



St Walburga's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



Friday, 4th July 2025

Number 37

Dear Parents and Carers,
 We had such a lovely day yesterday celebrating our Feast day! In the morning, the children spent time with their Prayer Buddies, making a 'pilgrimage' around the school to prayer stations which had been organised by the Chaplaincy Team. Our pilgrimage ended in the Prayer Garden, where the children were able to see the new water feature that we have installed. Then we had a visit from the ice cream van!
 In the afternoon, Father Anthony and Deacon Barry joined us, and we were able to celebrate Mass together. It was lovely to be joined by so many parents and carers – thank you!



The Reception children had a lovely visit to Charminster library on Tuesday. They learnt how the library works, and had a 'Drawing Club' session about their current book – 'The Detective Dog'.

Qdos uniform sale

The Qdos team will be running a sale in the KS1 reading den from 2.30pm to 3.15pm on Wednesday 9th July, so please pop in if you need anything for September.

Clubs

Just a reminder that this week is the last session for Year 1 and Reception Art Shed. All other clubs finish next week – there are no clubs in the last week apart from SWOOSH.

Residentials

Current Year 4 - Just a reminder that the deposit for the Year 5 trip in May 2026 is due by Friday 11th July.

Current Year 5 – the deposit for the Year 6 trip in June 2026 is due by Thursday 17th July.

Leavers' events

Don't forget that Year 6 parents, carers and families are invited to the Leavers' Mass at the Annunciation on Monday, 14th July at 6.30pm.

We will also be having a celebration disco for them from 6.00pm to 7.00pm on Wednesday, 16th July. We are going to have a tuck shop as usual (always a favourite) as we are cash-free you will have to buy tokens in advance if you would like your child to buy sweets. It will be a maximum of 4 x 50p tokens per child (£2.00 in total) and they will be available to purchase on WisePay from today. We will also need parent helpers for this event, so please let us know on the gate or via email if you are able to help out. Many thanks.

School Building Fund

You may remember I asked for your help paying our Diocesan Building Fund invoice in the past. The invoice for the summer term is now in, and it stands at £3900. As I explained before, this fund helps us with all sorts of projects and we have benefitted greatly from it in the past. We have to pay the full amount, regardless of what we receive in contributions from you. If there is any way you can help us out we would be really grateful. A contribution of £30 per child per term covers this cost – if you are not able to commit to this but can help in any way, please do so via WisePay. Many, many thanks.

Parenting Course

Following the success of our Parenting Course, we are very pleased to be offering it again in September. This will be 6 weekly sessions, from 9.00am to 10.45am starting on Thursday, 11th September 2025. The course will take place here at the school and will be run by Claire Dunne and Mandy Daly from the YMCA. Topic to be covered include:

- Rules, boundaries and routines
- Different parenting styles
- Technology usage
- What being a parent means
- Giving effective praise
- Big emotions
- Age appropriate independence

Parents who have attended the course have said:

'a fantastic opportunity, offering a protected time each week to meet with experienced practitioners who are compassionate, caring and knowledgeable around the challenges of parenthood.' *'I really enjoyed my time engaging with this course. Made me feel like it's not just me, and I wasn't alone.'* If you are interested in joining this programme, please complete the form using the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/YWAAYzTrWY>

Mission Statement hero and Stars of the week.

Our Mission Statement hero this week is St Walburga – who is a great example to us all. We try to follow her charism by Welcoming, Serving, Praying and Learning. Well done to all our stars of the week who have been trying so hard to live out our Mission Statement:

Learning Champions:

RJ: Freddie; RP: Liliانا; 1JC: Lilly; 1WH: Ife; 2NW: Taonga; 2MS: Luke; 3NL: Luna; 3DB: David; 4DC: Nicholas; 4PM; Tadi; 5RH: Maya; 5JC: Ollie; 6KB:Antoni K;6HT:Sebastian

Super Role Model: RJ: Annabel; RP: Josephine; 1JC: Sophia; 1WH: Helna;

2NW: Camille; 2MS: Marcel; 3NL: Franklin; 3DB: Kobi; 4DC: Finn; 4PM: Elisha; 5RH: Gabby; 5JC: Ruben; 6KB:Olivia K; 6HT:Xander

St Anne's are the winners of the housepoint challenge for this term so they can wear mufti next Friday, 11th July as a treat!

Dates for your diary:

Weds 9 th July	2.30pm	QDOS Uniform sale-KS1 reading den
Mon 14 th July	6.30pm	Year 6 Leavers mass- Annunciation Church
Wed 16 th July	All day	Year 6 Retreat Day
Weds 16 th July	6.00-7.00pm	Year 6 Leavers disco
Fri 18 th July	2.50 pm	End of term for children

Wishing you all a lovely weekend with your family,

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