



Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe we are in May already - the weather this week has been a super treat! We've had a busy few days, as always. On Friday of last week, our fantastic choir took part in the Bournemouth Schools Music festival. They sang beautifully, and we are so grateful to them for sharing their talents and hard work and representing the school.



On Wednesday, one of our parents, Mr Wilmot, came in and led a really interesting and informative session on the addictive technology behind many of the video games our children play regularly. The Year 3 and 4 parents who attended found it very useful – I am very much hoping we will be able to get Mr Wilmot to run the session again for parents and carers of Years 5 and 6.

Lates

We have noticed an alarming number of children arriving at school after the bell has gone – since September, we have recorded 977 occasions of lateness! This is equivalent to 9711 minutes of lost learning time, and has increased exponentially since the same time last year. Please ensure that your child arrives in school on time and ready to learn. Thanks

Summer Fair

Thank you very much to those of you who have already purchased tokens and raffle tickets for our Summer Fair – and to the PSA members who have already been writing up tickets and sorting tokens. Please remember that the Fair will be cash free, and we would ask that you buy your tokens in advance. Just to give you an idea, a burger will be 4 tokens, a plate of cakes will be 2 tokens, most games and stalls will be 1 or 2 tokens. The raffle is one of our best money spinners and we would be grateful for any prizes which you can donate such as vouchers, gift sets etc. You can send raffle prizes in any time from now! All other donations should come into school on Monday, 18th May, when we will have a mufti day in return for donations. We are looking for:

- Bottles for the bottle tombola. Can be anything- bubble bath, soft drinks, hopefully a couple of bottles of wine!
- Soft toys for the Teddy Bear Orphanage – pre loved, but clean and reusable!
- Decorated jars – the children really love getting creative and filling jars with lovely things – I am attaching a flier with some ideas!

On the day of the fair, Wednesday 20th May, we would like donations of cakes which we can plate up. Most of all, we are looking for **HELPERS**, even if you can only help for 30 minutes, it will be appreciated. If you can help, please let the PSA know, either via their WhatsApp group or their email address. Thanks in advance! psa@stwalburgasprimary.co.uk

Year 1 Parents and carers

You are invited to join your child for a class Celebration of the Word – 1JC is on Wednesday 6th May and 1WH is on Thursday 7th May – both at 2.25pm.

Trip reminders

Just a reminder we have several trips coming up (see diary dates below). Please ensure you have made payment and completed permission forms asap.

Give As You Live

Did you know that you can raise donations for our school for free while doing your online shopping? By shopping through this link, <https://www.giveasyoulive.com/join/st-walburgas-catholic-primary-school> you can generate a donation from over 6,000 top retailers.

Once you sign up, you can also download the Give As You Live app to shop conveniently through there.

They are currently running a Spring Shopper campaign and any new supporter who signs up and raises their first donation in May will earn a bonus 50p donation for their chosen cause. So please sign up quick and select our school to support—it's a fantastic way to boost our school funds; every little bit helps!



Thank you so much to everyone who has already signed up and started shopping via Give As You Live. It's wonderful that organisations and charities can benefit from this initiative.

Well done to all our Stars of the Week!

Super Role Model:

RJ:Anaya; RP:Sophia; 1JC:Timothy; 1WH:Caleb; 2NW:Sienna; 2MS:Ozioma; 3NL:Jake; 3BN:Anna; 4CM:Arya; 4PM:Archie; 5RH:Alessia; 5JC:Luka; 6KB:Andrew; 6HT:Alexsia.

Learning Champion:

RJ:Makayla; RP:Adam; 1JC:Adel; 1WH:Santi; 2NW:Kiara; 2MS:Evelyn; 3NL:Daniel; 3BN:Jakub G; 4CM:Tiggy; 4PM:Felicity; 5RH:Gracie; 5JC:Anna; 6KB:Julian; 6HT:Tiago

Dates for your Diary:

Mon 4 th May	All day	Bank holiday – school closed
Tues 5 th May	Am	Year 5 to Residential
Wed 6 th May	Pm	Year 5 return from Residential
Wed 6 th May	2.25pm	1JC Celebration of the Word
Wed 6 th May	All day	Year 4 to The Dorset Museum
Thur 7 th May	2.25pm	1WH Celebration of the Word
Mon 11 th May	All week	SATS for Year 6 – ensure your child is in school!
Mon 18 th May	All day	Donation day for Summer fair
Mon 18 th May	All day	Year 6 to GoApe
Wed 20 th May	3.30 - 5.30	Summer Fair
Thur 21 st May	2.50pm	Last day for children
Frid 22 nd May	All day	Staff training day – school closed for children
Wb 1 st & 8 th June	All day	Year 5 Bikeability
Tues 2 nd June-Fri 5 th June	All day	Year 6 Residential
Wed 24 th June	am	Year 2 Sports morning – more info to follow
Wed 24 th June	Pm	Year 1 Sports afternoon – more info to follow
Thur 25 th June	Am	KS2 Sports morning – more info to follow
Thur 26 th June	pm	Reception Sports afternoon – more info to follow

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

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