



## St Bonaventure's Pre-school Newsletter

Term 1 – 4<sup>TH</sup> September – 24<sup>TH</sup> October 2025

### End of Term1

I can't believe we are in the last week of term 1. The children have done incredibly well; settling in, making new friends, learning new routines and getting involved with lots of fun activities. We are beginning to see some lovely little characters shine through now and friendships are emerging, which we will continue to encourage and support.

### Special Celebrations

We love to share any special celebrations that the children may be part of at home, this can include any special recipes that you may make together that we could then do here in Pre-school. Please do let a member of the team know!

### Reminders

\* Please can olives, grapes and cherry tomatoes be cut in half / quarters, lengthways, to limit risks of choking.

\* Unfortunately, the colder months are here, we will however still be playing outside, as much as we can. Please can you make sure that your child has a warm coat and sensible shoes (all named) to accommodate this.

\* Do please remember to shut the gate when you come through on both pick up and drop off to keep our children safe.

\* If for any reason your child is going to be away, either sickness or holidays, please do let us know so we can update our records



### Parents Evening

In Term 2 we will be hosting Parent Evenings. These will be held over 2 different evenings and you will have the opportunity to speak with your child's Key Person at set times. More information will be given about this after half term.

### **Applying for Primary School 2026!**

A reminder to all that you need to apply for a school place by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026

The easiest way to do this is to visit [www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

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This week the children will be getting crafty and making lots of different Halloween crafts.

### Next Steps

Throughout this term we have been observing and tracking children in order to gain a clear picture of their development and learning stage. We then develop individual 'Next Steps' that support the children to ensure they make significant progress. We will share these next steps with you. If you would like to contribute to your child's next steps then please do let your Key Person know.

### WOW

Please do let us know if you would like to celebrate any achievements from home with us. You can do this by filling out a WOW form (in the blue drawers) and share this with us, we will then celebrate together during circle time.



### Important Dates:

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October –  
Diwali

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October - end  
of term 1

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October –  
Halloween

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November –  
Term 2 begins

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>  
November – Bonfire Night



We love hearing all about the fun and amazing things that the children do at home! We do this by talking and listening to one another in circle time. In years past the children have brought in photos from special occasions or holidays that we have talked about and then put up on our special display board, they then look back at them throughout the year. We would love to see photos from holidays or special times at home so do bring any in that you are happy for us to display and talk about during circle time.

### Tennis

After half term we will start our Tennis sessions. To begin with these will be on a Monday and a Wednesday.

We have gone on practice walks down to the courts together, so we know the way.

Please can I remind parents to ensure children have sensible shoes (trainers) and warm / waterproof coats.

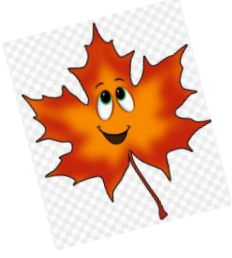


### Birthdays



We love celebrating birthdays here at Pre-school. If you would like to bring in something to celebrate with us we ask that you bring in a favourite story book that we can share together!

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With half term coming up, I thought it might be useful to compile a list of some activities that you could do together:

- Avon Valley Park Pumpkin Patch
- Over Farm SpookyYard Halloween Festival
- Halloween Half Term at Old Down Country Park
- Howl-oween at Bristol Zoo Project
- Pumpkinfest at Noah's Ark Zoo Farm
- Believe in Beasts at Wake The Tiger
- Autumn Skeleton Trail at Almondsbury Garden Centre



We are still looking for current parents to join our Management Committee! If you are interested or would like some further information then please do let myself or Heather (Current Chair) know, [heatherlouiseturner@gmail.com](mailto:heatherlouiseturner@gmail.com)

Makaton Sign we are learning:



Halloween



We have an Instagram account. Please do go and check us out and give us a follow.  
@stbonspreschool

Next term we are also lucky enough to have Becky and her Box of Wonders come in on a Thursday to take us on fabulous adventures using only our imaginations. We can't wait to find out where our adventures will take us.





On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November, myself and Helen will be holding a Parent Workshop here in Pre-school, from 6pm – 7pm. This workshop is a great opportunity for you to come along and find out a little bit more about the Early Years Foundation Stage and our Pre-school curriculum and how we implement this through our daily routines and activities. If you would like to come along then do please drop me an email (if you haven't done so already), just so I can get an idea of numbers etc.



We were luckily enough to have Nat from the Flamingo Chicks come and do a taster dance session with the children last Wednesday which we absolutely loved. We have asked if she will come and do some more sessions with us next term which she has agreed too. We are so pleased and excited.

**Useful links for your information:**

[Home - ERIC](#) – if you need any toileting information

[Home - NBCC](#) – lots of information about courses, and parenting information in North Bristol

**Do have a check of lost property in the trolley and take anything that may belong to you!**



Have a lovely   
Half Term Break!

**Term 2 begins on  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
November**

*Please note the office door is always open if you need to come in / call and have a chat at any time.*

Many Thanks  
Marie and the team.