St Walburga's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Friday, 6th November 2026 — Number 9

Dear Parents and Carers,
I hope you had a lovely half-term break – it has been lovely having the children back in school this week.

This week we have started a new RE topic - Prophecy and promise. Linking with the Advent season, this branch teaches the mystery of the birth of Jesus, the Messiah, promised by God. Children will also learn how Christians read the stories of the prophets of the Old Testament and discern how the teaching within these stories points to a fulfilment of God's promise.





We have also been thinking about Remembrance – and our Year 6 Chaplaincy team have set up a prayer station, with our own book of Remembrance where we can write the names of those family members and friends we have lost.

The children have really enjoyed buying poppies and British Legion merchandise this week – the poppies are 50p and the wristbands, rulers, reflective poppies and pencils cost £1.00 each. These items will be on sale until Wednesday, 11th November when we will be marking Remembrance Day in school.

Urgent request for School Building Fund

The termly payment for the diocesan building fund is now due. This fund supports us with all many of our building and maintenance projects in school, including roof and window repairs and, most recently, repairs to the play equipment in the KS2 playground. To help us offset our payment we ask for a donation from parents, preferably by standing orders of £2.50 per month, or £30 per annum. If you cannot pay that, anything is appreciated! Thank you to all of you who help us in this way already. Please see the attached leaflet with Standing Order Form for regular donations. Alternatively, you can pay via WisePay. Thank you. **We have to pay this bill, regardless of whether or not we receive your donation – so every bit of help is absolutely essential and gratefully received!**

After school clubs – snacks

We have noticed a number of children bringing quite big snacks to eat before they start an afterschool club. The clubs start promptly and are very 'full' of activities, and children do not really have time to eat a big snack – it can hold up the start for everyone else. If your child needs a snack before a club, they should only bring a piece of fruit to eat. This also ensures that we do not have issues with allergies. Thanks.

Christmas!

Just another reminder about our Nativity and Advent dates this year -. 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**

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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!

In the next few weeks, we will be sending more information our about Christmas Fun Night for the children, which will be on Wednesday, 2nd December from 4.00pm to 5.30pm (KS1) and 4.00pm to 5.45pm (KS2).

We will also be launching our Christmas raffle – which is our main fundraiser of this term. We will be asking for prizes, this could be vouchers, tickets, or gifts of new 'things' such as biscuits wines, toiletries or toys, so please start thinking if you have something you could donate.

Many of you will remember that we have a Christmas jumper day on the last day of term (Friday, 18th December). As in previous years, we will have pre-loved **Christmas jumper sale**, raising funds and recycling at the same time! If you have any Christmas jumpers that your child (or you) have grown out of, please send them into school by Friday, 4th December - we will have a sale in the hall on Wednesday, 9th December from 2.30 onwards – come along and snap up a bargain!

Important reminder

School is closed for children on Monday, 30th November as we have a staff training day.

Mission Statement hero and Stars of the week!

Our Mission Statement heroes this week are our House Saints – St Joseph, who reminds us to work hard, St Francis, who reminds us to care for creation, St Bernadette, who reminds us to do small things well and St Anne, who reminds us of the importance of family.

Well done too, to our Stars of the Week:

Super Role Model:
1EM: Sophie; 1WH: Michael-Dan; 2NW: Noah; 2IJ: Remi; 3BM: Evelyn; 3JC: Rosealie; 4CN: Jake; 4RH: Emmanuel; 5JC: Ariana; 5LS:Arya; 6KB:Anna; 6KT: Sophia.

Learning Champion:
1EM: Oliver; 1WH: Jacob; 2NW:Raphael; 2IJ:Oscar; 3BM: Francesco; 3JC: Amelija; 4CN: Ifedimma; 4RH: Martina; 5JC:Max S; 5LS:Krystal; 6KB: Harry; 6KT: Mila .

Dates for your diary:

Mon 9th Nov	2.15pm	4CN Celebration of the Word – Parents and carers welcome
Tues 10th Nov	2.15pm	4RH Celebration of the Word – Parents and carers welcome
Thurs 12th Nov	1.30pm	Year 5 Mass – Parents and Carers welcome
Fri 13th Nov	1.30pm	Year 6 Remembrance showcase – parents and carers invited
Mon 16th Nov	2.15pm	**2IJ** Celebration of the Word – Parents and carers welcome
Tues 17th Nov	2.15pm	**2NW** Celebration of the Word – Parents and carers welcome
Mon 30th Nov	All day	**School closed for children – staff training**

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

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