



# BONNIES BULLETIN

## AUTUMN TERM 2



### KEY DATES:

- 28<sup>th</sup> - Non Uniform in exchange for Chocolates
- 1<sup>st</sup> Dec - Reception Stay and Pray
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Wreath Blessing Mass
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Nativity for Parents - EYFS & KSI Parents welcome
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Year 5 Stay and Pray am
  - Year 6 Stay and Pray pm
  - Christmas Fair all welcome
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Year 3 Stay and Pray am
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Early Years Open Day
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Last Day to order Christmas dinner
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Carol Service St Sebastian's
  - Chaplains Panto in school - Little Red Riding Hood
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Winter Wonderland - Polar Express Theme
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Talent Show
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Dinner
  - Christmas Jumper and Party Day
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Sponsored Santa Dash
  - No Little Bonnies
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Celebrations Assembly
  - Carols around the Crib
  - School Closes at 2PM

Welcome back to Saint Boniface! We hope you had a lovely half term enjoying the autumnal weather. Whilst it is getting darker and gloomier we have plenty to look forward to as you can see under our key dates section. Throughout the term we have a number of non uniform days - please remember to bring in donations on those days as we are using the bottles and chocolates for our Christmas Fair.

As we move forward towards Christmas we have plenty of events to look forward to. We will be having our Nativity, Talent Show, Christmas Fair, Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day, our Winter Wonderland and our Santa Dash throughout December so please save the dates!

Throughout the newsletter you will find updates for the rest of the term about our Catholic Life, parental involvement, sacramental programme, and attendance.

We hope you have a lovely term!

Mrs Groarke

# ATTENDANCE

There has been an increase in the number of children coming in school late. Please could you ensure your child arrives to school on time. Some children can feel anxious about going into class late, meaning that they are not ready for the day of learning. They are also missing crucial part of their education as lessons start promptly at 9am daily. .

We have also noticed that there has been a decline in attendance recently. We understand at this time of year there are more illnesses. At times it is sufficient to give your child Calpol and send them to school.

If your child's attendance is below 90% we will ask for you to provide medical evidence.

As part of our attendance procedure, if your child's attendance is a concern we will invite you in to discuss your child's attendance with the Education Welfare Officer.

Holidays in term will not be authorised and will be subject to a fine from Salford City Council.

If your child has 5 days of unauthorised absences, this is also subject to a truancy fine from Salford City Council.

Please may I remind you that when reporting absences you should use the number 0161 566 7612 and select option 1.

It is parents/carers responsibility to inform school when you're child is absent.

Please contact Miss Campbell via [info@stbonifacesalford.co.uk](mailto:info@stbonifacesalford.co.uk) or complete a form in the office reception if you would like to discuss your child attendance.

Thank you for your cooperation



## CARITAS/CATHOLIC LIFE

As part of our Caritas fundraising, we will be having a talent show on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December for children who may not be receiving much at Christmas - we're excited to see our superstars! Please see class dojo for a list of items to donate over the course of advent. As our Catholic faith is fundamental to our school life, we are raising money for Caritas as part of our catholic social teaching and work in the community. Moreover we are working towards the CAFOD LiveSimply Award. This means we will be aiming to live more sustainably, simply and in solidarity with people in poverty. You can find out more on class dojo.

# PARENTS

Thank you to all of our wonderful parents and carers who have begun the St Boniface PTA and have some brilliant ideas to support our fund raising to improve the school environment. The children have some great ideas about what they would like to do and it would be wonderful to put some of these into action before the end of this academic year. Please do get involved.

Due to one of our long serving governors coming to the end of their term of office we will have an opening for a parent governor on our governing body. Governors are required to attend 6 meetings a year and support the school as a critical friend. A parent governor is an important role and ensures that we have a full representation of views of all stakeholders in the school. If you are at all interested in becoming a governor please come and speak with Mrs Groarke.



# UPDATES

There have been a lot of queries and thoughts around the site officer's house on Yew Street. Please may we clarify for you that the house and its' future use is currently under discussion between the Local Authority and The Diocese of Salford. We fully understand concerns about what the house will be used for but as yet no decisions have been made. Rest assured the team at Salford Council have the safety and well being of the pupils of St Boniface at the forefront of all their planning and considerations. We are fully assured of this through my communication with the safer schools team who have been instrumental in helping us as a school.

Please could we politely request that you do not engage in writing petitions about the use of the house or in speculation about what it might be used for until we have concrete knowledge of what the council and diocese intend. We will keep you fully updated with information as soon as we are able to share it.

The team at safer schools and the Community team at the LA have asked if we can share links to the reporting mechanisms for anything that appears suspicious in the local area. please find these below. By reporting concerns in this way we will help to build up a bigger picture for the LA and the Police to plan support more efficiently.

For emergencies, always dial 999

Community Concerns

Please contact Lucy Renwick at:

✉ [EastSalford.NMT@salford.gov.uk](mailto:EastSalford.NMT@salford.gov.uk)

◆ Counter Terrorism & Protective Security Advice

Visit: [ProtectUK](https://www.protectuk.org/)

◆ Other Council-Related Issues

You can report these via: [Salford Council Report It](https://www.salford.gov.uk/report-it)



# SALFORD NEURODIVERISTY NETWORK

Please find the information for the Salford Neurodiversity Network drop in below.. There are lots of practitioners on hand to give you advice, and also a chance to meet other parents have a chat and coffee.

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Drop in!

## Salford's Neurodiversity Network

A space for you to come and talk to services, meet other parents and families, learn about strategies and ask questions linked to your child's neurodevelopmental needs.



**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025**  
**Drop in between 10:30am and 1:30pm**  
**North Family Hub, Swinton Gateway,**  
**100 Chorley Rd, Swinton M27 6BP**

### What's on this month?

- A talk with the Salford Speech & Language Therapy Service - 11am start
- Come and talk to Salford services: SIASS (Salford Information, Advice & Support Service), Parent Carer Forum, Early Help and others!
- Meet other parents/families and have a chat over coffee/tea and biscuits
- Bring in toys you don't use that are in good condition for a "toy trade" and swap it with a different one
- Opportunity to win prize vouchers!

"toy trade"



### Why come along?

- A first point of contact to support your child's neurodevelopmental needs
- Get advice tailored to your child and family's needs
- Connect with others and build your support network
- Discover local services and resources



**Sessions will be held across Salford each month.**

Contact us for more information!  
adminneurodevelopment  
@salford.gov.uk

### Who is the Neurodiversity Network for?

The Neurodiversity Network sessions are for parents / carers of a neurodivergent child. Your child does not require a diagnosis for you to attend.