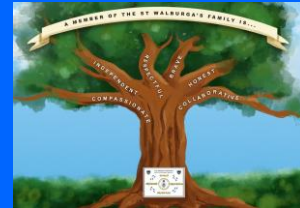


St Walburga's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



Friday, 9th October 2026

Number 6

Dear Parent and Carers,

Last Friday, Mr Browne took the Year 6 Chaplaincy Team to Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School for an Inter-school Social Justice Conference. Elisha writes "I enjoyed the talk that Raymond Friel did on how we can be peacemakers. We got to make posters with keywords about how we can show peace." Lindsay writes "I enjoyed meeting new people from other schools. We spoke about how it is important to take care of people in need and that we should never let negativity out to the world, only positivity and peace." Mia D writes "I learned about how we can promote peace in our world and we worked with children from different schools." Mia K writes "I enjoyed having a tour around the school and working in groups with people that I hadn't met before." The Year 6 Chaplaincy Team represented our school fantastically, especially by being brave by offering their ideas in front of everyone.



Harvest celebrations in school

In RE next week we will be celebrating Harvest, and thinking about our commitment to help those in need in our local area and across the world. Harvest Festival is a celebration of the food grown on the land from God's creation and reminds Christians of all the good things God gives them.

Please see the attached letter from the School Council and Chaplaincy Team about our planned Faith in Action work next week. On Wednesday, 14th October your child is invited to bring in a tin or packet for our Harvest collection – this will then be passed on to the Food Bank to help those in need in our local area. On Friday we will have a 'Brighten up for CAFOD' mufti day – you can pay a £1.00 on line via WisePay – in return your child can wear mufti including something bright!) We will be giving a token to those who have contributed, so that they can put it in our collection during celebration of the word on Friday morning and see how great their collective efforts to help others can be! We have also been fortunate enough to secure two volunteers from CAFOD who will be joining us on Monday and Tuesday to lead the children in workshops about Catholic Social Teaching.

Year 6

Just a reminder for Year 6 parents that the closing date for applications for secondary schools is **31st October 2026**. You will need to apply via the BCP website, but some schools may have individual requirements so please check the relevant websites!

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! We had a really successful stay and play session on Thursday, and will be holding another one from 3.30- 4.30pm on Thursday 5th November. Please contact the school office about an Open session. **It is really important that you attend**, even if you have a sibling at the school, as the Admission Process is explained. Please spread the word among your friends who may have children due to start school.

Parents' Evening

I hope you have now booked your parents' evening appointment for 21st or 22nd October. This will be a good opportunity for you to chat to the class teacher and teaching assistant and find out more about how your child has settled in this term. Just a reminder that children should not attend school on this evening.

Nits

The critters are back in Reception, please check your child's hair at the weekend and treat if necessary. Thank you.

School Mass at the Annunciation

We would like to invite the children to join us for a Parish Mass at the Annunciation at 11.00am on Sunday, 18th October. This is a great chance for us to celebrate the links between our school and our parish. If your child would like to attend, they will need to wear their school uniform and all the children will sit together at the front of the church. (A family adult will still need to stay in the church). I really hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend. In order to make sure we have enough seats reserved for the children, please complete this form, indicating whether or not you will be attending:

[School Mass - Sunday 18th October 2026 – Fill in form](#)

Mission Statement hero and Stars of the Week

In our whole School Celebration of the Word this week, we thought about World Mental Health day which is on the 10th October. We talked about the need to be open and honest about our feelings, and to talk to a trusted person if you are worried or anxious about something. We also talked about what makes a good friend, and how we can show compassion and care to one another.

Super Role Model:

1EM:Adonai; 1WH:Noah; 2NW:Lidia; 2IJ:Arlo; 3BM:Matteo; 3JC:Sienna; 4CN:Jamie; 4RH:Jamie; 5JC:Antony; 5LS:Eleanor; 6KT:Hanna; 6KB: Ariana

Learning Champion:

1EM:Hanna; 1WH:Hannah; 2NW:Amara; 2IJ:Amara C; 3BM:Freyja; 3JC: George; 4CN:Anna; 4RH:Joshua; 5JC:Iara; 5LS:Freddie; 6KT:Hugo; 6KB:Harrison.

Dates for your diary:

Mon 12 th Oct	2.15 pm	3BM Celebration of the Word – Parents and carers welcome
Tues 13 th Oct	2.15pm	3JC Celebration of the Word – Parents and carers welcome
Wed 14 th Oct		Harvest celebrations and Food Bank collection
Fri 16 th Oct	All day	Mufti Day- Brighten up for CAFOD
Sun 18 th Oct	11.00am	School Mass at the Annunciation
Mon 19 th Oct	2.15pm	6KB Celebration of the Word – Parents and carers welcome
Mon 19 th Oct	AM	School Photos
Tues 20 th Oct	2.15pm	6KT Celebration of the Word – Parents and carers welcome
Wed 21 st Oct	3.30-7.00	Parents' Evening
Thurs 22 nd Oct	3.30-7.00	Parents' Evening
Fri 23 rd Oct	All day	School closed for children – Staff training day
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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