



Dear Parents and Carers,

Phew! We made it to the end of term! I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your help and support during the year. It really is a privilege to work with such a fantastic staff team and such hardworking, lovely children. On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank you for your generous gifts and kind words.

Goodbye and Good luck

Today we said goodbye to our super Year 6 Leavers – they have been such a lovely year group, and we will really miss them. They have worked so hard, both academically and in their contribution to school life, and we know that we are sending them off with a fantastic set of SATs results, and a clear understanding of our mission to serve God and others. We wish them all the very best in their new schools, and look forward to hearing how they are getting on in the future! Father Anthony led a celebration Leavers' Mass for the children and their parents at the Annunciation last Monday. Last night, the children enjoyed a disco (many thanks to our fab crew of helpers) and this morning we had a Leavers' assembly in school, where the children had the chance to say goodbye to one another.

We have also said a very fond farewell to Mrs Grisdale today – she is retiring after 24 years at the school! I think she has probably worked with almost every child currently in school at some point – and I wouldn't like guess how many plasters she has stuck on knees over the years! We will really miss her, but as with all members of the St Walburga's family, she will always have a special place in our hearts. I am sure you will join me in thanking her for all that she has contributed to the school in her time with us.

Well done

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Esme, Bonnie, Maggie, and Xander from Year 4, who performed in the Broadway Showtunes at the Pavilion last week. Lots of rehearsals really paid off!



Walker's Passes

The parents of children in current Years 3 – 5 should have received an email last week regarding Walker's Passes for September – if you would like your child to have a pass and have not requested one already please follow this link to complete the electronic form

<https://forms.office.com/e/JySpdYAubr>

We will be distributing them in September, so please don't worry if you have asked for one but your child hasn't received it yet.

School Uniform

When you are organising uniform for next year, please remember that the children should be wearing plain socks, school jumpers or cardigans with our logo on. School shoes should be plain black. Shoulder length hair must be tied up, with fairly plain hair accessories. Hairstyles should be appropriate for school, hair should not be coloured in any way. If you could make sure that your child is correctly dressed when they leave you in the morning, we will endeavour to keep them smart all day. When the children return in September, they can wear either summer or winter uniform – Please make sure that everything is clearly marked with your child's name – and check this regularly in case it washes off! Don't forget that you can purchase a school hoodie from QDOS for PE days – or your child

can wear a plain navy sweatshirt on those days, thank you. The teachers will let you know in September which days are PE days for your child.

Gates

It may be that when your child returns to school in September they are coming onto a different playground or in through a different gate – so this is just a reminder!

Reception children will go in and out of their own gates, on Malvern Rd.

Year 1 and Year 2 children will come in through the KS1 playground gates, and should be collected from the KS1 playground – Year 1 come out from their classrooms through their outdoor area (the brightly coloured fence) and Year 2 come out of the white door with their class teacher.

Year 3 and 4 should wait by the big double gates on the KS2 playground, and Year 5 and 6 should wait by the walkers' gate, until the gates are opened at 8.25am. Children arriving at school after 8.25am (once the queue has gone!) can use either of the KS2 gates to come into the playground. Please can I remind you that your child should not be arriving at school before 8.25, as this is the time the gates are open, and queues cause congestion, particularly where the pavements are narrow on Malvern Rd.

At the end of the day, children with Walkers' passes come out of the smaller gate, and if you are collecting your child from KS2, you should come on to the playground through the big gate.

Sponsored walk

Thank you to every one who took part in or donated to our Sponsored Stroll to the beach back in June – I am delighted to tell you that we raised £380 for school funds!

Meet the Team

On Wednesday 6th September we would like to invite you to pop into school to meet your child's teacher and TA – it's not a formal meeting, just a chance to put a face to the name!

Hot School lunches

Please remember that the deadline for ordering hot school meals for the first week back has already passed – if you have not ordered a lunch for your child, please ensure that you send them in with a packed lunch when they come back to school in September.

Medication

We are sending home any medication that we hold in school, including epipens and asthma inhalers, so that you can check the use by date. Please ensure that you send any medication back into school with your child in September – unless there is a change to dosage you will not need to complete a medication form again, as we will pass those up to the next class.

Wishing you a happy and restful summer holiday.

Yours sincerely

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