



BONNIES BULLETIN

SUMMER 1



Welcome back everyone! The summer term is well under way with some lovely to sunshine to accompany the learning we've been doing! This week, Year 6 are undertaking their mock SATs to practice and prepare for the exams on the 11th May. We kindly appreciate parents bringing their children to school on time so that there is minimal disruption to our Year 6s. We are immensely proud of our Y6s for all the hard work they have done this year for their SATs.

We have had a busy start to this half term - our children have been making our school proud on their visits outside of school. Our Year 2 and Year 1 classes have both travelled to the library where they learnt about what the library has to offer! They were even allowed to take a class book home to read after they found Wally. Year 6 took a visit to B Safe Salford where they learnt about how to stay safe as they move on to the next chapter of their lives. Some activities included listening to hoax calls to 999, investigating a crashed car and locating fire hazards in a living room. Year 4 have visited All Hallows to get some experience of secondary school and Reception visited the Science and Industry Museum in Manchester! Our children represented the school beautifully and we have many more trips and events to come - please see our key events section at the back of the newsletter.

A big theme of this term is sustainability and caring for the environment. On the 22nd of April, we celebrated Earth Day 2026. Earth Day is about the importance of taking care of the earth and working together to protect our environment. The children made some lovely artwork and thank you to Miss Green for organising the competition!

We hope you have a lovely half term - especially with this weather - and please contact us if you have any queries.

God Bless, Mrs Groarke.

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ATTENDANCE

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.

Termly, you will be sent a letter informing you of your child's attendance as part of our attendance policies and procedures. 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 or complete a form in the office reception if you would like to discuss your child attendance.

Thank you for your cooperation.



LAUDATO SI

The All-New St Boniface's Primary School Eco-Refill Shop:
We are excited to announce the Laudato Si Groups' new eco-venture- The Eco- refill shop.

What is an Eco-Refill Shop?

It is a way of selling detergents without the plastic bottles, where customers bring their own containers to be refilled with quality wash products. The aim is to save on the use of single-use plastic. It is pupil led and assisted by Mr Bland and Miss Calvert. It is useful in teaching pupils entrepreneurial skills and develops the children's agency in understanding their role and responsibilities to the environment.

How will it work?

The shop will be open on the last Monday afternoon of each month (unless stated otherwise) for the final hour of the school day. Parents/Carers/ Family/Friends come into the school hall from 2.20pm and bring empty soap dispensers, shower-gel bottles, etc basically any plastic bottle you like) and fill them from our range of different smelling products (there are testers to help you choose). You pay for exactly what you buy, we only charge you for whatever amount of product it has taken to fill it. It is that simple. All are welcome and we will provide free tea and coffee to make it a positive, social event.

Laudato Si have also been practicing sustainability through litter picking. Accompanied by Miss Green and Miss Calvert, the Laudato Si group cleaned the road and school grounds of litter and rubbish that can be harmful to the environment. This experience gave the children the chance to make an impact in their community and practice one of our core values - community. We all share the world and it is important that we are each responsible for taking care of it.



EARTH DAY

For Earth Day, the children dressed in green and blue to represent the colours of the earth. Earth Day is an important day for learning about sustainability, protecting the environment, and raising awareness about pollution, conservation and climate change. Each class dedicated a lesson to learning about the earth and how to be sustainable. Year 1 used recyclable materials to make some extraordinary houses and Year 6 went litter-picking. Earth Day has helped the students understand their role as stewards of the earth.

Children also participated in an art competition. It was wonderful to see so many lovely artworks and there will be a small prize for every child who entered. The artworks are on dojo if you would like to see them!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS: PERFECT PUNCTUALITY

We wrote a section on attendance last term and are delighted to congratulate the children achieving 100% attendance from January to April and the children exceeding the national target of 96%+. Super effort from families! There will be a reward for this later in the spring term. This term, we wondered whether people also appreciate how important it is to be on time, daily: at 8.45am. Did you know that missing 'just' 10-15 minutes at the start of each day adds up to a child being absent for two weeks of the school year?



ST BONIFACE'S CHURCH NEWS

As we said earlier it was lovely to share the happy services in church and spread the values of Easter with so many members of our local and extended community. Our next whole-school event in church will be our Pentecostal Mass! Fr Alphonsus has been very pleased to see so many of our sacramental programme children at church each week and we are always happy to pass on the interests of others who wish to be involved. The Sacramental Programme now runs during school hours to avoid conflicts with other clubs. Y3's session will be run on a Monday and Y4, Y5, and Y6 will have theirs on a Wednesday. Thank you to all those who joined Mrs Groarke at St Sebastian's for a sacramental mass.

We are undergoing our Section 48 inspection, similar to OFSTED, but during which the focus will be on our upholding of the school's Catholic vision and our teaching and living by the school values. We genuinely look forward to the experience, as a chance to show strengths such as:


- The way the pupils here live out the school's Gospel values in all they do.
- The children's superb relationship-building – with each other and with their staff.
- Our pupils' and families' care and compassion, highlighted by their charity support.
- Pupils' spiritual development, e.g. engaging with wider matters like the environment.
- The manner in which our children are inclusive of all, regardless of background or ability.
- Our pupils personal development noted by all visitors.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Our free breakfast club is up and running. This runs from 8:15 to 8:30 and is for anyone to join - all you need to do is turn up! The earlier breakfast club begins at 7:45 and costs £2. Please ensure you have booked on for this. All children will get a breakfast and a drink until 8:30 so please ensure your child is on time! Children will have a range of activities to take part in such as drawing, dressing up, and playing with toys and lego.

OUTSTANDING ORACY – SPEAKING WELL

We are working hard on our drive to help children develop their oracy skills – to increase vocabulary, speak positively and politely to others, listen respectfully to different points of view and give rounded views on a range of subjects. This is a crucial skill in the world of work and interviews in later in life, but also in everyday communication at school, simply just with friends or when acting as monitors, prefects and class reps. We have spent the last year increasing our vocabulary through Word Aware strategies, and have now included a Discussion of the Week for each class. This will also link with our Smart School Council and Catholic Social Teaching.



As we begin the summer term, we look forward to the opportunities ahead. With God at the heart of our school, we are excited to continue supporting our children as they grow in faith, learning, and compassion. Thank you for your ongoing partnership and prayers—we wish all our families a happy and successful term ahead. God bless.

EVENTS

4/5 - School Closed May Day
Bank Holiday

5/5 - School
Reopens

7/5 - Y5 Into University

11/5-14/5 - Y6 SATS
Week

14/5 - Y6 Chippy Lunch

15/5 - Y2 Visit St Sebastian's

EVENTS

18/5 - Rock Kids

19/5 - Y6 at Salford
Watersports Centre

20/5 - Sports Day

21/5 - Whole School Mass
and Pentecost Party

22/5 - Sponsored Walk - The
Wetlands

22/5 - School Closes 3:15pm

TERM DATES

Summer 1: Monday 13th
April to Friday 22nd May

Summer 2: Monday 8th
June to Friday 17th July

KS2 SATS - Week Beginning 11th
May