

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! It has been so lovely having the children back in school– they have made a great start to the year already! Thank you for sending them in looking so smart, it really does help them to be in the mindset of learning. Just a quick reminder that children should only wear trainers on their PE days, and that school shoes (black or navy) should be worn on the other days. Also, if your child is wearing a white shirt, they **MUST** wear a tie. Many thanks.

Don't forget our 'Meet the Team' session next Wednesday, 10th September from 2.50 to 3.20pm. This is not a formal session, just a chance to say hello to your child's teacher and teaching assistant, and put a face to the name! I do hope you are able to attend.

It has been lovely seeing all the staff again after the summer break. We have welcomed some new colleagues to our fantastic TA team this term – Mrs Newbery will be working in 2NW and Mrs Morgan will be working across the school.

The Reception team are busy visiting our new children– seeing them in their home setting and telling them all about joining our school. We are looking forward to welcoming the children into school part time from next Thursday and then full time from Thursday 18th September. We can't wait to get to know the newest members of our school family!

Nut free school

Please can I remind you that we are a nut-free school, as we have several children and staff with severe allergies. This means that your child must not bring any nut product into school in their lunchbox – this includes Nutella in sandwiches or cakes. Many thanks.

Year 6 parents and carers

Please ensure that you have read the email we sent out on Tuesday 2nd September, regarding your child's application for secondary school. The deadline to apply for a secondary school place is 31st October.

Reading Challenge

Did your child take part in the Summer Reading Challenge at the library? They have until the 20th September to complete it and claim their medal and certificate from any library.

Water

Can I also remind you that children are allowed water in their water bottles, and should not bring squash or fruit juice to school. Could I also ask that you do not put your child's water bottle into their bag in the morning – we have lost several reading books to leaks!

Year 1 information evening

We have an information evening for parents of children in Year 1, to support them with their child's transition from Reception. The meeting is at 6.00pm on Wednesday, 17th September. **Children should not attend this meeting.**

Clubs:

Don't forget that there are **NO** afterschool clubs next week (apart from SWOOSH). Clubs will resume in the week commencing the 15th September.

Medicines

Please ensure that any epipens and inhalers are returned to school as soon as possible – thank you.

Mobile phones

If your child in year 4,5 or 6 is walking home alone and you feel that they need to have a mobile phone on them, they need to complete a Mobile phone agreement, which also needs to be signed by you. If you need a copy of the agreement, your child can ask his or her class teacher for one. Unless you feel it is absolutely necessary for your child to have a phone on them, we would advise against them bringing a phone to school.

End of the school day

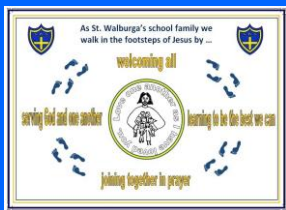
Just a reminder about arrangements for the end of the day. Please make sure you are on time to collect your child - we know that occasionally a situation arises where you are held up, but this should not be a regular occurrence! If you are going to be late, please advise the office as soon as you realise that this is the case – our office staff should not be having to phone you. The school day for children ends at 2.50 – when you are late it is upsetting for your child and inconvenient for school staff who have other work to complete.

The exit for your child may be different from in previous years: Reception children will go in and out of their own gates, on Malvern Rd.

Year 1 and Year 2 children will come in through the KS1 playground gates, and should be collected from the KS1 playground – Year 1 come out from their classrooms through their outdoor area (the brightly coloured fence) and Year 2 come out of the white door with their class teacher.

We will only be opening the large gate on the KS2 playground in the morning, so all KS2 children should come that way. Please can I remind you that your child should not be arriving at school before 8.25, as this is the time the gates are open, and queues cause congestion, particularly where the pavements are narrow on Malvern Rd.

At the end of the day, children with Walkers' passes come out of the smaller gate, and if you are collecting your child from KS2, you should come on to the playground through the big gate. If you haven't applied for a new Walkers' Pass and want your child to have one, please do so as soon as possible. We will be issuing passes on the first day back. **If your child has a walkers' Pass, you must ensure that they understand what to do if you are not at the agreed meeting point – we will advise the children that they should return to the school office if you are not there – please reinforce this important safety message.**



St Walburga's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



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Before school

As mentioned before the holidays we are trialling the children coming straight into class in the mornings, rather than putting their things away and coming back out to play. We hope that this will be a calmer start and increase the learning time available. The gates will still be open from 8.25 to 8.40, so you can drop your child at the gate between those times – just remember to say goodbye to them then! We will review this after a few weeks, and see how it is working for children (and staff!)

