



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a lovely week – it has been nice to see the sun at last after the miserable weather at the beginning of the week! You should all have received a copy of our Ofsted report on Tuesday – we are so pleased that the inspector recognised the children for the super, kind, responsible young people that they are! We were very pleased with the outcome. As Mr Betts said in his letter, an Ofsted inspection is seldom a pleasant experience- I am so grateful to all of the staff and the pupils who really supported one another throughout the process, and showed what makes St Walburga's such a special place. Thanks to you all too, for your support! If you haven't read the report, it is now available on our website – you can find it here: <https://www.stwalburgas.bournemouth.sch.uk/diocesan-and-ofsted-reports/>

Learning update

The School Councillors would like to update you on their learning this term:

Reception: *I like learning letters and new sounds. I liked trying Chinese food for Chinese New Year and seeing the red and yellow decorations. I liked finding out about Meerkats when we learnt about Africa. It was fun looking at maps!* - Oliver and Pearl

Year 1: *I am really enjoying learning about castles in history – it's not just interesting but lovely to learn about! I really enjoy learning about phonics because it's fun!* - Jenson and Gabi

Year 2: *In year 2 I have enjoyed Maths because we are adding 2 digit numbers. I have enjoyed doing RE; in RE I like learning about Jesus' miracles. I like it when he turned water into wine.* – Freddie and Emmanuel

Year 3: *In English, we have enjoyed learning about inverted commas. In Art, we have been making clay pots.* – Paisley and Sebastian

Year 4: *In Year 4 I have enjoyed maths because I like doing our assessments with working out in arithmetic and mental maths. I like doing English because we are learning about speech marks.*-Navish and Kade

Year 5: *I am enjoying learning about China because I love the art and the style! I really enjoyed drawing a Chinese dragon in art.*- Abigail and Evelyn

Year 6: *In Maths, I have enjoyed learning about angles and percentages. It's easy to work them out! I like English because we have been learning about the book 'Journey'. I love stories!* - Bella and Valentina.

Parents' Evening

We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Parents' Evening this term which will take place here in the school on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th February. These will be in person appointments. You will have a chance to look at your child's books, but **your children should not attend this evening** – this is for adults only. If you have no option but to bring your child with you, they must sit with you, and must wait quietly outside the classroom while you go in for your appointment – they must not wander around or play in the corridors or playground. Just a reminder that these appointments are no more than ten minutes – this is a long evening for the staff, and if you run over it has a knock on effect for the other parents and the staff. If you have not already done so, please book your appointment as soon as possible via WisePay, and please make a note of the day and time.

If you miss your appointment, we will not be able to reschedule it.

Parking again

I have noticed an increasing number of people who are either parking on Malvern Rd opposite the KS2 playground and the reception area, or pulling up outside the school to drop their child off. Earlier this week, a child was nearly hit by a parent who had parked there, and was then doing a three-point turn in the road while the child was trying to cross. If you park on the road, you make it much harder for children to see traffic when they are trying to cross. You are the adults and they are children. Please show some more consideration for their safety. Thank you.

'Stuff'

We have noticed a lot of children bringing things in from home – we've seen diaries, notebooks, purses, jewellery – all manner of things really! Just a reminder that your child should not be bringing things in from home. They don't need things to play with during the day, and we certainly don't want things to get lost. I would ask that you check your child's bag from time to time, just to make sure that nothing is getting in there 'by accident'. Thanks.

Nits

The critters are back in Reception– please check your child's hair at the weekend and treat if necessary. Thank you.

Jubilee Year 2025

Our Year 6 Chaplaincy Team are currently organising a fundraiser for Hope for Food as part of our work for the Jubilee Year of Hope. Please look out for an email from them on Monday.

Mission Statement hero(es)

Our Mission Statement heroes this week are those who work for the Emergency Services – particularly those who were on-call during the storms last weekend.

Well done to all our Stars of the Week!

Super Role Model:

RJ: Arlo; RP: Bruno; 1JC: Evelyn; 1WH: Jay; 2NW: Anna; 2MS: Marcel 3NL: Emily; 3DB: Elijah; 4DC: Nicholas K; 4PM: Elsie; 5RH: Alesia; 5JC: Ozan; 6HT: Rosabella; 6KB: Bertie.

Learning Champion

RJ Akwampkouto; RP: Noah; 1JC: Jude; 1WH: Francesco; 2NW: Maja; 2MS: Nicole; 3NL: Harley; 3DB: Lillie; 4DC: Mila; 4PM: Anna; 5RH: Joshua; 5JC: Ella; 6HT: Bella; 6KB: Antoni Z.

Dates for your diary:

Mon 3 rd Feb	All day	Year 1 Happily Ever After
Wed 5 th Feb		Year 4 visit to Tutankhamun Exhibition in Dorchester.
Tues 11 th Feb	3.30-7.00pm	Parents' Evening
Wed 12 th Feb	3.30-7.00pm	Parents' Evening
Fri 14 th Feb	All day	Year 2 Great Fire of London day
Fri 14 th Feb	2.50pm	Break up for half term
Mon 24 th Feb	8.40am	School starts after half term break
Mon 24 th Feb	pm	Year 6 swimming starts (6 weeks)

Wishing you a lovely weekend with your family,

Veronica Woodward
Headteacher