

# St Walburga's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025

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 and put some photos 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 and Miss Ward who stayed the whole week, and Miss Prince, Miss Wood, Mrs Crutchley, 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, 3DB went on their trip to Pizza Express as part of their learning about Italy. Krystal says: *'It was a lot of fun! The smells were delicious.'* Lillie says: *'It was really fun putting all the cheese and sauce on the pizza. We got to take them with us and we had one slice in class!'*



While we are on the subject of trips, there are quite a few coming up. Please check the diary dates below, and ensure that you have completed all the forms and made payment as soon as possible. Thanks.

### Second-Hand Uniform Donations – Small sizes

We will be holding a second-hand uniform sale at the beginning of July for our new Reception children starting in September 2025. We will also have another sale for the rest of the school on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July. We are specifically seeking donations of second-hand uniforms in smaller sizes. If your child is in Reception or Year 1 and has outgrown their uniform, we would greatly appreciate your donation for our sale. We are looking for both winter and summer uniforms, as well as the PE kit. Please send any donations to the school as soon as possible. Thank you in advance!

### Review Afternoon – Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> June

Don't forget our Review Afternoon next week on Wednesday 11<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 Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> June – if you order after that date you will have to pay for delivery.

### Year 5 Bikeability

Our Year 5 children will be starting their bikeability sessions in the next couple of weeks – 5RH start on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June, all the children should bring their bikes and helmets in on that day. Children in 5JC should do the same the following week, on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> June.

### Headlice

The critters are back In Year 5 – 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. Many thanks.**

### Attendance – End of Summer Term 1

At the end of the first half of the Summer Term, our whole school attendance was 96.42%, exceeding our 96 % target and it has also gone up since Easter. We are not far away from 96.5%!

Year Group	Attendance
Reception	96.25%
Year 1	96.71%
Year 2	96.42%
Year 3	96.39%
Year 4	96.35%
Year 5	96.41%
Year 6	96.38%

Every year group achieved over 96% attendance, which is really positive! Additionally, congratulations to the 276 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 holiday 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.

### Summer Fair – Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> June 3.30 – 5.30pm

Our summer fair is fast approaching and we are really hoping that we have a successful (sunny!) and enjoyable event, generating lots of money for our fabulous PSA funds. Raffle tickets and tokens are already on sale via WisePay, so please purchase them in advance if you are able to do so. We have received some more great raffle prizes, but are still on the look out for any more, so if you have any anything we could offer as a prize we would be very grateful, please see the paragraph below under 'Raffle'. I am repeating the information we sent a couple of weeks ago with dates and prices to help you plan ahead!



On **Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June** we will have a donation day – the children can wear mufti in exchange for a donation (or two!) We will be collecting the following:

**Bottles** for the bottle tombola – anything in a bottle – bubble bath, squash, hopefully a bottle or two of wine!

**Pre-loved Soft toys** – clean and reusable please – that we can use for the Teddy Bear Orphanage.

**Decorated jam jars** – please see the attached flyer with some suggestions.

On the day of the fair, Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> June, we would like donations of **cakes** – small ones are easier to sell. They can be home made or shop bought, but please remember NO Nuts, including coconut. We would also be grateful for a few which are gluten free and some dairy free, so all our children can buy something.

### Tokens

We are going to be CASH FREE again. We have tokens, which you can buy in advance at a cost of 50p per token. Everything at the fair will be sold in a unit of 50p and one token – for example, adult entrance will be one token (children entrance will be free), burgers and hot dogs will be four tokens. The tokens are available already to buy on WisePay – we will start sending the tokens home with your child 2 weeks before the fair, in an envelope so that you can bring them along on the day. The only thing that will not take our tokens, is the ice cream van, as payments go directly to them - they will take card or cash payment. See the list below of the stalls and prices to give you an idea of what we've got planned!

