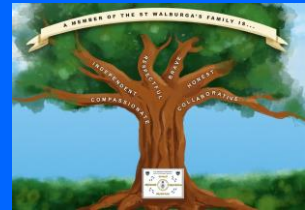


# St Walburga's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Number 33

Dear Parents and Carers,

By the time you receive this, Year 6 will have returned from their fantastic trip to Fairthorne Manor. They have had so many great experiences and created memories that will last them a lifetime! We will get them to tell you a bit more about it in next week's newsletter, but in the meantime I would like to say an ENORMOUS thank you to the staff who stayed with them – Mr Browne, Mrs Tomlinson, Mr Sparks and Mrs Crutchley who stayed the whole week, and Miss Prince, Miss Wood, Mr Yarrow and Miss McKinley who have been there for some of the time – it is really rewarding to spend time with the children on a residential trip, but also quite exhausting and I am very grateful to them for giving up their time!



Yesterday, 3BN went on their trip to Pizza Express as part of their learning about Italy. Liyana says: 'I really liked flipping the dough to make the pizza.' Chloe says: 'I liked making the pizza, taking it back to school and getting to eat a slice! (It was delicious).'



This week, the children attended the 'Speak out, Stay Safe' assembly organised by the NSPCC, and Years 2 and 6 also had extra workshops from some great volunteers from the NSPCC.



Year 5 have enjoyed their Bikeability sessions this week (and will do next week too). Thanks to Mrs

Tomlinson and the Year 5 team for organising this – we are so grateful to be able to offer this to our children.

This leads nicely into the fact that this week is National Volunteers Week – and I want to say thanks to all the volunteers who help out – our PSA, parents who come on trips, grandparents who hear readers, outside agency volunteers such as the NSPCC and bikeability staff and – most especially to our Governors who give so much of their time and talents to support our school. THANK YOU ALL!

### Second-Hand Uniform Donations

Please see attached an important message from the PSA regarding uniform donations.

### First Holy Communion Mass

On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 1.30, we will have a Mass for Year 3 – this is an opportunity to celebrate those children who have made their First Holy Communion this year, and all parents and carers of Year 3 children are invited to attend. Those children who have made their First Holy Communion this year are invited to bring their special communion clothes to school on that day and wear them for the Mass. Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 that made their First Holy Communion are also invited to dress up and come to Mass with their parents – there will be a letter with more information in the next week or so.

### Review Afternoon – Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> June

Don't forget our Review Afternoon next week on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June. School will be open from 1.30pm to 2.30pm, and then from 4.00pm to 5.00pm. Please choose one session or the other – don't come to both! You should come into school via the main entrance (you will need to sign in). You will then collect your child and their work from their classroom, and then you can find a spot around school to look through it with them. Hopefully, we will be able to make use of the playground. If your child is with you outside, they must stay with you the whole time. You will need to leave via the office again so you can sign out. Please note that the sessions will end promptly at 2.30pm and 5.00pm, and you will be asked to leave the school at this time, so make sure you allow yourself enough time to view your child's work! Please remember this is not an opportunity to discuss your child's work with the teacher or teaching assistant. If you can avoid bringing pre-school children, particularly in pushchairs, that would really help!

### Class photos

Hopefully you will have had a chance to view and order your child's class photo online. The deadline to order for free delivery back to school is Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June – if you order after that date you will have to pay for delivery.

### Headlice

The critters are back In Year 1 – please can I ask that you check your child's hair and treat if necessary. **Can I remind you that ALL children with hair longer than their collar should wear it fully tied up or back for school – not just held back with an alic band. Many thanks.**

### Changes to Free School Meals.

I'd like to draw your attention to an email sent out on the 21/5/26 regarding changes to the eligibility for Free School Meals. It sounds a little complicated – children in KS1 are all entitled to a free lunch, regardless of income. The criteria has changed for KS2 children, so your child may now be eligible. If your KS2 child is currently in receipt

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of FSM, you MUST reapply to ensure this continues. It is worth reading the letter carefully, because there are so many other potential benefits available, so, even if your child is in KS1, it is worth applying if you feel you meet the criteria.

### Lost property

We have found a gold ring in the KS2 MUGA area – please come to the office if you think it might be yours.

### Charminster Library

The Friends of Charminster Library have asked us to let you know about a gathering outside the library on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> June, from 3.00 to 4.30pm.

### Attendance – End of Summer Term 1

At the end of the first half of the Summer Term, our whole school attendance was 96.89%, exceeding our 96 % target and it has also gone up since Easter. We are not far away from 97%!

