

# St Walburga's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We had such a lovely day yesterday celebrating our school Feast Day! This year, we focused on the charism of St Walburga – her special gifts and the example she gives to us. We thought about the image of St Walburga, and how each of the elements relates to one of her gifts – and to our Mission Statement. The crozier reminds us that she kept her 'flock' together, and we should be welcoming. The book reminds us of learning, the oil of serving, and her nun's habit reminds us to prayer. Every child received a prayer card to bring home to remind them of this.



In the morning, the children spent time with their prayer buddies, first in the classrooms and then in the hall. The Worship Council had prepared special prayer stations which each prayer buddy group spent time at. Every child had drawn a self-portrait, so we will be renewing our school family display in the corridor. Each group also wrote a prayer to St Walburga, and decorated a stone to remind them of their special friendship.



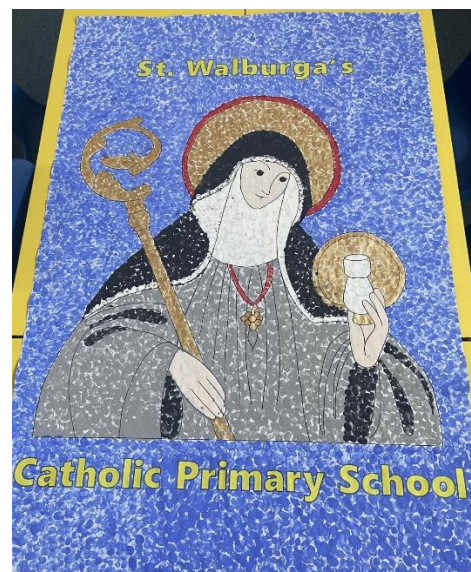
Then we had a visit from the Ice cream van!



In the afternoon, Father Anthony and Deacon Barry joined us, and we were able to celebrate Mass together. It was lovely to be joined by so many parents and carers – thank you!



We have also made a very special picture of St Walburga which Mr Prince has put up for us on the front of the school – it has been made with the finger (or thumb) print of every child.



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### School Mass at the Annunciation

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Mass at the Annunciation last Sunday – it was such a lovely event to celebrate our school and parish family! We hope that this becomes a regular fixture in our calendars!

### School Choir

A huge congratulations to our school choir who took part in the Bournemouth Music Festival competition at Christchurch Priory this morning. I am so pleased to tell you that they did absolutely amazingly and WON, bringing back a trophy to school!! We are so proud of them all. All their hard work and practise was well worth it! Thank you so much to Mrs Smith and Mrs Jones for running the club and taking part in these events. We will make sure the choir get an opportunity to perform to the rest of the school at some point next week. What a fantastic way to end the week, well done!



### Food Bank collection

Next Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023, we will be having a collection for the Food Bank. We know we have a lot of families in our local area who will be in need over the summer, and we would like to be able to help out. If you would like to donate, please send your child in with a tin, jar or packet on Thursday morning.

### Qdos uniform sale

The Qdos team will be running a sale in the KS1 reading den from 2.30pm to 3.15pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July, so please pop in if you need anything for September.

### Hot meals

We have worked very closely with our fantastic hot meals provider to keep prices down for as long as possible, but we are going to have to raise prices very slightly in the new school year. A hot lunch for KS2 will cost £2.60 from September. As you are aware, WisePay are having technical difficulties with their hot meal ordering system at the moment. We will email you separately when the issue is resolved so that you can order for next term.

### Tennis news

I am very excited to tell you that on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> July, we are having a visit from a Paralympian tennis player, Lucy Shuker. She will be meeting the children, leading some assemblies, and showing us some of the specialist equipment that she uses when she plays.

At the end of the day, we will be able to see Lucy in action on the KS2 playground where she will be completing a few rallies. Parents of KS2 children will be able to join us at 2.25pm if you wish. Feel free to do some pre-visit research by taking a look at <https://www.lucyshuker.com/>  
We really look forward to welcoming Lucy to St Walburga's!



### Year 5 Parents

An email was sent out earlier in the week with information regarding admission to secondary school. Please read the email carefully, and all the attached documents and information. The deadline to apply for secondary school is Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023.

### Clubs

Just a reminder that all after school clubs – apart from SWOOSH – finish next week.

### Tax Free Childcare

BCP Council wanted us to share with you some information on how families can save money on childcare costs over the summer holidays and onwards. You can apply for an account and for every £8 that you put into it, the government pay £2 making a real difference to the total cost for children aged 0 to 11 years or, up to 17 years if the child is disabled. You can also get help paying for breakfast clubs, after school clubs, holiday schemes and childminders providing care before or after school or in the school holidays. It is quick and easy to apply and so worthwhile. Please have a look at the flyer we have attached for more information. You can also have a look on this link for more [childcare information on the Family Information Directory](#)

### Stars of the Week.

Well done to all our stars of the week who have been trying so hard to live out our Mission Statement:

**Learning Champions:** RP:Jacob; RJ:William; 1JC:lara; 1NW:Ainoha; 2CR:James; 2NS: Esme; 3MB: Maty; 3BM: Mason; 4DC: Luca, 4WH: Ophelia; 5RD: Teo; 5RM: James; 6LY: Louisa; 6KB: Maria.

**Super Role Model:** RP:Jakub; RJ:Ben; 1JC:Miriam; 1NW:Darcey; 2CR:Irene; 2NS:Harry; 3MB:Ella; 3BM:Maya; 4DC:Mila; 4WH:Esther; 5RD: Rhen; 5RM:Esme; 6LY:Edison; 6KB:Seb P .

St Anne's are the winners of the housepoint challenge for this term so they can wear mufti next Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July, with something blue, as a treat!

### Dates for your diary:

Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> July	6.30pm	Year 6 Performance Surnames A – J
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> July	6.30pm	Year 6 Performance K-W
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> July	2.30-3.15pm	Qdos uniform sale
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> July	All day	Year 3 visit to Avon Heath
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Am	Food Bank collection
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> July	6.30pm	Leavers' Mass at the Annunciation
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> July	6-7pm	Leavers' Disco
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> July	2.50pm	Children finish for summer holiday
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	8.40am	First day back to school for children in Years 1 – 6

Wishing you all a lovely weekend with your family,

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