



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have made it to half term! (Don't forget – school is closed tomorrow, Friday 23rd May, for Staff training)

On Monday, Year 6 enjoyed their trip to Go Ape as a treat for completing their SATs! Esther writes: *'I enjoyed the treetop challenge because some of the routes were challenging, especially the one where we had to squeeze through the cramped nets!'*

Valentina writes: *'The zip line was really fun as you got to swing through the air but the landing was difficult unless you were skilled and landed on your feet!'*



Today 3NL had a great trip to Pizza Express as part of their Geography/Italy topic. They all made a pizza and learnt some basic food hygiene. They had a great time! 3DB are looking forward to going after half term.



School Building Fund

You may remember in the past that I sent a letter, asking for your help with the School Building Fund invoice from the diocese. I explained that this fund is a 'pot' that we can access when we need work done at the school, and St Walburga's has benefitted greatly from this over the years. We have to pay the full invoice, which equates to approximately £10.00 per child per term. We have to pay this, regardless of how much we receive in donations from you. The summer invoice is now due and we are looking at our various budgets to see where we can find the money. If you can help at all, please do so via WisePay or you can setup a standing order by completing a form which you can find in the school office or on our website. Thanks to those who are already able to contribute – it is very much appreciated!

Sports' Mark

I am delighted to tell you that we have been awarded a Gold School Games' mark for our engagement in school games this year! Thank you to Mrs Tomlinson for organising this, and to the staff who take the children to so many events. It's wonderful to see the children participating in a variety of activities. We also appreciate your help in transporting them to some of these events.



Clubs

Please note that after school clubs start the first week back except for Football with Robbie and Forest School with Mr Yarrow – they will start the second week.

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 16th 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!

Class Photos

We were very lucky with the weather and we were able to have our class photos outside this week. Your child should have brought home a slip yesterday with the order code and information. The photos won't be available yet but they will be in the next 10 – 14 days so do keep the slip safe should you wish to order a copy. Year 6 also had a year group photo and friendship photos – the codes for those have been e-mailed to you.

Reception and Year 4 Trip

Reception and Year 4 are going on a school trip to Moors Valley on Tuesday 10th June (Reception) Thursday 12th June (Year 4). You can refer to the letters sent this week for more information. Please ensure that you complete the reply slip and make payments on WisePay by the deadline date. Thank you.

Hot School Meals

The deadline to order hot school meals for the first week back is midnight on Monday 26th May. If you miss this deadline please make sure you send your child to school with a packed lunch. Remember, you can login to your Forerunner account to check your orders at any time, and you can make changes, as long it is by the Monday the week before.

Guitar Lessons

In the week after half term – w/b 2nd June only- Year 6 will have their guitar lesson on Monday, and Year 5 will have theirs on Tuesday – they have swapped for that week as Year 6 will be going on their residential on Tuesday.

Review Afternoon – Wednesday, 11th June

On Wednesday 11th June, you are invited into school so that your child can share their work with you. 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.

Walk to School Week

This week was Walk to School Week, and we hope that many of you and your children participated and enjoyed starting the challenge! We encourage everyone to continue this initiative and hope you received our letter from Living Streets earlier today, which explains more about the ongoing challenge.

If your child is unable to walk all the way to school, please consider parking a bit farther away and walking the last 10 to 15 minutes together. This promotes a healthy lifestyle for the children while also helping to reduce traffic congestion and emissions around the school. Additionally, there are walk-to-school badges available for your child to collect!

Summer Fair – Wednesday, 25th June 3.30 – 5.30pm

Thank you very much to those who came along to our planning meeting last week – I'm sure the WhatsApp groups have been buzzing since then! We really need your help and donations to make this a success for the school, and a time of really happy memories for the children.

On **Monday, 23rd 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, 25th 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!

Raffle

We are looking forward to launching our raffle prize list after half term 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.

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	

Dates for your diary:

Fri 23 rd May	All day	School closed for children – staff training day
Thurs 5 th June	Am	3DB visit to Pizza Express
Tues 10 th June	All day	Reception trip to Moors Valley
Wed 11 th June	1.30 – 2.30 and 4.00-5.00	Review afternoon
Thurs 12 th June	All day	Year 4 Trip to Moors Valley
Mon 23 rd June	All day	Summer Fair Donation Day
Tues 24 th June	9.30 – 11.30	Key Stage 2 Sports' morning – Bournemouth School field
Tues 24 th June	1.30 – 2.30	Reception Sports' afternoon at school
Weds 25 th June	3.30-5.30pm	Summer Fair
Thurs 26 th June	9.15 – 10.15	Year 1 Sports' morning at school
Thurs 26 th June	1.30 – 2.20	Year 2 Sports' Afternoon at school

Wishing you a lovely half term with your families.

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