



St Walburga's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

There is so much to tell you about this week, I think our newsletter might be a big one!

On Wednesday, Year 2 had a 'Beaulieu-ful' day at Beaulieu as part of their learning about transport in the past.

Camille in 2NW says: 'I liked seeing Gumdrop! We got to sit in the car and drive around. I also liked playing in the park.' Ivy in 2NW says: 'I liked going on the Monorail and it was cool when it went inside the museum! I liked playing in the park as well.' Many thanks to the Year 2 team for organising this exciting enrichment activity for the children!



On Tuesday, the children in Key Stage 1 and Reception had the chance to try out some 'dream jobs' in the hall, thanks to Play Street, Dorset. Jamie in 2MS says: 'I liked the police station because I want to be a police officer!' Bethel in 2MS: 'I liked being a hairdresser in the role play, but I want to be the Prime Minister when I grow up.'



On Thursday, we were lucky to have a 'Dream Jobs Day' for Key Stage 2. Thanks to the generosity of several parents who gave up their time, we were able to give the children a 'taste' of several exciting jobs – including a midwife, air traffic controller, train driver, dentist, global technician, plant fitter (complete with a digger!) and a cyber security manager. We are so grateful to them – the children had a super time chatting to them and finding out about their jobs. Hannah in 5RH writes: 'I really enjoyed the day because I enjoyed learning about people's jobs. Lots of people from our class enjoyed seeing how everything works in Air traffic control!' Maya in 5RH writes, 'I really enjoyed learning about the Air traffic controller, he was very kind and managed to answer all our questions!' Thank you so much to Miss Blunden, and the Office ladies for co-ordinating such a great week for the children!



On Tuesday, we had two fantastic installations in the Key Stage 2 playground. Many thanks to Miss Carlson for organising our superb timeline – it has all the periods of history that the children learn about, and even includes the life of St Walburga and the opening of the school on this site in 1929!



We also had two ActivAll boards installed – the children are going to really enjoy having a go on these during their PE lessons. Staff quite enjoyed their training too! Many thanks to Mrs Tomlinson for ordering these for us. Thanks as always to Mr Prince, our site manager, who oversaw both installations and earned a compliment from the contractors who were very impressed with his preparation!



Sowing the Seed

All of the classes have completed their sponsored events, and it has been lovely seeing the totals going up on WisePay. Here are the class totals as of Thursday. **Thank you so much for your support for the charities the children have chosen:**

Reception – Hope for Food - £369.00

https://www.justgiving.com/page/st-walburgas-catholic-primary-school-ss25yr7utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Year 1 – Save the children £409.00

https://www.justgiving.com/page/st-walburgas-catholic-primary-school-ss25y1utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Year 2 – The Wave Project - £199.00

https://www.justgiving.com/page/st-walburgas-catholic-primary-school-ss25y2utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Year 2 Cats' Protection League - £134.00

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Year 3 - Hearing Dogs for Deaf People - £590.00

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Year 4 – The Red Cross - £228.00

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Year 5 – Julia's House - £173.00

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Year 6 – Scope - £182.00

https://www.justgiving.com/page/st-walburgas-catholic-primary-school-ss25y6utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Don't forget our Sowing the Seed Sale on Wednesday, 2nd April. Children are invited to bring COINS in to spend – maximum £4.00 per child. There will be a variety of things to buy, ranging between 50p and £2.50, The children will have an opportunity to 'shop' with their prayer buddies during the afternoon. Parents and carers are invited to come and buy any remaining stock at 2.15pm.

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School Choir

Today, the School Choir participated in the Bournemouth Music Schools competition festival, and we are thrilled to announce that they won for the third consecutive year! We are incredibly proud of their outstanding achievement. It's also wonderful to hear how they were well-mannered and behaved so well throughout the event. We have witnessed their practice sessions, and their singing truly is beautiful. A big thank you to Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Smith for their dedication and hard work with the choir throughout the year, and to Mrs. Lawrence for her support in playing the piano. Thank you also to the parents for getting the children to the event and for their continual support.

Football Team

Well done to our football team who qualified for the regional finals in Bristol last week. They were disappointed not to go further in the competition, but we are very proud of them – Dorset champions! Thanks to Mr Sparks and Mr Browne for coaching them. We are also really appreciative to their parents for transporting the children to the football matches – and of course for them cheering us on!



