

St Walburga's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



Thursday, 22nd October 2026

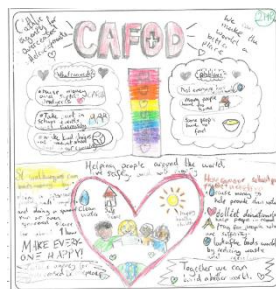
Number 8

Dear Parents and Carers,

A final reminder that school is CLOSED for children tomorrow as we have a staff training day. We have finally made it to the end of the half term! It's been a long one – I know the staff are definitely ready for a break and I am sure most of the children are too. I do hope you have an enjoyable break with your families. We had the Road Safety team in this week, providing workshops for every class – ask your child what they talked about! It was lovely to see so many of you at Parents' Evening this week – I hope you found it useful! Thank you to all of the staff who stayed in school for the extra hours to make this possible. We have done so much already this school year, and we are looking forward to the Christmas term and all the excitement and learning that entails.

CAFOD

Thank you very much for your donation to our mufti day for CAFOD last Friday – I am pleased to tell you we raised £455.00. The children thought about the links between their actions and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching which underpin our school Learning Values – The Year 5's home learning reflected this work – and here is Bethanie's!



Reception children

After half term, the Reception children should come into school via the Key Stage 1 playground gate. The gates open at 8.25am – I would ask that you drop your child at the gate and leave promptly, and your child will walk themselves across the playground and into the school building.

Christmas cards

Just a reminder that deadline to order Christmas cards and other merchandise is Tuesday, 3rd November. Please order directly using the QR code on your child's sample card.

Year 6 parents

The deadline for applications to secondary schools is 31st October, and you must ensure you have completed all your forms and returned any supplementary information by then.

Lunches

The hot meals deadline for the week after half term is Monday, 26th October – if you miss this date and have not ordered lunches for your child, please ensure you send them in with a packed lunch.

Poppies

We will be selling poppies in school after half term. Please send your child in to school with a minimum donation of 50p if they would like to buy one. We also have some British Legion merchandise – rulers, wrist bands, reflective poppies – those will be on sale for £1.00 per item if your child would like to buy one.

Uniform

All the children should be wearing winter uniform when they return to school after the holidays. It is a navy pinafore dress (KS1), navy skirt (KS2), or grey trousers, with a white shirt and a TIE for every child. Your child should also have a cardigan or jumper with the school badge. On PE days, your child should wear navy tracksuit bottoms or shorts, a yellow polo top with the school badge, and either our school hoodie with the logo, or a plain navy sweatshirt. You can find full details on our website. We have plenty of second-hand uniform, so please ask at the office if you are missing anything.

Clubs

Clubs resume straight after the holiday, but there is no Forest school club on Thursday, 5th November (starts the following week)

Christmas!

We are making plans for our Nativity and Advent performances this year. I am giving you plenty of warning of the dates in the hope that you will be able to book time off work if necessary, and make child care arrangements to avoid bringing younger siblings. Places will be limited to three per family, if you have no choice but to bring a preschool child with you, this will count as one of your places, even if they sit on your lap. We will be issuing tickets, again in order to keep an eye on numbers. If you are unable to come to the date assigned to you, you are welcome to arrange a 'swap' with a family from another date. The groups have been divided according to children's surnames:

Reception:

Performance 1: Wed 9th Dec, 9.15am - Child's surname **A-H**

Performance 2: Thurs 10th Dec, 9.15am – Child's surname **I-Z**

Year 1

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Performance 2: Thurs 10th Dec, 10.30am – Child's surname **I-Z**

Year 2

Carols and Mince pies – Tuesday 15th December 2.15pm

Year 4

Advent service will take place in the Annunciation Church on Monday 14th December at 6.00pm – more information to follow!

Mission Statement hero and Stars of the week!

Our Mission Statement hero this week is Pope St John Paul the II, whose feast day we celebrate today. He is a great example to us for his leadership, compassion and care for people throughout the world. Well done too, to our Stars of the Week:

Super Role Model:

1EM: Zofia; 1WH: Jorgina; 2NW: Amelia; 2IJ: Luiza; 3BM: Jenson; 3JC: Jesse; 4CN: Layla; 4RH: Tio; 5JC: Mark; 5LS: Sophie; 6KB: Mia D; 6KT: Nicholas R.

Learning Champion:

1EM: Arlo; 1WH: Jaden; 2NW: Max; 2IJ: Joel; 3BM: Kira; 3JC: Hallie; 4CN: Kenji; 4RH: Isabella; 5JC: Marie; 5LS: Eleanor; 6KB: Logan; 6KB: Alex.

Dates for your diary:

Fri 23 rd Oct	All day	School closed for children – Staff training day
Mon 2 nd Nov	8.40am	School starts for again for children
Thurs 5 th Nov	3.30-4.30pm	Stay and play session for children due to start school in September 2027
Mon 9 th Nov	2.15pm	4CN Celebration of the Word – Parents and carers welcome
Tues 10 th Nov	2.15pm	4RH Celebration of the Word – Parents and carers welcome
Thurs 12 th Nov	1.30pm	Year 5 Mass – Parents and Carers welcome
Fri 13 th Nov	1.30pm	Year 6 Remembrance showcase – parents and carers invited – more info to follow
Mon 16 th Nov	2.15pm	2IJ Celebration of the Word – Parents and carers welcome
Tues 17 th Nov	2.15pm	2NW Celebration of the Word – Parents and carers welcome

Wishing you a lovely half term break with your family,

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