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Welcome to the 2024 Annual General Report of the St Bon's PTFA.

What a year it has been! It's incredible to see how much we've achieved together as a PTFA and as a school community - thank you to everyone who has supported the PTFA over this past year.

We are delighted to report the successful progress of our Grow With It project. The raised beds are flourishing, the St Francis garden has been beautifully revitalised, and the murals inspired by the children's ideas have brought colour to corners of the school grounds.

Your generous support has once again enabled us to fund a range of experiences for our children, including the Bristol Old Vic Christmas performance, author visits, valuable workshops, class resources, and more.

Our fundraising efforts have been outstanding, with the Summer and Christmas fairs alone raising an impressive £16,843! This year, we've also hosted several successful events for adults too, including a quiz night and a festive Christmas craft event. We are now closer than ever to turning our vision of a natural playground into reality.

A huge thank you for all your support!

Best wishes

Helen

Helen Albon
Chair, St Bon's PTFA





Mar 24 - Daffodils	Sale of daffodils for St David's Day	• £47
Mar 24 - Pre-loved uniform	Sale of pre-loved uniform	• £117
Mar 24 - Easter parade refreshments	Sale of coffee and pastries	• £62
Mar - Apr 24 - Class bake sales	Weekly sales of baked goods by each year group	• £1759
Apr 24 - Gardening	Parent volunteers planted the raised beds	• N/A
Apr 24 - Quiz night	Quiz event for adults, with refreshments	• £1640
May 24 - School discos	Reception and KS1 and KS2 discos	• £2934
May 24 - Gardening	Parent volunteers transformed the St Francis Garden	• N/A
May 24 - Plant sale	Sale of plants grown from seed by the children	• £25
May - Jul 24 - Frozen Fridays	Weekly sales of ice creams and lollies and fresh fruit by each year group	• £1131
Jun 24 - Bag2School collection	Second hand textile donation	• 188
Jun 24 - Summer fair	Annual school fair and silent auction	• £8643
Jun 24 - New reception parents info evening	Free goodie bags for new parents. Pre-loved uniform sale.	• £19
Jul 24 - KS1 & 2 Sports Days	Refreshments served, free fruit provided for children	• £161



Sept - New reception parents coffee morning	Teas, coffees and pastries served	• N/A
Sept 24 - Jan 25 Pre-loved uniform shed	Sale of pre-loved uniform, shoes, coats	• £400
Sept 24 - Gardening	Parent volunteers gardening session to maintain raised beds	• N/A
Sep - Nov 24 - Asda Cashpot for Schools	Donations through the Asda Rewards App	• 179
Oct 24 - Bag2School collection	Second hand textile donation	• £108
Oct 24 - School discos	Reception and KS1, and KS2 discos	• £2536
Oct 24 - Gardening	Parent volunteers planted over 200 bulbs in raised beds	• N/A
Nov - Dec 24 - Christmas shop	Children's Christmas designs available to order through My Child's Art	• £519
Nov 24 - Christmas Crafts evening for adults	Christmas craft evening, refreshments and food served	• £846
Dec 24 - Christmas Fair	Annual school fair and silent auction	• £8200
Dec 24 - Carol service	Refreshments served to raise funds for the Norbot sculpture	• £230



At the start of the year we worked closely with the school leadership team to decide where new fundraising would make the most difference and bring lasting benefit to all children and meet the school's learning aims.

We decided to launch of The Grow With It project in March 2024. This is a longer term PTFA/school legacy project which aims to transform areas of the school grounds into spaces which support the delivery of key objectives in the following areas:

- Care for the Common Home
- Live Simply
- Supporting good mental and physical health, and wellbeing
- Learning through play

The project has three phases:

1) **Increase the biodiversity** of some areas of the school grounds in order to support children's learning and stimulate curiosity around key topics such as bees, and care for the environment. This links with aspects of Care for the Common home curriculum theme.

2) **Focus on sustainability** and create spaces for children to 'take action', get involved, and grow their own plants. This phase links with the Live Simply initiative.

3) **Inspire, engage and physically stretch** children by transforming a large area at the back of school into a natural playground (or a 'natural playscape') for active adventure. This brings together lots of themes, with a particular focus on wellbeing / physical and mental health, and learning through play.

We also committed to funding projects which would continue to support the school aims of 'learning through play' and 'creating love of reading'. This included books for the library, whole school events such as the Old Vic Nativity performance, and workshops, as well as class and outdoor play resources.



PHASE 1: BIODIVERSITY BOOST

During the course of 2024 we worked hard to give the school grounds a biodiversity 'boost', delivering the following:

- **Kitchen garden:** In April 2024 a team of parent volunteers filled the existing planters at the front of school with pollinating plants and vegetables to attract bees and other insects. In the summer the vegetables were harvested by the children, and the plants used as inspiration for their art work.
- **Front entrance bed:** We funded the planting of a small colourful scented display of plants and bulbs at the front entrance to the school as well as small insect sculptures.
- **St Francis Garden:** Parent volunteers transformed the space with more suitable plants, so it could be reopened to children as a reflective space.



PHASE 2: TAKING ACTION

We supported this phase by:

- Selling plants which had been grown by the children from seed.
- Growing and selling plants at the summer fair, and running a craft stall to raise awareness of the importance of bees (including tote bag decorating, seed bomb making and bug house painting).
- Planning the installation of a greenhouse in 2025 and the development of a school garden.





MURALS

In the Spring of 2024 children across the school were invited to decide which plants and insects best represent St Bon's - as part of their 'Care for our Common Home' learning, and the Grow With It project - and their ideas were incorporated into two new murals funded by the PTFA.