Reception Celebration of the Word

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers at the Reception Celebration of the Word this week – thank you for taking the time to come and share this special time with your child. Thanks to the Reception team for preparing the children for this.

Year 5 Lenten Service

Just a reminder for Year 5 parents and carers about the Lent Service, which will take place at the Annunciation Church, at 6.30pm on Monday, 31st March – this is such a lovely way of sharing our Lenten journey together. Children should be dropped at the church at 8.30am on the morning of the 31st for a rehearsal – please complete the online form giving permission for your child to walk back to school after the rehearsal.

School Nurse Drop in

Don't forget we are having a school nurse drop-in at St Walburga's on Tuesday 1st April between 8.45 and 10.15am. If you would like to 'pop in' to meet with the nurse, please let the office know in advance and we can let them know. Please see the attached flier for more information.

Crossing patrol

We have been told that there will probably only be cover for the crossing in the mornings next week, and on Monday afternoon. This means that there will be no one supervising the crossing on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday afternoon. We will let you know if we hear anything different from BCP.

Travel to school and parking!

Many thanks to those of you who have already completed the travel to school survey. We are working closely with BCP to explore different ways in which we can encourage people to travel to school in a healthy, environmentally friendly way, and make the area around our school a safer one. If you haven't completed the survey yet, please do so before it closes next Friday – we really do appreciate your input!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/StWalburgasCatholicPrimarySchoolParentSurvey2025>

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.

Year 3 Swimming

A reminder for Year 3 that swimming starts after Easter. The online permission form and payment on WisePay is due by Monday 31st March.

Asda Cashpots for School

Many thanks to those of you signed up for the Cashpots for Schools promotion in Asda – seems like quite a long time ago now! I am delighted to tell you that we have just received £576.72 from them!

Uniform

Just a reminder that the children can wear summer uniform after Easter. I am attaching the link to our website here. 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. We have also noticed a lot of trainers creeping in on non – PE days – please ensure that your child is wearing school shoes in black or navy. Many thanks.

<https://www.stwalburgas.bournemouth.sch.uk/school-uniform/>

Pre-loved uniform sale

While we are on the subject of uniform, our super team of volunteers are running a sale on Thursday, 3rd April from 2.30pm in the KS2 playground. There will be lots of bargains (and lots of summer uniform available) so please pop in and support us. Many thanks.

Clubs

Just a reminder that there are no clubs next week (apart from SWOOSH before and after school club).

Energy rating

Great news this week – we have just been awarded an Energy rating of B – up from our previous rating of a C. Both are pretty much unheard of in schools, particularly with buildings the age of ours! Well done team!

Mission Statement hero

Our Mission Statement hero this week is Our Lady, as we celebrated the feast of the Annunciation on 25th March. She is such a great role model to us in her courage and willingness to trust in God's plan.

Well done to all our Stars of the Week:

Super Role Model: RJ: Adel; RP: Pearl; 1JC: Eriife; 1WH: Lithus; 2NW: Carter; 2MS: Ben; 3NL: Iara; 3DB: Sophie; 4DC: Leonardo; 4PM: Max; 5RH: Deysi; 5JC: Freddie H; 6HT: Alexandra; 6KB: Luke.

Learning Champion: RJ: Amara; RP: Amara; 1JC: Ria; 1WH: Hallie; 2NW: Cole; 2MS: Betsy; 3NL: Max; 3DB: Sebastian; 4DC: Max; 4PM: Elisha; 5RH: Anna; 5JC: Eva; 6HT: Elsie; 6KB: Sam.

House Point challenge

Well done to the children in St Francis' house who have won this half term's housepoint challenge and can wear mufti (with something green) next Friday, 4th April

Dates for your diary:

Mon 31st Mar	8.30am	Year 5 dropped to Annunciation Church
Mon 31st Mar	6.30pm	Year 5 Lenten service at the Annunciation
Tues 1st April	8.45am-10.15am	School Nurse drop in, please call the office to book in.
Weds 2nd April	2.15pm	Sowing the Seed sale
Fri 4th April	2.50pm	Children break up for Easter holiday
Mon 21st April	All day	Bank holiday – school closed
Tues 22nd April	8.40am	School restarts for children
Wed 23rd April	All day	Spring treat day – more info to follow
Wed 23rd April	am	Year 3 swimming starts

Wishing you a lovely weekend with your family,

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