Year Group	Attendance
Reception	96.96%
Year 1	96.82%
Year 2	96.69%
Year 3	96.78%
Year 4	97.07%
Year 5	97.15%
Year 6	96.77%

Every year group achieved over 96.5% attendance, which is really positive! Well done to Year 4 and Year 5 for reaching 97%! Additionally, congratulations to the 270 children who attended school every day and achieved 100% attendance for the Summer Term 1 (from after Easter until half term). That was 65% of the school able to attend every day. **I would like to mention that I have noticed we have had a lot of last-minute requests for absences in term time due to holidays with very little, or even no notice at all. Absence requests should be made to me with 10 school days' notice as per our attendance policy. Leave of absence without prior warning can result in a penalty notice.** Please ensure you remind yourselves of our policy which you can read on our school website, or you can request a hardcopy at the school office at any time. Thanks for all your support with pupil attendance.

### Clubs

No tennis next Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> June.

### Sports' Days

KS2 Sports' morning will be on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June at Bournemouth School for Boys, 9.30 -11.30.

Year 2 sports' fun morning is on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June, 9.15 – 10.15.

Year 1 sports' fun afternoon is on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June, 1.30-2.30.

Reception sports' fun afternoon is on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> June, 1.30-2.30.

Your child will need a T shirt in their house colour for this event.

### Careers week

Advance warning that we will be having our careers' week in school in the week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> June. On Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> July, we will be looking for volunteers among our parents to come in and talk to the children about their jobs. Last year, we had a range of careers represented – engineers, hairdressers, vets – it would be great if we could offer a similar range this year. We will be sending a further letter out with a form to sign up in the next couple of weeks.

### School Building Fund

We have been able to access a very significant amount of the funds to help with the costs of replacing leaking roofs and many other vital projects which are the responsibility of the school, keeping the school maintained and safe. To do this we need to ensure we have a regular supply of donations, preferably by way of standing orders of £2.50 per month, £30 per annum or whatever you are able to

contribute please. This will help us to pay our required termly subscription. Thank you to all of you who help us in this way already, it is greatly appreciated. Please see the attached leaflet with Standing Order Form for regular donations. Or alternatively you can pay via WisePay and it is available now. Thank you. **We have to pay this bill, regardless of whether or not we receive your donation – so every bit of help is absolutely essential and gratefully received!**

### Give As You Live

Did you know that there is another way you can help raise money for school for free while doing your online shopping? By shopping through this link, <https://www.giveasyoulive.com/join/st-walburgas-catholic-primary-school> you can generate a donation from over 6,000 top retailers. Once you sign up, you can also download the Give As You Live app to shop conveniently through there. Thank you so much to everyone who has already signed up and started shopping via Give As You Live. It's wonderful that organisations and charities can benefit from this initiative.



### Mission Statement Heroes

Our Mission Statement heroes this week are 3 teenagers from India who have been awarded the Global Earth Prize for their invention – 'Plas- Stick.' This prize-winning invention uses powdered tamarind seed as the base for an all-natural microplastic clumping agent, which enables microplastics to be removed from drinking water with nothing more than a magnet!

### Well done to all our Stars of the Week

Super Role Model:

RJ:Maia; RP:Francesco; 1JC:Joel; 1WH:Mia Valentina; 2NW:Antonio; 2MS:Jesse; 3NL:Aria; 3BN:Elizabeth; 4CM:Skyler; 4PM:Antonia; 5JC:Imogen; 5RH:James P.

Learning Champion:

RJ: Orlando; RP:Tate; 1JC:Alby; 1WH:Liliana; 2NW:Ayla; 2MS:Izzabelle; 3NL:Zac; 3BN:Liyana; 4CM:Bahar; 4PM:Ruby; 5JC:Harrison; 5RH: Hanna.

### Dates for your Diary:

Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> June	1.30-2.30pm Or 4-5pm	Review Afternoon
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> June	All day	Year 6 visit to Hengistbury Head
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> June	All day	Year 1 Portchester Castle
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> June	All day	Year 4 visit to Moors Valley
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	1.30pm	Year 3 Mass – parents and carers invited.
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> June	am	Year 2 Sports morning
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Pm	Year 1 Sports afternoon
Thur 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Am	KS2 Sports morning
Thur 25 <sup>th</sup> June	pm	Reception Sports afternoon
Weds 1 <sup>st</sup> July	pm	Careers day- more info to follow
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> July	2.50pm	End of term for children
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	All day	Staff training day, school closed for children

Wishing you a lovely weekend with your families,

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