

St Walburga's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



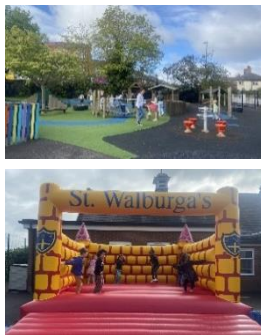
Friday, 25th April 2025

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a lovely Easter break with your families. It has been great having the children back in school this week! We started our week with a prayer service remembering Pope Francis who died on Monday. He was such a great example to us all, with his commitment to peace and compassion, and his kindness to the most vulnerable in our world.

On Wednesday we had a lot of fun for our Spring Treat day! The Key Stage 1 children had enjoyed an Easter egg hunt, organised by the Year 5 and 6 sports' ambassadors, and the bouncy castle (many thanks to Mr Prince and Mr Yarrow for setting that up and monitoring it throughout the morning.) The children spent time with their Prayer Buddies, and even had a visit from the Easter Bunny! We rounded the day off with an Easter bonnet parade, where the Reception children were able to show off their creations! Thanks to all the staff for making this day so memorable for our children.



On Thursday, Father Anthony celebrated Mass for us. As well as celebrating the joy of Easter and offering up our hopes for the summer term, we were able to offer Mass for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis.

Sowing the Seed

Thank you all for your generosity in supporting our Sowing the Seed initiative during Lent. We are delighted to tell you that our overall total is **£4817.07**. We are so proud of our children, they are living out our Mission Statement through their commitment to helping others.

- YR, Hope for Food - £595.40
- Y1, Save the Children - £606.53
- Y2, The Wave Project - £289.69
- Y2, Cats Protection - £209.70
- Y3, Hearing Dogs - £1391.08
- Y4, Red Cross - £444.74
- Y5, Julia's House - £502.46
- Y6, SCOPE - £777.47

As part of our **Sowing the Seed Challenge 2025** we raised a total of **£4,817.07** across 8 different charities

HOPE FOR FOOD Reception £595.40	Save the Children Year 1 £606.53	THE WAVE PROJECT Year 2 £289.69	CATS PROTECTION Year 2 £209.70
Hearing Dogs for Deaf People Year 3 £1,391.08	British Red Cross Year 4 £444.74	Julia's House Year 5 £502.46	SCOPE Year 6 £777.47

Gardening club

We are on the look out for some bedding plants for the gardening club to plant around school. If you have any going spare, please let us know or bring them in to the office. Thanks in advance.

Residential Payment

A reminder for Year 6 that the residential payment is now due and must be paid in full by 30th April 2025. Thanks.

Clubs

After-school clubs start next week. Please make sure you have booked on with the relevant provider.

Uniform

Just a reminder that the children can now wear summer uniform. Please remember that dresses should be NAVY check, not pale blue. Playsuits are not part of our uniform, and must not be worn. Children who choose to wear shirts must still wear a tie – and they must not wear white polo shirts. Please ensure that your child is wearing school shoes in black or navy. Many thanks.

Attendance – End of Spring Term

At the end of the Spring Term, our whole school attendance was 96.33%, exceeding our 96 % target!

Year Group	Attendance
Reception	96.20%
Year 1	96.72%
Year 2	96.60%
Year 3	96.30%
Year 4	96.15%
Year 5	96.26%
Year 6	96.13%

Every year group achieved over 96% attendance, which is something to celebrate! Additionally, congratulations to the 121 children who attended school every day and achieved 100% attendance for the Spring Term (January-April). Thanks for all your support with pupil attendance.

Music Lessons

Guitar and violin lessons recommence next week for the summer term. Please make your summer term payments on WisePay by Friday 2nd May. Please also ensure that your child brings their instrument and music to school on the relevant day.

Well done to all our Stars of the Week!

Super Role Model:

RJ: Florence; RP: Lucas; 1JC: Harry; 1WH: Elisia; 2NW: Sheyn; 2MS: Cameron; 3NL: Joshy; 3DB: Eleanor; 4DC: Lenna; 4PM: Elma; 5RH: Sophie; 5JC: Ella; 6KB: Antoni Z; 6HT: Lila.

Learning Champion:

RJ: Amara C; RP: Maisie; 1JC: Eleanor; 1WH: George; 2NW: Florian; 2MS: Luke; 3NL: Marie; 3DB: Albie; 4DC: Max A; 4PM: Flossie; 5RH: Oty; 5JC: Emma; 6KB: Esme; 6HT: Mila

Dates for your Diary:

Mon 28 th April	2.15pm	2NW Celebration of the Word – Parents and carers welcome
Tues 29 th April	2.15pm	2MS celebration of the Word – Parents and carers welcome
Thurs 1 st May	5.30pm	Year 6 residential meeting for parents and carers – NO CHILDREN TO ATTEND
Mon 5 th May	All day	Bank holiday – school closed
Thurs 8 th May	2.50pm	VE Day Cake Sale- More info to follow
Fri 9 th May	Am	5JC visit to Kingfisher Barn
Mon 12 th May	All week	SATS begin for Year 6 pupils
Mon 12 th May	Am	5RH visit to Kingfisher Barn
Thurs 22 nd May	2.50	Children finish for half term
Fri 23 rd May	All day	School closed for children – staff training day

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

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