



St Walburga's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



Friday, 4th September 2026

Number 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! It has been so lovely having the children back in school—they have made a great start to the year already! Thank you for sending them in looking so smart, it really does help them to be in the mindset of learning. Just a quick reminder that children should only wear trainers on their PE days, and that school shoes (black or navy) should be worn on the other days. Also, if your child is wearing a white shirt, they **MUST** wear a tie. Many thanks.

Don't forget our 'Meet the Team' session next Wednesday, 9th September from 2.50 to 3.20pm. This is not a formal session, just a chance to say hello to your child's teacher and teaching assistant, and put a face to the name! I do hope you are able to attend.

It has been lovely seeing all the staff again after the summer break. We have welcomed some new colleagues – Miss Carey is teaching in Reception, Miss Jewell is teaching in Year 2 and Mrs Thenin is joining our Teaching Assistant team in Year 1.

The Reception team are busy visiting our new children— seeing them in their home setting and telling them all about joining our school. We are looking forward to welcoming the children into school part time from next Wednesday and then full time from Wednesday 16th September. We can't wait to get to know the newest members of our school family!

Nut free school

Please can I remind you that we are a nut-free school, as we have several children and staff with severe allergies. This means that your child must not bring any nut product into school in their lunchbox – this includes Nutella in sandwiches or cakes. Many thanks.

Reading Challenge

Did your child take part in the Summer Reading Challenge at the library? They have until the 19th September to complete it and claim their medal and certificate from any library.

Year 1 information evening

We have an information evening for parents of children in Year 1, to support them with their child's transition from Reception. The meeting is at 3.15pm on Tuesday, 15th September. Children should not attend this meeting. Please make an arrangement for your child to be supervised away from the school site. Please complete this form to let us know if you are able to attend: [Year 1 Phonics Information Evening Tuesday 15th September – Fill in form](#)

Clubs:

Clubs resume next week, except for Art Shed and Choir, which start in the week beginning 14th September. Don't forget that your child can only attend a club if they are booked on and their place is paid for!

Medicines

Please ensure that any epipens and inhalers are returned to school as soon as possible – thank you.

Mobile phones

If your child in year 4,5 or 6 is walking home alone and you feel that they need to have a mobile phone on them, they need to complete a Mobile phone agreement, which also needs to be signed by you. If you need a copy of the agreement, your child can ask his or her class teacher for one. Unless you feel it is absolutely necessary for your child to have a phone on them, we would advise against them bringing a phone to school.

End of the school day

Just a reminder about arrangements for the end of the day. Please make sure you are on time to collect your child - we know that occasionally a situation arises where you are held up, but this should not be a regular occurrence! If you are going to be late, please advise the office as soon as you realise that this is the case – our office staff should not be having to phone you. The school day for children ends at 2.50pm – when you

are late it is upsetting for your child and inconvenient for school staff who have other work to complete. Children in Years 4, 5 & 6 can have a Walkers' Pass if you feel they are ready. **If your child has a walkers' Pass, you must ensure that they understand what to do if you are not at the agreed meeting point – we will advise the children that they should return to the school office if you are not there – please reinforce this important safety message.**

Class information

You should all have received an e-mail earlier this week with a letter from your child's class teacher with lots of useful information such as PE days and home learning expectations. Please ensure you read the letter and complete the reply slip by Wednesday 9th September.

The links to the reply slip for each of the Year groups is also here:

Year 1: [Welcome to Year 1 2026 – Fill in form](#)

Year 2: [Year 2 Welcome Letter 2026 – Fill in form](#)

Year 3: [Year 3 Home Learning 2026 – Fill in form](#)

Year 4: [Year 4 Home Learning 2026 – Fill in form](#)

Year 5: [Year 5 Home Learning 2026 – Fill in form](#)

Year 6: [Year 6 Home Learning 2026 – Fill in form](#)

Starting school in September 2027

If your child's date of birth is between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023 they are due to start in Reception in 2027! Please join us for a 'stay and play session' with your child from 3.30- 4.30 on either Thursday 1st October or Thursday 5th November. We are also booking places on our Open Information sessions for parents - please contact the School Office on 01202 528811. **It is really important that you attend**, even if you have a sibling at the school, as the Admission Process is explained.

Contact details

Please don't forget to let us know if you change your phone number or change address. It is really important that we have up to date contact details for you should we need to contact you in case of an emergency. Please inform us as early as possible if your child is unwell and unable to attend school, we have a duty of care to all our pupils and need to know where they are during school hours.

Mission Statement

This week we have been revisiting our Mission Statement in class, as well as looking at our School Values. We have been talking about what each part means, and how we can put it into practice. Please can you chat to your child about things they can put in place at home which would reinforce these ideas.

Dates for your diary:

Wed 9 th Sept		Reception children start part time
Wed 9 th Sept	2.50-3.20	Meet the Team
Tues 15 th Sept	3.15	Year 1 workshop for parents and carers
Wed 16 th Sept	8.40	Reception children start full time
Fri 25 th Sept	2.50pm	Macmillan cake sale – more info to follow
Thurs 1 st Oct	3.30-4.30pm	Stay and play session for children due to start school in September 26
Thurs 5 th Nov	3.30-4.30pm	Stay and play session for children due to start school in September 26

Wishing you a lovely weekend with your family,

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