



St Walburga's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



Friday, 12th June 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Review afternoon on Tuesday – there was a real buzz in the school and I know the children really enjoyed sharing their learning with their parents, grandparents and carers. Thanks as always to the staff for their help with this.

As promised last week, an update from Year 6 (now they have caught up on their sleep) about the residential last week. Alexsia and Gabby write: *'We loved our visit to Fairthorne. We really liked the rooms, everything was amazing. The people who worked there were really kind and helpful. Our favourite activities were abseiling, archery and kayaking. We had an amazing time and made lots of happy memories to take to our new schools.'*

Choir

The choir's last session this year will be Friday, 26th June – a final practice before their concert with the Salvation Army that evening. Many, many thanks to Mrs Jones and Mrs Smith for all they have done with our super choir this year.

First Holy Communion Celebration Mass

The Year 3 parents and carers are invited to join their children for a Celebration Mass on Tuesday, 23rd June at 1.30pm (prompt start) . The children who have received their First Holy Communion are invited to wear their First Holy Communion outfits for the Mass. All of the other children are invited to join the celebration by dressing up in their 'smart' celebration clothes. The children should bring their clothes to school, and will change before Mass (after lunch!) Those children in Year 4, 5 and 6 who have made their First Holy Communion are joining Year 3 for Mass (parents and carers invited too). If your child is involved in this you should have received an email asking you to confirm numbers attending – it would be great if you could complete this as soon as possible.

Crossing Patrol

Please see attached an important letter about our Crossing Patrol by the Key Stage 1 gate.

Sports Events

We are looking forward to seeing you all for our sports events.

KS2 Sports' morning will be on Thursday 25th June at Bournemouth School for Boys, 9.30 -11.30.

Year 2 sports' fun morning is on Wednesday 24th June, 9.15 – 10.15.
Year 1 sports' fun afternoon is on Wednesday 24th June, 1.30-2.30.

Reception sports' fun afternoon is on Thursday, 25th June, 1.30-2.30.

Changes to Free School Meal eligibility

Just another reminder about the email sent out on the 21/5/26 regarding changes to the eligibility for Free School Meals. It sounds a little complicated – children in KS1 are all entitled to a free lunch, regardless of income. The criteria has changed for KS2 children, so your child may now be eligible. If your KS2 child is currently in receipt of FSM, you MUST reapply to ensure this continues. It is worth reading the letter carefully, because there are so many other potential benefits available, so, even if your child is in KS1, it is worth applying if you feel you meet the criteria.

Hot school meals important information

While we are on the subject of school lunches, I would like to inform you that the price of hot lunches will increase to £2.80 from September 2026. The governors and I have not taken this decision lightly, but with ever-tightening budgets and ever-increasing costs we need to make this adjustment.

Year 6 dates

Year 6 parents and carers should have received information about key dates for the end of term in their child's home learning letter today. I have

also included them in the diary dates below, so please make sure they are on your calendar!

Boiler mufti day!

The Year 5 Chaplaincy team have organised a mufti day on Friday, 18th June to raise money for the boiler repair at the Annunciation church. Please donate via WisePay – and well done to them for this initiative!

Feast day – Advance notice

We will be celebrating St Walburga's feast day in school on Thursday, 2nd July, (it's a transferred feast – her actual feast day is in November which is definitely too cold!) In the afternoon, weather permitting, we will have a Mass outdoors, starting at 1.30pm. All our parents, carers and governors are VERY welcome to join us for this special celebration, so please put the date in your diary. If the weather is bad on the day, we will have to move inside, and sadly do not have space for visitors, so please say some prayers for sunshine!

Mission Statement hero and Stars of the Week

As we turn our thoughts to the World Cup, our Mission Statement hero this week is Marcus Rashford, who has done so much to address the issue of child poverty in the UK.

Well done to all our stars of the week who have been trying so hard to live out our Mission Statement:

Super Role Model

RJ:Oliver ; RP:Max ; 1JC:Miles; 1WH:Luca; 2NW: Freya; 2MS;Chloe; 3NL: Jamie; 3BN: Chloe; 4CM: Fahren; 4PM; Malika; 5RH:Max B; 5JC: Max.

Learning Champion:

RJ:Daniel ; RP: Nathan; 1JC:Emily; 1WH:Dylan; 2NW:lfe; 2MS:Ria; 3NL:Hanna; 3BN:Zara; 4CM: Krystal; 4PM: Evelyn; 5RH: Ella; 5JC:Zak.

Dates for your diary:

Tues 16 th June	All day	Year 2 Scooter skills session
Wed 17 th June	All day	Year 1 Portchester Castle
Thurs 18 th June	All day	Year 4 visit to Moors Valley
Mon 22 nd June	All day	Year 5 trips to Kingsfisher Barn
Tues 23 rd June	1.30pm	Year 3 Mass – parents and carers invited.
Wed 24 th June	am	Year 2 Sports morning
Wed 24 th June	Pm	Year 1 Sports afternoon
Thurs 25 th June	Am	KS2 Sports morning
Thurs 25 th June	pm	Reception Sports afternoon
Fri 26 th June	All day	Year 6 transition day to new schools
Weds 1 st July	pm	Careers day- more info to follow
Thurs 2 nd July	1.30pm	St Walburga's Feast Day Mass
Wed 8 th July	6.00pm	Year 6 play – more info to follow
Thurs 9 th July	6.00pm	Year 6 play – more info to follow
Wed 15 th July	All day	Year 6 Retreat day at St Edmund Campion – more info to follow
Wed 15 th July	6-7pm	Year 6 Leavers' Disco
Mon 20 th July	6.30pm	Leavers' Mass at the Annunciation
Tues 21 st July	2.50pm	End of term for children
Wed 22 nd July	All day	Staff training day, school closed for children

Wishing you all a lovely weekend with your family,

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