



St Walburga's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,
I hope you had a lovely half term break with your family last week. It has been lovely having the children back in school this week – thank you for sending them back looking smart and ready to learn!

The half term has already got off to a busy start for the Choir, who had a very exciting trip to the O2 in London to take part in the Young Voices concert, with other children from all over the country. Malena writes: *'I loved going to the O2 because I got to see professional dancers and singers, which was a new experience for me. I got to sing my heart out, knowing that my family were rooting me on! I loved the ride back on the coach because everyone was full of joy and laughter. Overall, it was the best time of my life.'* Hilina writes: *'I loved the O2 because it was a new experience for me, and it was really nice knowing that my Mum was proud of what I did. I loved seeing how many children were there, and they all liked singing like me. Being at the O2 helped me make friends with people I didn't expect to be with – I loved it!'* Thank you so much to Mrs Smith, Mrs Jones, Mrs Crutchley, Mr Browne and Mrs Lawrence who accompanied the choir on this trip – it takes a lot of organisation to take children to London for an event like this, and I am so grateful that they enabled the children to have this memorable experience!



It was lovely to see many of you at the Year 2 Maths Workshops today – thank you very much to Miss Wood for organising these.

World Book Day

Next Thursday, 5th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day at St. Walburga's! Your child is invited to come into school dressed as their favourite book character. For those who do not wish to dress up, we are suggesting Cosy reading clothes but please bring in your favourite book to share. We are really looking forward to celebrating all things reading on the day itself and the staff are busy planning some reading-linked activities for the children, including meeting up with our Prayer Buddies! The KS1 Reading Den will be open for parents to share a story with their child during the week. Book Tokens will be distributed on Thursday 5th March. Many thanks for your support.

RE Learning

This week, the children have completed their learning about Hinduism. For the next 3 weeks, their learning will focus on Lent. They will learn about Lent as a time of repentance and preparation, and about the 40 days that Jesus spent in the desert in preparation for his own time of ministry. They will also learn about the three 'pillars' of Lent – fasting, prayer and almsgiving – and hopefully putting these ideas into practice.

Year 3 information

Year 3 parents and carers should have received two letters this week – one about the Year 3 presentation 'Stone to Steel' on Wednesday 11th March, and one about the visit to Hengistbury Head on Thursday,

19th March. There are forms to complete for both events, and a payment to make for the trip to Hengistbury Head, please do this as soon as you can.

Year 6 SATs information evening for parents

Year 6 parents and carers are invited to attend an information meeting on Thursday 19th March at 5.30pm. This will be an opportunity to find out more about the SAT tests taking place in May, and how you can support your child. Please put the date in your diary.

Year 6 swimming

Year 6 swimming starts on Monday 2nd March.

Sowing the Seed

The children have now chosen the charities that they would like to support in this year's Sowing the Seed Lenten challenge. They are:

Reception – Hope for Food

Year 1 – Mosaic

Year 2 – Little Lives UK

Year 3 – MyTime Young Carers

Year 4 – Julia's House

Year 5 – RNLI

Year 6 – Diverse Abilities

We have set up a Just Giving fundraising page for each year group for donations towards the children's sponsored event. We have attached a letter with all of the links to the pages, and we will continue to share the links with you over the next few weeks. If you are able to donate to support your child, and perhaps ask family and friends if they can do so, that would be great. Please feel free to share the link with wider family and friends. The sponsored events will take place in school in the next few weeks – we will keep you updated. Plans are already underway to make a range of goodies which will be on sale on our Sowing the Seed day on March 25th – we will tell you more about that nearer the time. I wonder which year group will raise the most for their chosen charity?

Well done to all our Stars of the Week!

Super Role Model:

RJ:Taigh; RP:Edie; 1JC:Amara O-Y; 1WH:Sapphy; 2NW:Lithus; 2MS:Jude; 3NL:Anna; 3BN:Florian; 4CM:Jessica; 4PM:Ariana; 5JC:Tadi; 5RH:Alex ; 6KB:Emma; 6HT:Carla.

Learning Champion:

RJ:Matias; RP:Noah; 1JC:Joshua I; 1WH:Maisie; 2NW:Jenson; 2MS:Kiefer; 3NL:Hazel; 3BN: Rio; 4CM:Sophie; 4PM:Lucas; 5JC:Liam; 5RH:Zayden; 6KB:Eva; 6HT:Hannah. .

Dates for your diary:

Thurs 5 th March	All day	World Book Day
Wed 11 th March	1.50pm	Year 3 parents and carers invited to 'Stone to Steel' presentation
Mon 16 th March	2.20pm	RP Celebration of the Word – Parents and carers welcome
Tues 17 th March	2.20pm	RJ Celebration of the Word – Parents and carers welcome.
Thurs 19 th March	All day	Year 3 trip to Hengistbury Head
Thurs 19 th March	5.30pm	Year 6 meeting for parents and carers re: SATs

Wishing you a lovely weekend with your family,

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