



St Walburga's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We had a super day yesterday celebrating World Book Day! The children (and staff!) looked great in their costumes. The children enjoyed all sorts of reading focused activities, including spending some time with their Prayer Buddies. Your child should have brought a book token with them which they can exchange for certain special books at a book shop – please see the token for more details. Many thanks to Mrs Cunningham for planning this day of fun, and to Miss Blunden for sorting the KS2 library this week!



Chaplaincy team

Well done to the Year 5 & 6 Chaplaincy team who have set up two lovely Lenten prayer stations for the children to use.



Maths workshops

The children in Year 2 really enjoyed their workshops last week – Gabriella in 2MS says: 'I liked it when the grown ups played the maths games with us. It helps the math facts stay in my brain. I found it fun!' Jay in 2NW says: 'I liked it when, in one of the games, we had to say whether the picture was '7' or 'not 7'. I liked working with my dad on the maths.'



Sowing the Seed

Well done to Reception, Year 4 and Year 6 who have already started their sponsorship on Just Giving! We are attaching the letter with all of the links again. Just a reminder of the charities the children have chosen:

- 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

Don't forget our fundraising sale on 25th March, when the children will be selling all sorts of goodies to raise money for their chosen charity – more info to follow.

Book fair

We are excited to be welcoming our Book fair next week from Wednesday 12th to Friday 13th March. Your child will have a chance to browse during the day, but they will need an adult with them to 'shop' after school. We really appreciate your support with this event – every book you buy helps us to get more books for the classroom and the libraries in school. The bookfair will be 'open' from 2.50 to 3.15pm.

Year 5 Residential

Just a reminder that the full payment for the residential is due by 31st March 2026.

Dr Bike reminder

We sent out a letter earlier in the week about our 'Dr Bike' sessions on 18th March when you can book to have your child's bike safety checked. If you haven't signed up and you would like to do so, please refer back to the letter and use the link.

Attendance – End of Spring Term 1

At the end of the first half of the spring term our whole school attendance was 96.8%. We are very pleased that this is above target, and it is higher than it was at this point last academic year. We did have a lot of illness over the last 2 weeks of term, and noticed that there were some unauthorised absences due to day trips and holidays. Such events must take place at weekends and over the 13 weeks of school holidays. Please remember that holidays in term time can result in a penalty notice, and you must write to me with any requests, as set out in our attendance policy. We hope that as a whole school, we will be able to maintain our target over the Spring Term. Here is the attendance breakdown for each year group;

Year Group	Attendance	Year Group	Attendance
Reception	96.70%	Year 4	96.96%
Year 1	96.63%	Year 5	97.25%
Year 2	96.71%	Year 6	96.24%
Year 3	97.09%		

Well done to Year 3 and Year 5 for being above 97%. Please can I also remind Year 6 parents that it is really important that their children continue to be in school as much as possible in the lead up to SATs, and also holidays or appointments must NOT be booked over test week (11th – 15th May). Thanks for all your support with pupil attendance.

Well done to all our Stars of the Week!

Super Role Model:

RJ:Ellarose; RP:Lottie; 1JC:Luiza; 1WH:Lidia; 2NW:Hudson; 2MS:Mila-Rose; 3NL:Marcel; 3BN:Emmanuel; 4CM:Thierry; 4PM:Jasmine; 5JC:Theo; 5RH:Sophia; 6KB:Leo G; 6HT:Samuel.

Learning Champion:

RJ:Adonai; RP:Tace; 1JC:Akwamkpouto; 1WH:Juan; 2NW:Florence; 2MS:Ozioma; 3NL:Bethel; 3BN:Maja; 4CM:Connie; 4PM:Ava; 5JC:Mia D; 5RH:Leonardo; 6KB:Luke; 6HT:Anna. .

Dates for your diary:

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

Wishing you a lovely weekend with your family,

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