



## St Bonaventure's Pre-school Newsletter

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026

Term 4

Welcome to Term 4! Hope you all had a lovely half term break. Its lovely to see all the children back and happy to see their one another.

### Curriculum Focus -

This term our focus is **feelings**, **friendships** and **emotions**. Throughout the next few weeks we will be providing opportunities for children to work together in small groups, taking turns, making pictures, playing games, creating models, gardening, and cooking. Throughout all of these activities we will be role modelling and encouraging children to talk about how they are feeling and what they think makes a good friend, we will then extend these ideas.

### Chinese New Year

Last week the children learnt all about Chinese New Year. We have been teaching the children what about the year of the horse, what this means and how it is celebrated. We have found out about the lucky colours red and gold, and we have made lanterns decorated in these colours. The children have enjoyed eating noodles with chop sticks at snack time and Julie has taught us how to say 'Happy New Year' is Chinese.



### **Becky is back!!!!**

Becky and her Box of Wonders will be back this term!

She and the children will be going on magical journeys using only their imaginations, every Friday morning.

**Term 4 ends on  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>  
April 2026**

**The initial sound we will be focusing on this term is 'S'**



## Forest School

This term we are back doing Forest School for the children who didn't take part last term. Over the next few weeks on a Tuesday and Thursday morning, the children will be taking part in different forest school activities. We will be utilising all the space and land outside the front of the Pre-school. The children will have the opportunity to collect natural materials, use their senses and explore sight, smell, hearing and touch. These activities can enhance construction, craft and role play as well as providing a springboard for discussions about what they may find. These activities have many benefits including the development of collaborative learning skills, by encouraging children to work together outdoors, as well as equipping children with practical skills and an appreciation for their outdoor environment. We hope it is going to be lots of fun.

**Do you have any empty or unused plant pots in your garden that you don't use or no longer want?**

**This term we are going to be planting and growing flowers and herbs with the children but would like a variety of different pots to do this. Please do bring any to Pre-school that you no longer want as we will happily take them. Thank you in advance!**



Tennis – Tom, Alara and Francois, are continuing to teach the children on Mondays and Wednesdays how to correctly hold the racquet and accurately hit the ball over the net. We have some great tennis skills beginning to shine through.

## Parent Questionnaire

I will be sending out a questionnaire in the coming weeks. It would be very helpful if you take some time to complete, if you can.

## Gentle Reminders

**\*The trolley outside Pre-school has books for you to borrow at any time. Please could you just remember to bring them back when you have finished with them.**

**\*Please can I remind you to cut grapes, tomatoes and olives in half lengthways, to avoid choking.**

**\*Have your details changed? Please do ensure that you let either myself or Joanne know if any of your contact details change, e.g. phone numbers/ addresses etc. so we can update our records.**



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### Important Dates

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Term 4 Starts

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Term 4 ends

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Mother's Day

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April – Term 5 starts

### What can I do at home to support learning

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If you read together at bed time talk to your children about how they think the main characters may be feeling.

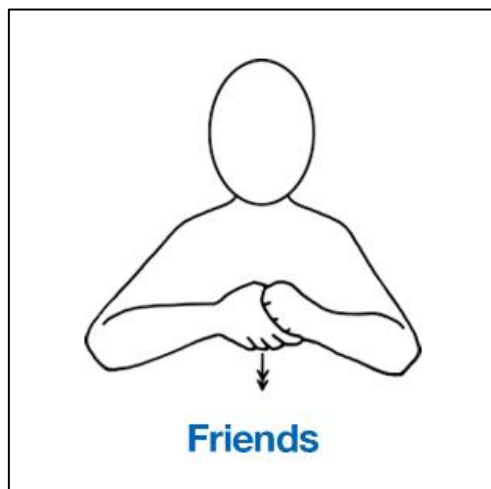
Ask open questions and use open statements such as "I wonder how ..... is feeling now?" or "why do you think ..... is feeling sad?" and model language and descriptive words that the children may not have heard before; for example, confused, jealous, frustrated, this all helps to develop language and explore different emotions.

Numbers – this term our maths focus will continue to be numbers and counting. We will encourage the children to count objects accurately, write down numerals, go on number treasure hunts, and guess / estimate how many children are in each day.

### Our Committee needs you

*Would you like to be part of our Pre-school Management Committee? We are looking for new members to join our Committee, particularly a TREASURER. Please do let myself or Heather (current Chair) know if you or anyone you know would like some more information [heatherlouiseturner@gmail.com](mailto:heatherlouiseturner@gmail.com)*

### Makaton Sign we are Learning



Nat from the Flamingo Chicks is also back this term, every Wednesday morning.

Flamingo Chicks are an inclusive community that give all children the opportunity to enjoy dance and explore movement alongside friends. The children love it!

***Please note we are always available if you need to have a chat at any time.***

Many Thanks  
Marie and the team.