



# St Walburga's Catholic Primary School

# Newsletter



Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Number 2

Dear Parent and Carers,

It has been so lovely getting to know our new Reception children this week – we are looking forward to them all joining us full-time from next Monday! It was also great to see so many parents at the Year 1 information evening this week – I do hope you found it useful. Many thanks to Mrs Cunningham, Mrs Welch and Mrs Hills for organising this.

### RE learning - 'God Matters' Topic

*'Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us." Then God blessed them....' (Genesis 1:26-28)*

We have now started our first RE topic of the term – Creation. This topic will focus on scripture, including the Creation story from the book of Genesis. The children will also identify God's creation in the world around us and explore our responsibilities. We will also learn how the Church works to value and respect differences in one another.

### School Council

This week, the children elected their new School Council. Each class has chosen two children who will represent them on the council this year – the first named child will be school councillor from now until February half term, and then the second named child will take over at the meetings. Well done to everyone – we look forward to working with you this year!

1JC	Gabriella and Oli	1WH	Jenson and Alice
2MS	Freddie and Finley	2NW	Emmanuel and Cole
3DB	Sebastian and Sophie	3NL	Paisley and Emily
4DC	Kade and Alexa	4PM	Navish and Olivia
5JC	Abigail and Freddie H	5RH	Evelyn and Mason
6HT	Bella and Nikola	6KB	Valentina and Marcel

### House Captains

The Year 6 children have elected the House Captains for this year. Well done to them!

- St Francis: Bertie and Flora
- St Anne: Sofia and Esther
- St Bernadette: Fabio and Julia
- St Joseph: Will and Elena

I'd like to express my thanks to ALL the children who put themselves forward for the role of House Captain or School Councillor – it is great that we have so many children in our school who are willing to take on roles of service!

### Starting school in September 2024

If your child's date of birth is between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021, they are due to start in Reception in 2025! Please join us for a 'stay and play session' with your child from 3.30- 4.30 on either Thursday 3rd October or Thursday 7th November. We are also booking places on our Open Information sessions for parents - please contact the School Office on 01202 528811. Please spread the word among your friends who may have children due to start school.

### Year 6

Just a reminder for Year 6 parents that the closing date for applications for secondary schools is **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024**. You will need to apply via the BCP website, but some schools may have individual requirements so please check the relevant websites!

### Guitar & Violin Lessons

Lessons begin next week for the relevant children in Years 4,5 & 6. Please refer to the letter e-mailed last week and complete the electronic form, and make your payments on WisePay asap, if you have not done so already. Thank you.

### Coats

Please can you make sure your child has a coat with them when they come to school, as we get them outside for playtime whenever we can. The weather is very changeable at the moment. Thank you.

### PSA/ School Council

Our first PSA/School Council event this academic year will be our Macmillan cake sale on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> September at 2.50pm. The school council were keen to support cancer charities – so this is a great place to start. We will need donations of cakes on the day, and helpers to cut and plate up from 1.30pm on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September. Please let us know via the office or let the PSA know via your WhatsApp groups. Please come along and join us if you are able to!

### Mission Statement hero and Stars of the Week

Our Mission Statement hero this week is David Attenborough, who has long been an advocate for our planet! He is truly a steward of God's creation and we can all learn from his passion and example.

**Learning Champion:** 1JC: Oswin; 1WH; Hudson; 2NW: Liyana; 2MS: Jamie; 3NL: Emily; 3DB: Elijah; 4DC: Finn; 4PM: Lucas T; 5JC: Ruben; 5RH: Carla; 6KB: Lewis; 6HT: Alexandra

**Super Role Model:** 1JC: Chloe; 1WH: Freya; 2NW: Freddie; 2MS: Layla; 3NL: Robbie; 3DB: Amerie; 4DC: Elijah; 4PM: Anna; 5JC: Ella; 5RH: Joel; 6KB: Imogen; 6HT: Harry. Well done to all of them!

### Dates for your diary:

Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	8.40am	Reception children start with full-time
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept		5RH leave for 1 night residential
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept		5JC leave for 1 night residential
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	2.15pm	4DC Class Celebration of the Word – parents and carers welcome
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2.15pm	4PM Class Celebration of the Word – parents and carers welcome
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2.50pm	Macmillan cake sale – see attached letter
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2.15pm	5RH Class Celebration of the Word – parents and carers welcome
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	3.15pm or 6.00pm	Reception Parents' Workshop – more info to follow
Tue 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	2.15pm	5JC Class Celebration of the Word – parents and carers welcome
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	3.30- 4.30pm	Stay and play session for children due to start school in September 25
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	2.15pm	6KB Celebration of the Word – parents and carers welcome
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	2.15pm	6HT Celebration of the Word – parents and carers welcome
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	All day	Harvest celebrations and Food Bank collection – more info to follow
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	2.15pm	3DB Celebration of the Word – parents and carers welcome
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	2.15pm	3NL celebration of the Word – parents and carers welcome
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	3.30- 7.00	Parents' Evening – more info to follow
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	3.30- 7.00	Parents' Evening – more info to follow
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	2.50pm	Children break up for half term

Wishing you a lovely weekend with your family.

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