



# St Walburga's Catholic Primary School

# Newsletter



Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Number 4

Dear Parent and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Macmillan cake sale this afternoon – thanks to everyone who donated, cut, sold and bought the cakes today, and to the School Council and PSA for organising this event for such a great cause. We will let you know how much we raised!

Our School Council have been busy this week – on Wednesday the Councillors from Years 4,5 and 6 met with Denise Thomson from Sustrans to explore ways we could improve safety and traffic around our school site. Joao-Luca, Ocsar, Jared and Eva from Year 6 write: 'On Wednesday the KS2 School Councillors checked the safety of the roads around the school site. We looked at the type of traffic and the speed it was going, signs and places to cross. We also looked at the appearance of the area around school. We drew on maps to show the things we could add and improve to help make it safer like speed signs and zebra crossings.' We are very grateful to Denise for coming in, and looking forward to working closely with Sustrans as we aim to improve the area around our school.



### Mass at the Annunciation

We are very much looking forward to celebrating Mass with the parish at the Annunciation church on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> September. Mass starts at 11.00 so the children should aim to arrive by 10.50. **I would ask that all children attending wear their school uniform.** We will reserve seats for the children to sit together at the front of the church. Thank you to those children who have offered to read. Please do not just drop your child off – we will sit with them during Mass but you are ultimately responsible for them!

### Lates

Our trial of the children coming in straight away in the morning is going well, and we are noticing a much calmer start to the day, with learning happening promptly. We are going to be locking the gates as soon as the bell goes – if your child arrives after the bell has gone and the gates have been shut, they will need to go via the office and will be marked as late, so please make sure you are arriving at school in time!

### Chaplaincy Team

The KS2 children and staff have chosen the Chaplaincy representatives for each class for this year. Our Year 6 Chplaincy Team have attended a Social Justice Conference at Corpus Christi today – we look forward to hearing all about it!

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| 3BN: Anna     | Emmanuel | 3NL: Jake       | Ifedimma |
| 4CM: Sophie   | Mattias  | 4PM: Mark-Jacob | Lola     |
| 5JC: Harrison | Mia K    | 5RH: Alex       | Klara    |
| 6KB: Lily     | Amaya    | 6HT: Evanna     | Bruno    |



### School uniform

You can now order uniform online at [www.gdoschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.gdoschoolwear.co.uk)

### Year 6 parents and carers

Don't forget the permission form and deposit for the Year 6 residential were due at the end of July, and are still outstanding for some children!

### Starting school in September 2026

If your child's date of birth is between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 they are due to start in Reception in 2026! Please join us for a 'stay and play session' with your child from 3.30- 4.30pm on either Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October or Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Please contact the school office about an Open session -**It is really important that you attend**, even if you have a sibling at the school, as the Admission Process is explained. Please spread the word among your friends who may have children due to start school.

### Flu immunisation

You should have received a letter from us about the flu immunisation which will be administered in school on 1<sup>st</sup> October. The link to access the online form is <https://www.schoolimmunisation.dhc.nhs.uk/Forms/Flu> and the school code is DT113898. The deadline to complete the form is 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

### First Holy Communion

We have sent an email to parents of children in Year 3 and 4 regarding the First Holy Communion programme at the Annunciation and St Edmund Campion, as well as the programme at Holy Family Parish.

### Well done to our Stars of the Week

#### Super Role Model:

RJ:Adonai; RP:Nathan; 1JC:Luiza; 1WH:Pearl; 2NW:Rosealie; 2MS:Oswin; 3NL:Elsie; 3BN:Maja P; 4CM:Jack; 4PM:Felicity; 5JC:Elisha; 5RH:Hanna; 6KB:Jared; 6HT: Hannah.

#### Learning Champion:

RJ:Ellarose; RP: Lottie; 1JC:Jack; 1WH:Bruno; 2NW:Helna; 2MS:Gabriella; 3NL:Teddie; 3BN:Jakub; 4CM:Hollie; 4PM:Darcey; 5JC:Harry; 5RH:Matthew; 6KB:Emma; 6HT:Malena.

### Dates for your diary:

Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	3.15pm	Reception Parents' Workshop – more info to follow
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	3.30-4.30pm	Stay and play session for children due to start school in September 26
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	2.15pm	5JC Celebration of the Word – parents and carers welcome
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	2.15pm	5RH Celebration of the Word – parents and carers welcome
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	All day	Harvest celebrations and Food Bank collection – more info to follow
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	2.15pm	3BN Celebration of the Word – parents and carers welcome
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	2.15pm	3NL celebration of the Word – parents and carers welcome
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	2.15pm	6KB Celebration of the Word – parents and carers welcome
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	2.15pm	6HT Celebration of the Word – parents and carers welcome.
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	3.30- 7.00pm	Parents' Evening – more info to follow
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	3.30- 7.00pm	Parents' Evening – more info to follow
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	2.50pm	Children break up for half term

Wishing you a lovely weekend with your family.

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