



St Walburga's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Reception and Year 1 Nativity performances – I do hope you enjoyed them! Thank you to those of you who donated for our fundraiser for our ex-pupil Ryan and his family. We will be collecting again at the Year 4 service on Monday night, and the Year 2 Carols on Tuesday, and you can still donate via WisePay. Thank you for your generous donations to the Reverse Advent Calendar- the Food Bank are coming to collect the donations next week and I am sure they will be delighted with your generosity.

I think it would be fair to say that the children had fun at the Christmas fun night on Wednesday! Thank you very much to the staff who gave up their evening to make this event so special for the children.

Art Competition

Just a reminder about the Christmas Art competition which has been organised by the Art Ambassadors. Children have until next Monday, 15th December to take part, they can draw, paint or use any other medium to make a piece of Christmas Art, which they should bring into school on Monday – please donate via WisePay if your child wishes to be involved, as we are using this to raise funds for CAFOD!

We have a busy week planned for next week – so there is lots of information in this newsletter!

Monday, 15th December is a usual school day. Year 4 children should be dropped at the Annunciation for their rehearsal at 8.50 am. The service in the evening starts at 6.00pm – the children must not arrive at church before 5.45pm. They should wear full winter uniform for this event.

Tuesday, 16th December is a usual school day.

Wednesday, 17th December is our Christmas party day! The children can come to school wearing party clothes – please remember they will be outside at play time and lunch time so need suitable footwear and a coat. There are two discos in the evening – **Year 3 and 4** from 5.00pm to 5.45pm, and one for **Years 5 and 6** at 6.00pm to 6.45pm. Please drop your child off at the main reception, and please take their coat home with you. There is no charge for this event, thanks to the PSA. There will be a tuck shop – your child will need tokens to shop. These can be bought online – maximum £2.00 spend per child. NB: all children must be collected by an adult, and no child is to bring a mobile phone with them.

Thursday, 18th December is a normal school day, children should wear uniform, apart from the children in St Anne's, who have won the housepoint challenge this half-term and can wear mufti (including something blue)

On **Friday, 19th December**, the children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers! They can wear them over their uniform, or wear their own clothes on their lower half – which ever they prefer. School will finish at 2.50pm that day as usual.

Christmas Raffle

Thanks to all of you who have bought numbers for our super Christmas Raffle – don't forget that **9.00am on Tuesday, 16th December** is the deadline for buying tickets, as we will be drawing the raffle on Christmas Party day (17th December).

Christmas Cards

Our Christmas 'postal' service is now open! If your child would like to send Christmas cards to their friends, they can put them in our post box and they will be delivered. Please put the class or year group on to help the posties! Please do not put sweets or chocolates in the cards.

Clubs

All after school activities (apart from SWOOSH) have now finished for the term and will be returning the second week in January (week commencing 12th January).

We do still have some spaces in the Year 3 & 4 Art Club, and also the Year 1 Forest School, you can book via WisePay.

Letter from Tom Hayes

I am attaching a letter from Tom Hayes MP, congratulating us on our ranking of 9th in the South West in the Sunday Times Good Schools Guide. You may have seen the article in the Echo last week. I'm not too sure what criteria they used, but very pleased to see the hard work of our children and staff recognised. (We were the only primary school from BCP in the top ten!)

Free Fundraising Opportunity for School - Give As You Live Online

Did you know you can donate free to us as a charity when online shopping, not only during the busiest shopping season but all year round. It is possible to raise a donation on almost every shop from 6,000+ top retailers by shopping through the following link. Once you have signed up, you can also download the app and shop through there too. <https://www.giveasyoulive.com/join/st-walburgas-catholic-primary-school/>. Thank you for your support, every penny helps!

Lots of 'Well done's' this week:

To Freya in 2NW and Deysi in 6HT whose designs were chosen for our **School Street Banner** competition – we look forward to seeing the banners when they come back from the printers!

To the winners of the **J P Morgan App** competition – Mattias in year 4, and the runners up – Liliana in Year 1 and Leo in Year 3.

To the winners of **School Council Award** for this term – children who have been 'Welcoming to All':

RJ	Matilda	RP	Michael-Dan
1JC	Amara C	1WH	Juan
2MS	Alisha	2NW	Ayla
3BN	Joshua	3NL	Marcel
4CM	Joshy	4PM	Klara
5JC	Irene	5RH	Hanna
6HT	Malena	6KB	Ana Paula

To all the children in **St Anne's house**, who have won the housepoint challenge this half term! They can wear mufti (with something blue) on Thursday, 18th December.

And to our Stars of the Week – the last ones in 2025!

Super Role Model: RJ: Jacob, RP: Jon; 1JC: Alby; 1WH: Lucas; 2NW: Amelija; 2MS: Beau; 3NL: Teddie; 3BN: Ivy; 4CM: Eleanor; 4PM: Lucas; 5JC: Markas; 5RH: Max; 6KB: Olivia; 6HT: Oty

Learning Champion: RJ: Gavin; RP: Rory; 1JC: Brianna; 1WH: Zara-Bella; 2NW: Maja; 2MS: Indie; 3NL: Kenji; 3BN: Emmanuel; 4CM: Isaac; 4PM: Antony; 5JC: Logan; 5RH: Kade; 6KB: Mia; 6HT: Angelina.

Dates for your diary:

Mon 15 th Dec	8.50am	Year 4 children dropped at the Annunciation
Mon 15 th Dec	6.00pm	Year 4 service at the Annunciation church
Tues 16 th Dec	2.00pm	Carols and mince pies for Year 2 parents & carers.
Wed 17 th Dec	5.00-5.45	Disco for Years 3 and 4
Wed 17 th Dec	6.00 – 6.45	Disco for Years 5 and 6
Friday 19 th Dec	All day	Last day of term- Christmas Jumper Day
Mon 5 th Jan	8.40 am	School reopens for children.
Mon 12 th Jan	3.15pm	Year 1 Parents and carers – information meeting re Phonics – more info to follow
Thurs 15 th Jan	1.30pm	6KB Class Mass-Parents and Carers welcome
Thurs 22 nd Jan	1.30pm	6HT Class Mass- Parents and Carers welcome

Wishing you a lovely weekend

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