



Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Reception Learning workshops on Monday evening, I am sure you found the information helpful. Thank you very much to Mrs Paine and the Reception team for organising this.

Lovely too, to see so many Year 5 parents and carers at their class Celebration of the Word this week – joining together in prayer is one element of our Mission Statement, and we are so pleased to be able to invite families to share this special time with their children.

On Thursday evening, we held our first 'Stay and Play' Session for parents and children who are thinking of joining us in September 2025. It was lovely to see some familiar faces, and also to welcome new families who were visiting our school for the first time. It was such a great opportunity for the children to see the classroom and try out some of our toys and equipment. We have another session planned for Thursday, 7th November, 3.30 to 4.30pm, so please spread the word among any friends you have who may be considering a school placement for their child next September – no need to book, just turn up on the day. We are also booking places on our Open Information sessions for parents - please contact the School Office on 01202 528811.

Cake sale

Thank you to everyone who donated, cut, plated up and sold cakes last Friday, and to the School Council for choosing to support this great charity. – we raised a splendid £527.76 for Macmillan! We are very appreciative of all your efforts.



Harvest

Next week, we will be celebrating Harvest time in our RE learning and Celebrations of the Word. The School Council have decided that they would like to support our local community with a collection of tins and packets for the Food Bank on Thursday, and then have a Brighten Up for CAFOD mufti day on Friday. You will be able to 'pay' for your child's mufti on WisePay from today. Each child who contributes will be given a token to put into our collection in assembly – so that the children get a sense of the contribution they are making to the charity. Please see the attached letter from the School Council for more information. On Thursday, we will have a Mass of celebration for the Key Stage 2 children, and Key Stage 1 will come together for a special Celebration of the Word.

Uniform

Your child should be in winter uniform after the October half term. This means that every child should be wearing a shirt and tie! We will have a second hand uniform sale on Thursday, 24th October from 2.30. If you are not sure about the rest of the uniform, you can check on our website <https://www.stwalburgas.bournemouth.sch.uk/school-uniform/>

Term dates

Please find attached the term dates for next school year, 2025-6. Just a reminder that you should book all holidays and days out during the school holidays, and your child should attend school whenever it is open!

WhatsApp groups

Just a polite reminder – please don't use the WhatsApp groups to sort out any incidents that have happened in school. If you have concerns, please contact the school so that we can try to resolve them. Equally, parents should never speak to another child directly to try to sort out any issues – please come via us. Thank you.

Violin and Guitar Lessons

There won't be Year 4 and 5 violin or Year 6 guitar on Tuesday 8th October.

Parking – again!

The cones are helping people park appropriately on the corner of Beatty Road, although we have been astonished at a couple of people who have actually driven over them in their attempt to park illegally. The Crossing Patroller has reported some very dangerous parking around Ripon Road, and parents crossing the road a short distance from the proper crossing, which is causing traffic to slow down twice, and making the whole area dangerous. As always, it is only a few people. You are putting our children's safety at risk- you may be walking your own child in, but lots of our older children walk in on their own and cross some of the roads nearby. There was another near miss this morning – please stop parking in a dangerous and inconsiderate manner before a child is seriously injured. Thank you.

Well done to Sophie in Year 3 who is taking part in the Bournemouth Fun Run to raise funds for Julia's House. You can sponsor her and her brother via their Just giving page – go to www.justgiving.com and search for benjamin-dziduch

Our Mission Statement hero this week is St Francis of Assisi, whose feast day is today. As the patron saint of animals, he is a great role model to us of being kind and gentle in our care for God's creation.

Well done to our Stars of the week!

Super Role Model: RJ:Brianna; RP:Grace; 1JC: Ria; 1WH: Ayla; 2NW: Daniel; 2MS: Ifedimma; 3NL: Miriam; 3DB: Sophie; 4DC: Max A; 4PM: Harper; 5RH: Hilina; 5JC: Evania; 6KB: Sofia; 6HT: Bella
Learning Champion: RJ: Joel; RP: Sapphira; 1JC: Kharis; 1WH: Max; 2NW: Rio; 2MS: Freddie; 3NL: Ethan; 3DB: Umuto; 4DC: Lenna; 4PM: Elsie; 5RH: Gabi; 5JC: Emily; 6KB: Luke; 6HT: Mieszko

Dates for your diary:

Mon 7 th Oct	2.15pm	6KB Celebration of the Word – parents and carers welcome
Wed 9 th Oct	2.15pm	6HT Celebration of the Word – parents and carers welcome
Thurs 10 th Oct	All day	Harvest celebrations and Food Bank collection – more info to follow
Friday 11 th Oct	All day	Brighten up for CAFOD mufti day
Mon 14 th Oct	2.15pm	3DB Celebration of the Word – parents and carers welcome
Tues 15 th Oct	2.15pm	3NL celebration of the Word – parents and carers welcome
Wed 23 rd Oct	3.30- 7.00	Parents' Evening
Thurs 24 th Oct	3.30- 7.00	Parents' Evening
Thurs 24 th Oct	2.30 3.00	Second-hand uniform sale
Fri 25 th Oct	2.50pm	Children break up for half term
Mon 4 th Nov	8.40am	Children start back at school
Thurs 7 th Nov	3.30- 4.30	Stay and play session for children due to start school in September 25
Thurs 14 th Nov	1.30pm	5RH Class Mass – parents and carers welcome
Mon 18 th Nov	2.15pm	2NW Celebration of the Word – parents and carers welcome
Tues 19 th Nov	2.15 pm	2MS Celebration of the Word – parents and carers welcome
Thurs 21 st Nov	1.30pm	5JC Class Mass – parents and carers welcome

Wishing you a lovely weekend with your family.

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