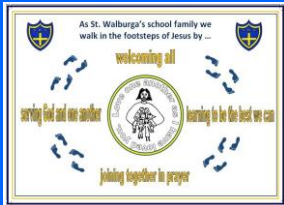


# St Walburga's Catholic Primary School

# Newsletter

Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Number 9



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been great having the children back in school this week – I hope you all had a lovely half term break!

### School Street

The big news this week is the launch of our School Street on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> November – there has been lots of work going on in the background to prepare for this, and I am very grateful for the support of BCP council, the school staff, and the parents who have shown their support for this initiative. So, from Monday morning, the area shown on the map below will be closed to traffic from 8.15 – 8.45, and 2.30 to 3.10. We believe that this is going to make the area in front of school much safer for our children to walk, cycle or scoot and we really hope that as many of you as possible will be doing that. Please be aware that residents of Beatty Rd and Malvern Rd will still be able to move their cars, and that we will be letting emergency vehicles through, so children would still need to be vigilant. We really appreciate your patience and support with this initiative!



A map of the School Street location can be seen marked in red on the map. It is the section of Malvern Road outside of the school and the whole of Beatty Road. Barriers will be placed at each end of the closed roads. The barrier location marked on the map with an arrow is where permitted vehicles may enter and exit.

On Wednesday, the School Council from Years 4, 5 and 6 worked with Denise from the walk wheel cycle trust to create a 5 minute 'map', working out how far away from the school you could park and still reach the school quickly! We will be sharing the map with you in the next few weeks, but in the meantime here is an account from Oscar and Joao-Luca: *'The School Councillors walked 5 minutes in each direction from the school. We walked to West Way, the others side of Malvern Rd, Charminster Avenue and Ripon Rd. The reason we did this was so that we can prove that you can walk far in five minutes, instead of using a car. If you use your car unnecessarily, the nitrous oxide can affect all of us and cause serious illnesses. So, please park and try to walk at least five minutes, or, if your house is nearby, walk all the way. Thank you!'*

### Anti-Bullying week

I am reattaching the letter about our plans for anti-bullying week next week. Looking forward to celebrating all our differences and seeing lots of funny socks on Monday!

### Poppies

Many thanks to our House Captains who have been selling poppies in school. The poppies and merchandise will be on sale until next Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> November. The poppies are 50p, and the merchandise is £1.00 per item.

### Christmas cards and gifts

On Wednesday, you should have received your child's Christmas design with information about how to order Christmas cards and gifts. There is no obligation to purchase any, but we receive commission on every sale. The deadline to order is Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November at midday.

### Remembrance Showcase

Year 6 parents and carers are invited to the Remembrance Showcase on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November. The children are raising money for the British Legion – you can donate via WisePay.

### School photos

The deadline to order school photos and have them delivered to school is Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> November – after that date you would need to pay the postage, so please make sure you have placed any orders by then!

### Christmas!

Just a reminder of the dates for our Nativity and Advent performances this year, in the hope that you will be able to book time off work if necessary, and make child care arrangements to avoid bringing younger siblings. Places will be limited to three per family, if you have no choice but to bring a preschool child with you, this will count as one of your places, even if they sit on your lap. We will be issuing tickets, again in order to keep an eye on numbers. If you are unable to come to the date assigned to you, you are welcome to arrange a 'swap' with a family from another date. The groups have been divided according to children's surnames:

#### Reception:

Performance 1: Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Dec, 9.15am - Child's surname **A-H**

Performance 2: Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Dec, 9.15am – Child's surname **I-Z**

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#### Year 2

Carols and Mince pies – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm

#### Year 4

Advent service will take place in the Annunciation Church on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm – more information to follow!

### Christmas raffle

We are on the look out for any prizes which we can use for our Christmas raffle – always very popular and a great way of raising much appreciated funds for our PSA. If you have any unused gift items, or know of anyone who could donate a voucher for gifts or services, we would be extremely grateful! We would appreciate if we could have any prizes in school by the end of November, so that we can start selling tickets in December! We will also be asking for Christmas jumpers that your child (or you!) may have outgrown, so that we can recycle them on our Christmas jumper sale day – so please send any in that you have spare! Many thanks.

### Well done to our Stars of the week!

**Super Role Model:** RJ: Sophie ; RP: Amelia; 1JC: Chisom; 1WH: Santi; 2NW: Florence; 2MS: Evelyn; 3NL: Ifedimma; 3BN: Carter; 4CM: Umot; 4PM: Klara; 5JC: Max; 5RH: Brooklyn; 6KB: Evanna; 6HT: Bruno.

**Learning Champion:** RJ: Ella; RP: Seby; 1JC: Adel; 1WH: Mia Valentina; 2NW: Alice; 2MS: Lilly; 3NL: Aria; 3BN: Favour; 4CM: Eleanor; 4PM: Max S ; 5JC: Irene; 5RH: Zayden; 6KB: Leo G; 6HT: Alexsia.

### Dates for your diary:

Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	2.15pm	4CM Celebration of the Word – Parents and carers welcome
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	2.15pm	4PM Celebration of the Word – Parents and carers welcome
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	1.30pm	5RH Class Mass - Parents and carers welcome
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	1.30	Year 6 Remembrance Showcase – Parents and carers welcome
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	2.15pm	2NW Celebration of the Word – Parents and carers welcome
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	2.15pm	2MS Celebration of the Word – Parents and carers welcome
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	1.30pm	5JC Class Mass – Parents and carers welcome
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	All day	<b>Staff training day – School closed for children</b>

Wishing you a lovely weekend with your family.

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