



# St Walburga's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,  
We've had another busy week!  
Last Friday, Year 6 went to Hengistbury Head to find out more about coastal erosion. Leo G writes, 'The trip was very educational as we explored different types of rocks and coastal erosion.' Ariana writes, 'We learned how the groins that were made of rocks protect Hengistbury Head from the risks of coastal erosion and without them it would be destroyed.' Both Ariana and Leo added, 'Although it was educational, it was also exceptionally fun and extremely memorable!'



On Wednesday, Year 1 had a trip to Portchester castle as part of their learning about life in medieval times. Maisie in 1WH says: 'I liked being the Queen. We saw battlements and arrow slits!' Santi in 1WH says, 'We saw the huge castle. There were knights and soldiers.'



Ted in 1JC says, 'I loved climbing up to the top of the tall tower! We pretended to fire some arrows at the enemies!' Annabel in 1JC says - It was fun dressing up and pretending to be servants and kings and queens, I also loved climbing up to the top of the castle!"

On Thursday, Year 4 had a visit to Moors Valley Country Park. Thanks as always to the staff who make these activities possible for the children!



On Tuesday, the children in Year 2 took part in a Scooter Workshop organised by the Walk Wheel Cycle Trust. Florence in 2NW says 'I liked doing the limbo activity.' Rafi says, 'I liked learning how to stop in different ways especially jumping off with two feet.' Kit in 2MS says, 'I liked scooting around the cones.'

Yesterday evening, we held our Welcome Liturgy for the parents and carers of children joining us in September. It was a lovely, prayerful start to their time with us, and we look forward to many years working together. We are very much looking forward to meeting our new Reception children when they come for a visit in a couple of weeks!



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## Sports Events

We are looking forward to seeing you all for our sports events. KS2 Sports' morning will be on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June at Bournemouth School for Boys, 9.30 -11.30.

Year 2 sports' fun morning is on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June, 9.15 – 10.15.

Year 1 sports' fun afternoon is on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June, 1.30-2.30.

Reception sports' fun afternoon is on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> June, 1.30-2.30. Don't forget, your child will need a T shirt in their house colour on that day – red for St Bernadette's, blue for St Anne's, yellow for St Joseph's and green for St Francis'. The children will need to come to school with suncream already applied, and will need a hat and a water bottle as we are hoping for sunshine!

## Music lessons

Those of you whose children do guitar or violin lessons should have received an email about booking for next term – please do this as soon as possible so we can offer places to other children. There was also information regarding a Music Showcase on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July, any children who have been having Guitar and Violin tuition will be performing for their parents.

## Choir

The choir's last session this year will be Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> 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, 23<sup>rd</sup> 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).

## SWOOSH parents and carers

For those registered to SWOOSH Breakfast or After school club – please ensure you have read the letter regarding the changes to the booking and payment policy which was emailed out earlier this week. Please make sure you complete the electronic slip to reserve your places for next year – you must do this by Monday to continue to hold your place.

## Boiler mufti day!

Well done to the Year 5 Chaplaincy Team for organising our mufti day in aid of the boiler appeal at the Annunciation church. I'm pleased to tell you they have raised £533.50. You can still donate via WisePay if you would like to do so.

## Feast day – Advance notice

We will be celebrating St Walburga's feast day in school on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!

## Uniform sale

We will have a second-hand uniform sale on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> July – come along and pick up a bargain! On Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> July, our uniform supplier, QDOS, will be running a 'shop' from in the Reading Den from 2.30 to 3.30pm, so please come along if you need to buy any new uniform for next year.

## Careers Week

We previously told you we had careers week in July, we have decided to postpone this to the Autumn term.

## Vacancy

We are looking for a Teaching Assistant to join our team from September 2026. This is a two day a week job, fixed term until Christmas. If you think you might be interested, please have a look on our website under Key information - staff vacancies. The closing date for this job is Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> June at 12.00 midday.

## Mission Statement hero and Stars of the Week

Our Mission Statement hero this week is England and Chelsea star Lucy Bronze – she has done something great for the autistic community by openly sharing her dual autism and ADHD diagnoses to destigmatize neurodiversity.

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:Taigh ; RP:Reyan; 1JC:Florence; 1WH:Grace; 2NW: Leon; 2MS;Kira; 3NL: Rafa; 3BN:Joel; 4CM:Isaac; 4PM; Emily; 5RH:Nicholas K; 5JC: Harry.

## Learning Champion:

RJ:Olivia; RP:Livia; 1JC:Jessie; 1WH:Arlo; 2NW:George; 2MS:Gabriella; 3NL:Daniel; 3BN:Freddie; 4CM:Asher; 4PM: Mark; 5RH:Isie ; 5JC: Lucas T.

## Year 6 Residential Champions:

Group 1: LC – Nickolas SRM – Alesia  
Group 2: LC- Noah SRM – Cora  
Group 3: LC – Lily SRM – Joao-Luca  
Group 4: LC – Alexsia SRM – Leo G  
Group 5: LC – Ruben SRM – Abigail

## Dates for your diary:

Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	All day	Year 5 trips to Kingsfisher Barn
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	1.30pm	Year 3 Mass – parents and carers invited.
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> June	am	Year 2 Sports morning
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Pm	Year 1 Sports afternoon
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Am	KS2 Sports morning
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> June	pm	Reception Sports afternoon
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> June	All day	Year 6 transition day to new schools
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	1.30pm	St Walburga's Feast Day Mass
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> July	1.45pm	Guitar and Violin Showcase
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> July	6.00pm	Year 6 play – more info to follow
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> July	2.30-3.30pm	QDOS uniform shop in the Reading Den
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> July	6.00pm	Year 6 play – more info to follow
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> July	All day	Year 6 Retreat day at St Edmund Campion – more info to follow
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> July	6-7pm	Year 6 Leavers' Disco
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> July	2.50pm	Second hand uniform sale
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> July	6.30pm	Leavers' Mass at the Annunciation
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> July	2.50pm	End of term for children
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	All day	Staff training day, school closed for children

Wishing you all a lovely weekend with your family,

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