



# St Walburga's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



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Number 29

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday this week, 5RH went to the Kingfisher Barn as part of their learning about Rivers. They had a lovely day. Xander writes: 'My favourite part of our Kingfisher Barn trip was the pond dipping because we got to look around, then use the nets to catch little minibeasts. I caught loads of tadpoles and a water beetle.' Bella writes: 'On Monday, we went to Kingfisher Barn and I really enjoyed the wildlife walk because we saw a kingfisher!' 5JC are on the same trip today – I hope the weather is as kind to them and they have an enriching visit! Thank you to Miss Cleall, Mrs Ruffle and the Year 5 team for organising this trip.

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Year 1 liturgies this week – we are so grateful to have these opportunities to come together as a prayerful community. Thanks to the Year 1 staff for helping the children to prepare this.

Year 2 have been doing some super learning this week, reflecting on how we can share the Good news to others by living out our faith. Well done to Emily in 2NW for a super 'Newsletter' giving some great advice – we have attached it to this email so you can see her super work.

Thanks to those parents who were able to attend the information evening on Wednesday about the Year 6 residential – Year 6 have a very busy few weeks ahead of them – SATs start for them in the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May, they then have a trip to Go Ape to celebrate all their hard work on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May, and their residential trip straight after the half term holiday.

### Chocolate spread

Can I remind you that we are a nut-free school, as we have some children with severe nut allergies. You must not put any nut products in your child's lunchbox – this includes 'nutella' type spread as it contains hazelnuts. Please check the ingredients carefully. Many thanks.

### 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.

### Class Photographs

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May the photographer is coming into school to take class photos. Your child should come into school in uniform on that day, even if it is their usual PE day. It doesn't matter if it is summer or winter uniform but please make sure they look smart! and pray for sunshine as we are hoping to take the photos outside.

### 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/>

### Bank holiday

Don't forget – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May is a Bank holiday and school will be closed – so please don't send your child in!

### School 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, 22<sup>nd</sup> May – 3.30 to 5.30pm

Thank you very much to those who came along to our planning meeting last week – I'm sure the WhatsApp groups have been buzzing since then! We really need your help and donations to make this a success for the school, and a time of really happy memories for the children.

On Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> 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, 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

After the great success of last year, we are going to be CASH FREE again. We have purchased tokens, which you can buy in advance at a cost of 50p per token. 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. The tokens are available now to buy via WisePay – we will send the tokens home with your child so that you can bring them along on the day. The only thing that will not use our tokens, is the ice cream van - they will take card or cash payment.

If you are able to donate a raffle prize – we would be very grateful. Tickets can now be purchased via Wisepay.

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 have used the money raised last year towards our fabulous Forest School area – you can see how much we appreciate every penny we raise.

### Well done to our Stars of the Week

**Super Role Model:** RP:Florence; RJ:Lilly; 1JC:Kenji; 1WH:Maja; 2NW:Ethan, 2ML:Darcey; 3BM:Finn; 3NL:Elisha; 4CY:Ariana; 4CR:Corra; 5RH:Xander; 5JC:Luke; 6KB:Yagmur; 6PM:Paul.

**Learning Champion:** RP:Rafi; RJ:Remee; 1JC:Florence; 1WH:Joshua; 2NW:Paisley; 2ML:Amerie; 3BM:Markas; 3NL:Mia; 4CY:Lily; 4CR:Nathan; 5RH: Mieszko; 5JC:Nathan; 6KB:Sam; 6PM:Bethany.

### Dates for your diary:

Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> May	All day	Bank Holiday- School Closed
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> May	All day	Class Photos – school uniform, not PE Kit
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> May	All day	Year 6 SATs week starts
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> May	All day	Year 6 – Go Ape
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> May	2pm & 6.30pm	Year 3 Concert of 'Poem and Song'
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	All day	BSO Concert visit for Year 5
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	3.30-5.00pm	Summer Fair
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	2.50pm	Term ends for children
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> May	All day	Staff training day – school closed for children

Wishing you a lovely weekend with your families.

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