Class information

You should all have received an e-mail earlier today with a letter from your child's class teacher with lots of useful information such as PE days and home learning expectations. Please ensure you read the letter and complete the reply slip by Wednesday 10th September.

The links to the reply slip for each of the Year groups is also here:

Year 1: <https://forms.office.com/e/NvFMQmVgFd>

Year 2: <https://forms.office.com/e/gSPSONYhLj>

Year 3: <https://forms.office.com/e/mWVMRCsJT8N>

Year 4: <https://forms.office.com/e/KK1mFnHbex>

Year 5: <https://forms.office.com/e/3J1S1vSVJA>

Year 6: <https://forms.office.com/e/EIjdtAt1P6>

Thank you

I am sure you will join me in thanking the staff who have worked so hard during the summer to prepare for our return! We are really delighted with our new windows, which have really brightened up the whole building. Many thanks to Stag Home Improvements, who have worked so hard to complete the work during the summer holidays and to Mr and Mrs Prince have spent a lot of time overseeing all the jobs in school. Miss Prince deserves our thanks too – she spent lots of time in school over the summer, sorting out deliveries and completing lots of admin tasks so that everything was ready for the teachers to meet their new classes, as well as getting up and running with a new Information Management System.

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- 4.30 on either Thursday 2nd October or Thursday 6th November. We are also booking places on our Open Information sessions for parents - please contact the School Office on 01202 528811. **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.

Contact details

Please don't forget to let us know if you change your phone number or change address. It is really important that we have up

to date contact details for you should we need to contact you in case of an emergency.

Please inform us as early as possible if your child is unwell and unable to attend school, we have a duty of care to all our pupils and need to know where they are during school hours.

Parking!

Please don't forget that you must not park on Malvern Rd opposite the reception classes, or in Camden Close. You should not park on the corners of Beatty Rd either – it blocks the junction and makes the road extremely dangerous for children crossing. Please park in a way which shows consideration of other road users and especially our neighbours. If someone else drops your child off for you, please ensure that they understand these rules which are in place to keep our children safe.

Mission Statement

This week we have been revisiting our Mission Statement in class, as well as looking at our School Values. We have been talking about what each part means, and how we can put it into practice. Please can you chat to your child about things they can put in place at home which would reinforce these ideas.

Wed 10 th Sept	2.50-3.20	Meet the Team
Thurs 11 th Sept		Reception children start part time
Wed 17 th Sept	6.00pm	Year 1 workshop for parents and carers
Thurs 18 th Sept	8.40	Reception children start full time
Fri 26 th Sept	2.50pm	Macmillan cake sale – more info to follow
Tues 30 th Sept	3.15pm	Reception Parents' Workshop – more info to follow
Thurs 2 nd Oct	3.30-4.30pm	Stay and play session for children due to start school in September 26
Mon 6 th Oct	2.15pm	5JC Celebration of the Word – parents and carers welcome
Tues 7 th Oct	2.15pm	5RH Celebration of the Word – parents and carers welcome
Thurs 9 th Oct	All day	Harvest celebrations and Food Bank collection – more info to follow
Mon 13 th Oct	2.15pm	3BN Celebration of the Word – parents and carers welcome
Tues 14 th Oct	2.15pm	3NL celebration of the Word – parents and carers welcome
Mon 20 th Oct	2.15pm	6KB Celebration of the Word – parents and carers welcome
Wed 22 nd Oct	2.15pm	6HT Celebration of the Word – parents and carers welcome.
Wed 22 nd Oct	3.30- 7.00	Parents' Evening – more info to follow
Thurs 23 rd Oct	3.30- 7.00	Parents' Evening – more info to follow
Fri 24 th Oct	2.50pm	Children break up for half term

Wishing you a lovely weekend with your family,

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