



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a busy week in school, even though it was a short week! We have lots going on in the next few weeks, so please keep this newsletter safe!

On Wednesday the sun shone and we were able to get all our class photos taken outside – I really hope you are pleased with the results! You should have received a code in your child's school bag on Wednesday – you can use this code to view and order the photos online within 12 working days.

Yesterday we celebrated the Feast of the Ascension in school with a lovely Mass for the KS2 children. Many thanks to Father Anthony and Deacon Barry who celebrated this for us.

SATs

Next week, our Year 6 children will be busy with their SATs (Statutory Assessment tasks). They have been working really hard to prepare for this. I hope they have a good rest this weekend, and a chance to do something enjoyable with their family or friends – these tests are important but they are only one measure of the superstars these children are! Please make sure that your Year 6 child is in school on time and raring to go for the first test on Monday morning! THERE WILL BE NO YEAR 5 and 6 VOLLEYBALL ON MONDAY 13TH MAY.

Crowning of Our Lady

On **Thursday, 16th May**, we will be holding our annual Crowning of Our Lady Service. We would be grateful if your child could bring a flower or two in on that day – we will arrange them in several displays and present them in our service. Thank you in advance for your support with this – it is a lovely celebration and a special time when our children come together.

Sports Events

It's that time of year when we start thinking about Sports' Days..... I am giving you advance warning so that you can book time off work if you need to – now all we need is for the sun to shine on those dates!

The Year 1 sports event will be in the afternoon of Monday, 24th June in the KS2 playground.

The Year 2 event will be in the afternoon of Tuesday, 25th June in the KS2 playground.

The Reception event will be in the afternoon of Wednesday, 26th June in the KS2 playground.

The KS2 event, for children in Years 3 – 6 will take place in the morning of Tuesday, 2nd July at Bournemouth School for Boys.

We will send more information out nearer the time – but please put the date in your diary. Your child will need a T shirt in their house colour for this event.

Review afternoon

While you've got your calendars out, please make a note of the afternoon of the 12th June, when we will be holding our review afternoon. This is an opportunity for you to come into school so that your child can show you their learning for this year. We will have two sessions, 1.30- 2.30 or 4.00-5.00. Please pick one session (you don't need to tell us which). If you opt for the later session, don't forget to bring your child with you!

Pokemon cards

Can I also remind you that children must not bring trading cards, such as Pokemon cards to school? They can cause upset at playtime, and we cannot monitor 'fair trading'. Thank you.

Vacancies

We are really keen to appoint some new staff for our breakfast and after-school club, and as Midday supervisors. We are happy to appoint part time staff if you feel that you, or someone you know, could do a couple of days a week. Please see our website for further details:

<https://stwalburgasprimary.secure-primariesite.net/staff-vacancies/>

Year 3 trips

Just a reminder that Year 3 have their Pizza Express trip coming up (it's part of their learning about Italy, honest!) 3NL's trip is in the morning of Thursday 23rd May, and 3BM will go in the morning of Thursday, 6th June.

Hot meals

The deadline to order school meals for the first week back after half term is 9.00am on Thursday, 23rd May. If you miss this deadline, you must ensure that you send your child in with a packed lunch for the first week. Thanks.

School Building Fund

You may remember that I sent a letter out last term, asking for your help with the School Building Fund invoice from the diocese. I explained that this fund is a 'pot' that we can access when we need work done at the school, and St Walburga's has benefitted greatly from this over the years. We have to pay the full invoice, which equates to approximately £10.00 per child per term. We have to pay this, regardless of how much we receive in donations from you. The spring invoice is now due and we are looking at our various budgets to see where we can find the money. If you can help at all, please do so via WisePay – it is very much appreciated!

Summer Fair – Wednesday, 22nd May – 3.30 to 5.30pm

Please don't forget our School Fair date is getting very close! Thank you to those of you who have ordered bought tokens – we will be getting those out to you in the next week. Like last year, each token costs 50p and every thing at the fair will be sold in a unit of one token – for example, adult entrance will be one token (children entrance will be free), burgers and hot dogs will be four tokens. You will see the full list of stalls and the prices on WisePay and also attached with this newsletter. If you can come to the fair with your tokens already purchased, it is going to really help, so if you haven't done so already, please buy them via WisePay by Monday 20th May. The only thing that will not use our tokens, is the ice cream van - they will take card or cash payment.

We also have raffle tickets on sale – and we have a fantastic array of prizes already – thanks so much to the helpers who have been sourcing them for us.

On **Monday, 20th May** we will have a donation day – the children can wear mufti in exchange for a donation (or two!) We will be collecting the following:

Bottles for the bottle tombola – anything in a bottle – bubble bath, squash, hopefully a bottle or two or wine!

Pre-loved Soft toys – clean and reusable please – that we can use for the Teddy Bear Orphanage.

Decorated jam jars – please see the attached flyer with some suggestions.

On **Wednesday, 22nd May**, we would like donations of **cakes** – small ones are easier to sell. They can be home made or shop bought, but please remember **NO Nuts**, including coconut. We would also be grateful for a few which are gluten free and some dairy free, so all our children can buy something.

We need as much help as possible to run the stalls on the day. The more volunteers we have, the fairer we can make the rota. If you are able to help on the day: setting up from 1.30pm, covering a stall for half an hour or so, or clearing up at the end, please let us know – either via the office (phone or email) or by telling the member of staff on the gate, or the person organising for your year group.