**Summer Fair Stalls and Prices**  
**Don't forget to purchase your tokens on WisePay ASAP so we can get them to you before the fair!**

	Cost	Tokens (1 worth 50p)
Admission	50p an adult (children free)	1 token
Raffle	£1 a strip	2 tokens
Burgers	£2	4 tokens
Hot Dogs	£2	4 tokens
Soft drinks	50p - £1.00	1 - 2 tokens
Cakes	50p a plate	1 - 2 tokens
Sweets	50p a bag	1 token
Filled Jars	£1 - £1.50	2 - 3 tokens
Face Painting	£2	4 tokens
Teddy Orphanage	50p	1 token
Children's Tombola	50p for 2 goes	1 token
Bottle Tombola	50p	1 token
Handmade Toys	Various	
Games	£1 for 10 goes	2 tokens
Bouncy Castle	£1	2 tokens
Exercise Books	£1 for 5 books	1 token
Ice Cream	Various, bought directly from van with cash or card	

### Raffle

We are looking forward to launching our raffle prize list as we are still collating prizes. We will give you a little spoiler - we already have two (!) vouchers for a family portrait session at Ludere studio – many thanks to them for donating such a great prize! If you are able to donate a prize for the raffle, we would be very grateful. We are looking for a variety of things such as gift vouchers and gift cards, show tickets, day trip tickets, new gifts for adults and children, including electronics, items we can put in hampers, and other treats! Get your thinking caps on and ask your friends, family and other contacts – any kind of support from our local community is much appreciated. The raffle will be drawn at 5.00pm on the day of the fair. If you want to get organised, tickets for our raffle are available to buy NOW on WisePay at £1.00 a strip!

Please make sure you know the difference between the tokens and raffle tickets – both are listed as separate products on WisePay. **The earlier you buy them, the more time you give us to write them up and distribute them to you - thank you!** 😊

### Helpers

We will need as much help as possible to run the stalls on the day. The more volunteers we have, the fairer we can make the rota. If you are able to help on the day: setting up from 1.30pm, covering a stall for half an hour or so, or clearing up at the end, please let us know – either via the office (phone or email) or by telling the member of staff on the gate, or the person organising for your year group.

We really hope that you can come along and support this event – we have lots planned to make it fun for the children, and to raise money for our school projects.

### Stars of the week

Well done to all our Stars of the week:

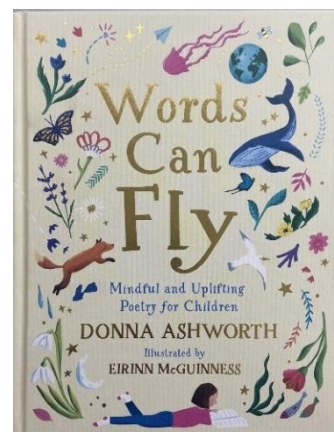
**Super Role Model:** RJ:Gemma; RP: Max; 1JC: Ria; 1WH: Lily C; 2NW: Adam; 2MS: Anna; 3NL: Ethan; 3DB: Kobi; 4DC: James P; 4PM:Ling; 5RH: Tiago; 5JC: Ana Paula

### Learning Champion

RJ: Ted; RP: Amelia; 1JC: Kira; 1WH: Alice; 2NW: Anna; 2MS: Ifedimma; 3NL: Lucas; 3DB: Bahar; 4DC: Nicholas K; 4PM: Theo; 5RH: Evelyn; 5JC: Zayra.

### Mission Statement hero

Our Mission Statement hero this week is our own Miss McGuinness who has illustrated a book of children's poetry which was published this week. I'm sure you'll agree this is a great achievement, and has involved a lot of hard work and dedication alongside teaching her class!



### Dates for your diary:

Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> June	All day	Reception trip to Moors Valley
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> June	8.40	5RH Bikeability starts
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> June	1.30 - 2.30 and 4.00-5.00	Review afternoon
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> June	All day	Year 4 Trip to Moors Valley
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> June	All day	Year 1 visit to Portchester Castle
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> June	8.40	5JC Bikeability starts
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> June		Deadline to order photos for free delivery
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> June	All day	Year 6 visit to Hengistbury Head
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	All day	Summer Fair Donation Day
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30 – 11.30	Key Stage 2 Sports' morning – Bournemouth School field
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> June	1.30 – 2.30	Reception Sports' afternoon at school
Weds 25 <sup>th</sup> June	3.30-5.30pm	Summer Fair
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> June	9.15 – 10.15	Year 1 Sports' morning at school
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> June	1.30 – 2.20	Year 2 Sports' Afternoon at school
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	All day	School Feast Day – more info to follow

Wishing you a lovely weekend with your families.

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