awarded
The Bristol Standard Quality Improvement for Play Provision Certificate.

The Bristol Standard is a self-evaluation framework that is used by Play Workers to enable them to take part in reflective discussions around ten dimensions of quality to identify their current strengths and targets for improvement.

The Bristol Standard is recognised nationally and internationally.

Some of the comments Kidzone received from the validation panel included:

'We really get a sense that children are at the heart of what you do', 'You have a clear and well thought out structure and organisational procedures which support and value staff, children and their families'.

We as a Kidzone team are very proud to have achieved this, we look forward to sharing our portfolio with you and continuing on this exciting journey of improvement ensuring we are always offering our best.

Bookings for term 3 Afterschool club is now open.

You are able to book for the whole of term 3 if a regular slot is required or weekly.

Please note that you must book 24 hours in advance to allow for staffing to be arranged, if you try to book on the day it may not be possible. Likewise, if a child has not been booked in you will be asked to collect your child as it is highly likely there will not be space.

If you have any questions regarding afterschool club please contact them directly on:

kidzonestbons@bristol-school.uk or call 07760 181381





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.**

First Holy Communion 2024

The application process for the First Holy Communion programme is now open. If your child is in year 3 or above, and you wish to enrol him/her for the preparation programme starting in January, please complete an online [application form](#).

First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 11th May 2024.
For more details, please contact the parish office on 0117 942 4448 or visit <https://stbonsbristol.com/sacraments/>.

Clubs and sports at St Bon's



Club...	Is it running...	Day and year group...
Netball	NO NO	3:15 Mondays – Y3 & 4 3:15 Tuesdays - Y5 & 6
Drama	Yes (Year 6)	Thursdays- Year 6- 3:15 – 4:15 in hall Yr4-5- The children that have previously signed up will receive an email with details. Club is full and closed to any new sign ups.
Circuits	NO	No Circuits until 2 nd week of term 3
Running club	YES	Wednesdays – 7.45am – all welcome – meet outside foyer
Football	NO	No football until 2 nd week of term 3
Tag Rugby	Yes	Thursday Y5 & Y6 8:00
Chess Lunch break	YES	Fridays -Y5 & Y6 12:15 fortnightly
Hockey with Mrs Hinkins	Yes	3:15. Booked through Mrs Hinkins
Gymnastics	NO	Will start on Tuesday week 2 for year 4. Please fill in a permission slip in week 1.
Dodge ball	YES	Fridays – Y3 &4- 8:00 in hall
Art/Drawing- lunch time	NO	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	NO	Tuesday lunch – whole school - 12:15 in 1P
Choir – Lunch time	KS1 NO KS2 YES	Mondays – KS1 12:15 in 2TW Thursdays – KS2 –12:15 in 2TW
Yoga	YES	Friday Y1 – paid class –

'The yoga club for Year 1 will go ahead in Term 3 on the following dates:

- [Fri, 5 Jan '24 3:15pm - 4:15pm](#)
- [Fri, 12 Jan '24 3:15pm - 4:15pm](#)
- [Fri, 19 Jan '24 3:15pm - 4:15pm](#)
- [Fri, 26 Jan '24 3:15pm - 4:15pm](#)
- [Fri, 2 Feb '24 3:15pm - 4:15pm](#)
- [Fri, 9 Feb '24 3:15pm - 4:15pm](#)

The link to book for Term 3 is here: <https://www.emflow.co.uk/book.html>

Choose St Bon's Yoga Course starting on 5th January and follow the link.'

TERM 3 - CWS AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

MON

FOOTBALL CLUB
3.30PM - 4.30PM
RECEPTION, Y1,Y2

£20 FOR 5 WEEK COURSE

TUE

FOOTBALL CLUB
3.30PM - 4.30PM
Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6

£20 FOR 5 WEEK COURSE

WED

MULTI SPORTS CLUB
3.30PM - 4.30PM
RECEPTION/Y1/Y2/.Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6

£24 FOR 6 WEEK COURSE

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GIRLS ONLY SPORTS
3.30PM-4.30PM
RECEPTION/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6

TAG RUGBY/CRICKET
30.30PM-4.30PM
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
WEDNESDAY 3RD
JANUARY 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 .



TERM 3 CWS AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS SCHEDULE. PLEASE BOOK VIA OUR WEBSITE, BOOKINGS WILL BE OPEN FROM FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER.

Our after-school clubs will start back the first week back of school starting Wednesday 3rd January.

We hope you have a lovely Christmas and a happy new year and we thank all of you for your support this year and look forward to seeing your children in the New Year 😊

If you are looking for something for your little ones to do this Christmas we are running our Christmas camps 18th/19th December and you can find more info/book at www.cwsophie.co.uk

Look forward to seeing you all soon

Kind Regards,

Sophie & the team 😊



COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY.

As you're stocking (no pun intended!) up for Christmas this week, please do think of the Community Pantry and pop a few essential items or Christmas treats into your trolley. Your donations will help bring a bit of relief and joy into the lives of local people who are struggling this winter.

Anything you can give will be massively appreciated, but we particularly need the following things at the moment:

Please donate:

Christmas treats: chocolate, mince pies, cakes

Tinned Fruit

Tuna

Other tinned fish

Tinned tomatoes

Tinned sweetcorn

Cooking oil

Sanitary towels

Deodorant

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.

Community News

St Bonaventures Church Nativity

Hello all!

Yes it's arrived again.....Nativity time!!!!

We will be having this year's children's nativity service on Saturday December 16th at 3pm.

Followed by coffee and minced pies in the Prestbury. Children are invited to dress up as their chosen nativity characters and take part in the service if they wish.

If your child would like to be one of our amazing readers please contact Neta by email nroylancesmith@outlook.com

We are also needing adults to be main characters too!!!!

Many thanks as always -----

St Bon's Brownies

St Bon's Brownies meet on a Monday evening in the Parish Hall from 6.30 - 8pm and is open to girls aged 7- 10.

Through regular meetings, special events, day trips and sleepovers, Brownies learn new hobbies, play games, complete challenges and get adventurous outdoors. Girls also extend their knowledge and abilities by working towards badges covering many different hobbies and activities from Baking or Inventing to Painting or Performing.

There will be some spaces for new Brownies to start after Christmas so if your daughter would like to join Brownies, please email stbonsbrownies@gmail.com giving her name, date of birth and a contact number.



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.