



# St Walburga's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and carers,

Another busy week in school!

First of all, as promised, an update from Year 6 about the visit of our local MP, Tom Hayes, last Friday. Hannah and Oty from 6HT write: 'When Tom Hayes came into our school some of the children read speeches, diary entries and poems about climate change and the Windrush generation. Tom Hayes talked a lot about climate change and how he would help with the cost of living crisis. We were also told that on Windrush Day parliament would come together to think about how people are being treated due to racism. This experience has taught Year 6 about how we can help the world with small things. These small things can make big changes to our world.'



On Wednesday, the children were all treated to a pantomime performance of Robin Hood. It was a super show, with lots of singing and dancing. Artur in RJ says, 'It was the best show. It was great because the man got the golden arrow.' Jorgina in RP says: 'I loved it! The cake got thrown at the princess' father – it made me laugh.' Nathan in RP says: 'The show made me feel happy – I clapped lots!'. Thank you very much to the PSA for funding this!



### Random Acts of Kindness

This term, the Wellbeing ambassadors are encouraging all children to follow in Jesus' footsteps by fulfilling 'random acts of kindness. The focus will be showing kindness at home. This can be anything from offering to help carry bags, giving a smile to cheer someone up or helping to prepare a meal. So that we can celebrate their kindness, we have a special display board in school. If they wish to do so, the children will be able to choose a heart and add it to our kindness wall. We look forward to hearing how love and kindness have been shared! Thank you to Mrs Hills and the Wellbeing Ambassadors for organising this initiative.

### 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. You can find out more on the BCP Council Libraries' website:

[www.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/libraries/national-year-of-reading](http://www.bcpccouncil.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!

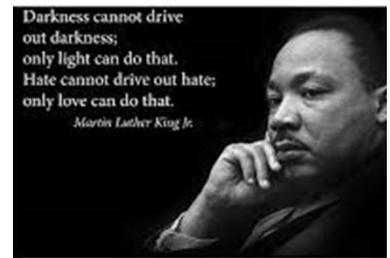
JP Morgan are trying to get enough volunteers to run a Coding Club at St Walburga's. If you work at JP Morgan and you would be interested in finding out more or getting involved, please let me know via email and I will pass your information on. I really hope that this is something we can get up and running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

### Parents' Evening

You should have received an email this week about our Parents' evenings which will be held in person on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> February. Please sign up for a time slot using your WisePay account. Please remember that the time allocation is 10 minutes, and make sure you stick to the time allowed. I would ask that you do not bring children with you to your appointment if at all possible – if you have no alternative but to bring your child, they must stay outside the classroom and sit quietly, rather than wandering around the school!

### Mission Statement hero and Stars of the Week:

Our Mission Statement hero this week is Martin Luther King – whose birthday was marked in the USA on Monday. Martin Luther King reminds us of the importance of standing up for what we believe in, but in a calm, non-confrontational way.



### Super Role Model:

RJ: Makayla; RP: Jaden; 1JC: Giselle; 1WH: Amelia; 2NW: Elisia; 2MS: Gabriella; 3NL: Ben; 3BN: Jamie; 4CM: Fahren; 4PM: Ava; 5JC: Ling; 5RH: Lily; 6KB: Julian; 6HT: Gabby.

### Learning Champion:

RJ: Aiden; RP: Leila; 1JC: Miles; 1WH: Luca; 2NW: Ethan; 2MS: Harry; 3NL: Zac; 3BN: Camille; 4CM: Thierry; 4PM: Lola; 5JC: Flossie; 5RH: Lenna; 6KB: Maty; 6HT: Joshua.

### Dates for your diary:

Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	1.30pm	4CM Class Mass – Parents and Carers welcome
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3.30 – 7.00pm	Parents' evening
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	1.30pm	4PM Class Mass – Parents and Carers welcome
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3.30 – 7.00pm	Parents' evening
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	2.50pm	Children finish for half term
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	All day	Staff training day – school closed for children
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	8.40am	Term starts again for children

Wishing you a lovely weekend with your family,

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