

Dear Parents and Carers,

We were saddened to hear of the death of Pat Marchiori this week – Pat was a governor of St Walburga's for many, many years and a great friend to the school. When she stepped down as a Governor we planted a tree in her honour on the grass at the front of the school. Please keep her and her family in your thoughts at this sad time.



It was lovely to see so many of you at the Year 1 Phonics information on Monday – many thanks to Mrs Cunningham, Mrs Welch and Mrs Hills for organising this, I am sure you found it useful!

It was great to see so many of you at 6KB's Mass on Wednesday – we really appreciate the opportunity to join together in prayer. Many thanks to Father Anthony for celebrating Mass with us. Just a reminder that next week's Mass for 6HT has been cancelled as Father is away – we hope to reschedule it later in the year.

This morning, our local MP Tom Hayes came for a visit to Year 6. The children were telling him about the learning they have been doing about Windrush – I am sure we will be able to include a bit more about his visit in next week's newsletter.

RE learning

This week the children have completed their learning about Christmas, with particular focus on the Feast of the Epiphany and the message that Jesus came for everyone in the world. Next week we will start our new topic of Revelation. This unit considers the recognition of God's revelation of himself in Jesus. The children will learn about the role of a priest, as well as the role of the Church in getting to know God. Pupils will begin to explore stories from scripture that show how special Jesus is, for example, miracle stories that show that the Kingdom of God is present within Jesus. The children will know about God's revelation as recognised by Simeon and Anna in the presentation at the temple, the baptism of Jesus, the transfiguration, where Jesus revealed his glory and in St. Paul's conversion on the road to Damascus.

National Year of Reading

2026 is a National Year of Reading! To celebrate this BCP Council Libraries have created a 'Library Legends' quest. This will run throughout 2026 and it's free to join. Children have to attempt a series of quests based around books and reading. We have attached a couple of fliers from the library with further information- alternatively you can look on the BCP Council Libraries' website: www.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/libraries/national-year-of-reading I do hope as many of you as possible can support your children to join this initiative – a year of reading sounds wonderful to me!

Calling all parents and carers who work at JP Morgan!

JP Morgan are trying to get enough volunteers to run a Coding Club at St Walburga's. If you work at JP Morgan and you would be interested in finding out more or getting involved, please let me know via email and I will pass your information on. I really hope that this is something we can get up and running – we had one in the past with the help of JP Morgan and the children who attended really enjoyed it!

Music Tuition

Just a reminder that payment is now due for all music tuition – if you have not already paid for your child's music lessons, please do so as soon as possible. Thanks

Year 5 Residential

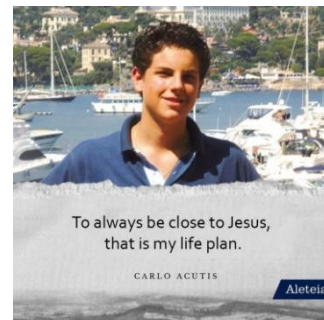
Just a reminder that the deadline for payments for the Year 5 residential is 31st March 2026, and you must have paid in full by that date.

Year 6 Residential

Just a reminder that the deadline for payments for the Year 6 residential is 30th April 2026, and you must have paid in full by that date.

Mission Statement hero and Stars of the Week:

Our Mission Statement hero this week is St Carlo Acutis – the first millennial Saint and Patron saint of the internet. Carlo was only 15 when he died of leukaemia in 2006. Carlo used his knowledge and love of the internet to share his dedication to the Blessed Sacrament. He was canonised by Pope Leo in July 2025.



Super Role Model:

RJ: Isaac; RP: Tate; 1JC: Freddie; 1WH: Grace; 2NW: David; 2MS: Maja; 3NL: Leo; 3BN: Isabella; 4CM: Krystal; 4PM: Evelyn; 5JC: Lucas T; 5RH: Elijah; 6KB: Freddie D; 6HT: Joel.

Learning Champion:

RJ: Zofia; RP: Oliver; 1JC: Joel; 1WH: Max; 2NW: Antonio; 2MS: Sophia; 3NL: Helena; 3BN: Elizabeth; 4CM: Robbie; 4PM: Lara; 5JC: Mia K; 5RH: James W; 6KB: Lily; 6HT: Sophie.

Dates for your diary:

Thurs 22 Jan	1.30pm	6HT Class Mass- Parents and Carers welcome CANCELLED
Thurs 29 th Jan	1.30pm	4CM Class Mass – Parents and Carers welcome
Wed 4 th Feb	3.30 – 7.00pm	Parents' evening – more info to follow
Thurs 5 th Feb	1.30pm	4PM Class Mass – Parents and Carers welcome
Thurs 5 th Feb	3.30 – 7.00pm	Parents' evening – more info to follow
Fri 13 th Feb	2.50pm	Children finish for half term

Wishing you a lovely weekend with your family,

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