We really hope that you can come along and support this event – we have lots planned to make it fun for the children, and to raise money for our school projects. **We will have another PSA meeting on FRIDAY, 17th May at 2.00pm to finalise arrangements – please come if you can!**
Summer Fair Raffle

We also have raffle tickets on sale on WisePay. We are really excited to have a fantastic array of prizes already – thanks so much to the helpers who have been sourcing them for us, they have done a fabulous job. The full prize list is attached to this e-mail so please make sure you have a look. We have so many local businesses to thank for donating the prizes and supporting us in our fundraising.

We have a top prize from *The Queens Hotel & Spa* – a day at the spa for 2 adults and 1 child. They've also donated a separate prize for an afternoon tea for two. Our second prize is from *Howdens* - a DeWalt DCD701D2 12V Cordless Drill Driver and a Reisser R2 Screw Set.



We are really pleased with these top prizes and very grateful to Howdens and The Queens Hotel and Spa. It's nice to have to great prizes that are totally different!

AUX IT Solutions have donated an Amazon Fire 7 Tablet and *Falmer Palmers* have donated a complimentary family ticket. There's a free MOT from *Forge Garage* and a £50 voucher from *Bournemouth Carpets* – very practical prizes! We've also received some very generous vouchers from *Hammond Academy Performing Arts*, *Aqua Swim School*, *I.S.M.A.A Karate*, *Foundation Sports* and *Moo Music*. Thank you also to *The West Hants Club*, *Sparks Therapies*, *Make up by Lauren* and *Forever Green Florist*. Have a look at the leaflets attached from *Swim with Style* and *Netball Stars*, both have kindly provided us with vouchers. We have also received donations for free tickets to some exciting events coming up, 'Foodie Fest' Festival in July and 'Summer Camp Out, Arty Party' – we have attached posters for both of these events, please have a look as even if you don't win the free tickets they might worth going to over the summer! There is also a new pottery painting shop called 'Splat' opening in Moordown on 23rd May - they have donated a £20 voucher and we have attached their leaflet for you. Thanks also goes to *Snowtrax*, *BH Live* and *Flip Out* who are supporting us once again. We've got some vouchers from *Papa Johns* for free large pizzas (5 vouchers going!), *United Taxis*, *Scentsy Wax* and *Marie's Sandwich Shop*, so thank you to them too. We are incredibly grateful to all of the local business supporting us. Do have a look a the leaflets attached as there are some events, activites and local business in the community which we can support.

Make sure you buy your raffle tickets on WisePay ASAP to ensure you are in with a chance of winning! We will send the raffle tickets home with your child and we will call the raffle towards the end of the fair. The deadline for purchasing raffle tickets is Monday 20th May. If we get any more prizes we will update the list and share it with you.

Clubs and BSO trip on Summer Fair day

Dance, Art and Lego club will all take place on Summer Fair day as usual. In order to ensure all the children leave the site safely after their club, we will be using the KS1 playground for collection at 4.00pm pm on that day.

The Year 5 children will be returning from their trip to the BSO concert at the Lighthouse just as the Fair begins at 3.30pm , and, to ensure their safety, we will be asking you to collect them via the main entrance from the school hall. Many thanks.

Mission Statement hero and Stars of the week

Our Mission Statement hero this week is Mary, during her special month. She is a great role model for us for her trust in God, and her bravery in accepting His call for her to be the Mother of Jesus.



Well done to our Stars of the Week

Super Role Model:

RJ: Sophia; RP: Lithus; 1JC: Horacio; 1WH: Daniel; 2NW: Robbie; 2ML: Albie; 3BM: Harrison; 3NL: Isie; 4CY: Freddie H; 4CR: Gabi; 5JC: Ophelia; 5RH: Kuba; 6PM: Gracie; 6KB: Rhen.

Learning Champion:

RJ: Beau; RP: Rosealie; 1JC: Hazel; 1WH: Chloe; 2NW: Freddie; 2ML: Jessica; 3BM: Mia; 3NL: Lindsay; 4CY: Leo G; 4CR: Daniel; 5JC: Zac; 5RH: Mila; 6PM: Chloe H; 6KB: Nell.

Dates for your diary:

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| Mon 13 th May | All day | Year 6 SATs week starts |
| Thurs 16 th May | All day | Crowning of Our Lady Service- Please bring a flower to school |
| Friday 17 th May | 2.00pm | PSA School Fair meeting |
| Mon 20 th May | All day | Year 6 – Go Ape |
| Mon 20 th May | All day | School Fair Donation day-mufti |
| Tues 21 st May | 2pm & 6.30pm | Year 3 Concert of 'Poem and Song' |
| Wed 22 nd May | All day | BSO Concert visit for Year 5 |
| Wed 22 nd May | 3.30- 5.30pm | Summer Fair – Cake donations in the morning |
| Thurs 23 rd May | Am | 3NL Trip to Pizza Express |
| Thurs 23 rd May | 2.50pm | Term ends for children |
| Fri 24 th May | All day | Staff training day – school closed for children |
| Thur 6 th June | Am | 3BM Trip to Pizza Express |
| Wed 12 th June | 1.30- 2.30pm & 4-5pm | Review Afternoon |
| Mon 24 th June | Pm | Year 1 Sports Day- KS2 playground |
| Tues 25 th June | Pm | Year 2 Sports Day-KS2 playground |
| Weds 26 th June | Pm | Reception Sports Day- KS2 playground |
| Tues 2 nd July | Am | KS2 Sports Day- BSB field |

Wishing you a lovely weekend with your families.

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