'Branching Out': This mural at the entrance to school features fireflies chosen by the children to symbolise how they, as individual lights, come together to create a brighter light.

The children also chose a willow tree to symbolise St Bon's, with God as the supporting trunk.



'Giant Bug Hotel': This mural at the back of school features real mini bug houses, to attract and support various insects, promoting biodiversity. The children chose ants to represent St Bon's as they work together and help each other, collaborate and co-operate, and are persistent and determined.





RESOURCES

- Fire Pit and cover for the conservation area - **£133**
- Amazon Wish list items for class resources - **£212**
- Two semi circular tables for reception classes - **£410**
- Storage for performing arts area - **£198**
- Paper guillotine for use by all classes - **£161**



GROW WITH IT



- Raised beds (plants, compost) - **£378**
- Hose and trolley - **£285**
- Flower pots - **£52**
- St Francis Garden plants and materials - **£352**
- Front entrance planting - **£141**
- Metal sculptures for front entrance (bees, birds) - **£112**
- Branching Out mural - **£1408**
- Giant Bug Hotel mural - **£1900**

WORKSHOPS & WELLBEING

- Olympic and Paralympic workshops - **£356**
- Unique Voice online safety workshops for KS2 - **£855**
- Bristol Old Vic performance - **£600**
- STEM workshop - **£836**
- Year 6 leavers gift contribution - **£600**
- Year 6 SATS breakfast - **£200**
- Author visits - **£672**
- Ice lollies for all children for St Bon's Feast Day picnic - **£28**
- Uniform shed, sign, clothes rails and storage - **£273**





2024 was a monumental year for the financial management of the PTFA as we finally managed to bring the PTFA's banking arrangements into modern times. We went through the complex procedure of migrating our banking from NatWest to Lloyds. For the first time, we are now enjoying the benefits of online banking and online banking transactions.

This has finally brought an end to:

- the difficulties of having to hunt for and ratify physical bank statements
- the process of issuing paper cheques, each requiring dual signatories, and
- the need to keep a manual record of all banking transactions for annual reporting.

FUTURE REPORTING

In an effort to further reducing the administrative burden on our current and future volunteers, we are making an additional adjustment with regards to reporting. From this year, our reporting is being adjusted to align to the calendar/financial year, rather than reporting to school years.

FUNDRAISING SUCCESS

As far as PTFA finances are concerned, we've enjoyed another stellar year of fundraising. However, it's especially pleasing to see that our support for school projects has reached record levels.

As at the end of December 2024, the new Lloyds Bank account balance sat at **£25,303.96**. In addition, we still hold around **£5,800** with NatWest. This will be moved to Lloyds once we are certain that we are in a position to close our account with NatWest.

Jason Rayner,
Treasurer, St Bon's PTFA



ST BON'S PTFA 5-YEAR FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Academic year view

Year	Total Income	Total Outgoings	Net position
2019/20	£13747.65	£17,816.48	-£4,068.83
2020/21	£11,232.60	£5,974.54	£5,258.06
2021/22	£21,329.25	£9,545.14	£11,784.36
2022/23	£31,430.33	£30,421.41	£1,008.92
2023/24	£28,982.00	£34,936.00	-£5,954.00
Balance at end of 2024 financial year			£21,946.00

The above table follows the academic year, as per Charity Commission requirements, but as the AGM reports on the calendar year prior 12 months, this view is also shown in the table below.

Calendar year view

Year	Total Income	Total Outgoings	Net position
Jan 24 – Jan 25	£44,184.81	£18,880.85	£25,303.96



No time to volunteer, too busy to bake? We get it!! Here are other ways in which you can help our wonderful school!!

MONTHLY DONATION

Can you spare as little as £5 a month? Consider setting up a monthly debit to our charity! For less than the price of a weekly takeaway coffee you could make a long lasting difference to the children of St Bons. You can cancel any time.

Perhaps you are alumni who want to thank the school for their hard work or a grandparent who wishes to contribute?

Sign up here:

➔ [St Bon's PTFA website make a monthly donation](#)



AMAZON WISH LIST



Amazon Wish List - did your know that teachers have an Amazon Wish List where you can buy items for your child's class? Bookmark the below link and check for regular updates, you might just make their day!

➔ [St Bon's Amazon Wish List](#)



MATCHED FUNDING

A huge number of UK employers offer a 'matched funding scheme' where they double whatever you raise through volunteering.

Parents who work for Lloyds, PwC, Hargreaves Lansdown among others have been able to double our fundraising! We can help you with any application.



EASYFUNDRAISING



The [Easyfundraising website](#) (mobile app also available) is linked with over 7500 brands. Simply register with Easyfundraising and shop online as normal, those brands will donate a percentage of what you spend to St Bons PTFA - you don't pay a single penny extra! Paying bills? Online groceries? Booking a holiday? Do it via Easyfundraising!

- Scan the QR code
- Sign up, select '**St Bonaventure's Catholic Primary School**' as your cause.
- Add the browser extension, this will ensure the website automatically donates to the PTFA!

KEEP UP TO DATE

WEBSITE

Sign up to our website to keep up to date with the latest news and events.



www.stbonsptfa.com



WHATSAPP



Join your class Whatsapp group and receive regular messages from us - via your class rep - about upcoming events and activities.

INSTAGRAM



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FACEBOOK



St Bon's Parents & Carers

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Look out for PTFA news in the school email newsletter.

CLASS REPS



Class reps have an important role in linking up the PTFA with parents and carers.

They circulate PTFA messages to classes, pass on feedback, organise volunteers and coordinate collections.

Thank you class reps for all your support!

THANK YOU FROM YOUR COMMITTEE!



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