



Friday 7th June 2024

Dear parents and carers,

God of love, you enter into our spring seasons, into our deepest places of inner dwelling, into the heart of our transformation.

You give us glimpses of the truth.

May we allow our experience of spring to speak to us of necessary change and growth.

Grant us an openness to the continuous process of letting go and moving on that is a part of the human condition.

We are grateful that you are our faithful companion on this journey.

Amen.



It has been wonderful to see you all this week. I hope you and your families had a good half term break. We have an incredibly busy term ahead so it's important that we all pace ourselves and make time to top up our energy tanks!

You may have seen the mural that has been painted on the side of the school admin block. We're so pleased with the finished result and can't thank our PTFA enough. This has all been possible through our Grow With It project. We're very much looking forward to seeing it planted up very soon. Thank you to everyone who has been directly involved in this part of our project.



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

Dates for the diary next week:

Year 6 leavers Mass at Clifton Cathedral Friday 14th June. Parents/carers please make sure your children come to school in their summer uniform no leavers hoodies please.

Best,
Sarah Ballantine
Head teacher

Celebrating Catholic Life at St. Bonaventure's!

Spreading the Seeds of Kindness:

Remember those bee-friendly seedlings the children cared for last term? Well, their hard work has paid off! The seedlings were sold, raising funds to support the PTFA's initiative to create a welcoming haven for bees and other pollinators in our school grounds. We hope this project, along with the message it carries, will spread through our community, encouraging everyone to consider supporting bees in their own environment. Keep your eyes peeled for a vibrant wildflower area blooming soon – a testament to our collective effort!



Moments of Quiet Reflection:

Mondays' ethos assembly focused on the importance of sacred silence. The children learned about taking time to reflect on God's presence and how He guides our lives. These opportunities for quiet contemplation will be woven into the school day through pupil-led reflections, assemblies, and class prayer times.

Art Reflecting Faith:

We are thrilled to see the children's creativity flourish! This week, their beautiful mural ideas came to life on the front and back of the school. One mural features a majestic tree symbolizing our connection with God. Just as the branches reach out, so too do we strive to do His work. Another showcases fireflies, reminding us that each of us is a light, and together, we can shine even brighter. The back of the school boasts a bug hotel, further reinforcing our commitment to caring for the environment as outlined by our "Live Simply" action plan.

Celebrating the Eucharist and Spreading Joy:

Our Celebration of the Word this week focused on the feast of Corpus Christi and the importance of the Eucharist. Key Stage 1 students learned about the amazing people who make their lives better. Their secret mission this week? To take that joy and care and spread it to someone else! Key Stage 2 explored the presence of Christ within their hearts and how they can share that with the world around them.

Running for a Cause:

Living in solidarity with others is one of the principles of Catholic Social teaching. Today the entire school community participated in a fundraising run for H2O, an organization dedicated to bringing clean water to communities in Ethiopia. A huge thank you to everyone who took part and helped raise vital funds that will make a significant difference in the lives of those in need. What a wonderful week it's been at St Bonaventure's! We are so proud of our children for their enthusiasm, kindness, and commitment to living out our Catholic values.





We're so proud of the three Year 6 cricket teams who took part in the Kwikcricket tournament on Wednesday. The teams showed off some impressive batting and bowling skills - in fact, one coach commented that St Bon's showed 'the best bowling of the day'. This helped the 1st team to reach the semi-finals and the second team were unlucky to narrowly miss out on a place too. More importantly, all the teams were complimented on their positive attitude and excellent sportsmanship. We are very proud of you all!

A special thank you to the girls who represent us in the Bristol school football on Monday. They represented the school very well and played some lovely football.

A massive well done to the year 5 & 6's that took part in the Quadkids athletics event this week. They all did amazing, with one team coming 1st. A special mention to Joshua in year 6 who came 1st out of all the boys in North Bristol, Mercy in year 6 who came 1st out of all the girls! And also Belize, also year 6, who came 3rd. This really is great achievement for all those involved.



Reception had a visit from Bug Fest, the children had a great time learning all about the insects, they even had the chance to hold some of the creatures!



UP COMING DATES:

Week beginning 10th June (menu week 2)

KS1 assessment week all week

Year 1 phonics screening all week

Tuesday 11th - Yr3&4 competitive tennis @ kings tennis club

Thursday 13th- girls cricket dynamo's

Friday 14th – RHM class assembly 10:00

- Frozen Friday- afterschool ice-cream/lolly sale

- Year 6 leavers mass @ Clifton Cathedral

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Week beginning 17th June

KS2 assessment week all week.

Tuesday 18th- Year 5 athletics festival @RGS

Wednesday 19th- Class photos

Friday 21st – Parent relationship support meeting 9:00-10:00

- 2TL Class assembly 10:00

- Frozen Friday

Sunday 23rd – Summer Fair 2:00-5:00

Dates for your



Health and Wellbeing week 8th – 12th June

Do you have experience or an interest in something that relates to health and wellbeing? If so we need you!

We are looking for volunteers who can offer their time and skills during this week to come and help. We are open to any ideas you have so if you can help please email in with some details about what can offer.

This is a fantastic week that the children really enjoy so is a great way to get involved and show the children something new.



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

Sports and clubs at St BONS

Sport and club's - week starting 10th June



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 - Y's 2-6 – 8:00am in with Mr Morgan
Running club	YES	Wednesdays – 7.45am – all welcome – meet outside foyer
Football	YES	Wednesdays 3:15 – 4:15 - Girls this week
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>



Buy your Summer Fair tickets!

We can't wait to see everyone at this year's Summer Fair on Sunday 23 June from 2-5pm!

Tickets are now available via our PTFA website, and what an event it promises to be! There will be fun games, prizes, entertainment, bouncy castle, food & bar, BBQ, bubble tea, candy floss (sponsored by **Sarah Kenny**), plants, face painting, bee-themed crafts (sponsored by **St Bede's**), 'Name the Giant Teddy' (sponsored by **CJ Hole**), a silent auction and lots more! We would love your help with a number of things to make it a really special day:

- ❖ **Hampers:** If you still have a class hamper item to hand in, please let your class rep know, and arrange to get the item to them as soon as you can. Many thanks.
- ❖ **Raffle tickets:** Please bring raffle ticket stubs and the correct cash (or a cheque) back to school in an envelope and leave in the drop box by the school office. Cheques should be made payable to 'St Bonaventure's PTFA'.
- ❖ **Pre-loved soft toys stall:** If you have pre-loved soft toys you can donate for the fair please leave them in the box outside the school office for us to collect. All soft, cuddly toys in excellent condition are very welcome, from teddies and bunnies to lambs and dogs, and everything in between. Many thanks to those who have already donated!
- ❖ **Goodie bags:** We'll also be running the ever popular goodie bags stall, so please gather 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). **Please bring goodie bags to school drop off on the morning of Friday 14 June and leave with us at the school gates.** A reminder will be sent next week.
- ❖ **Bottle stall:** Bring a bottle to school on **Friday 21 June** in exchange for non-uniform! Please ensure bottles are in date, and haven't been opened.
- ❖ **Pre-loved uniform:** We are on the lookout for badged St Bon's uniform for reception aged children (school jumpers, cardigans, polo shirts and PE t-shirts) aged 3-4 years and 5-6 years. If you can donate, please bring to the school office in a labelled bag, and then email ptfauniformrep@gmail.com so we know to collect.

Frozen Fridays: Year 3 will go next on **Friday 14 June**, followed by Reception on **Friday 21 June**.





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



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

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.
