

St Werburgh's News February 2022



We're now almost half way through the school year and our children continue to work hard and make great progress with their learning. It has been a challenging half term for us in school given the levels of staff and pupil absence, but I hope you agree that where possible, the education provided for our children has been relatively unaffected and they have still been able to experience the things in school that make St Werburgh's such a wonderful place to be. I am incredibly proud of our strong staff team for making this happen.



Keeping our Children Safe online

Please, please speak with your child regularly about what they are doing online. This includes what they and other children are saying in chats and messages as well as what they are watching and playing. We do our very best to support children in making safe and kind choices through internet safety and PSHE lessons, and appreciate your ongoing partnership in this.

The NSPCC has some great advice about talking with your child about online safety, and about setting safety controls on children's devices to prevent them seeing harmful images. Please speak to your child's class teacher, Mrs Dean, Mrs Richards or Mrs Barradell if you have any concerns we could help with.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Parent and Carer Consultations and Survey

Parent and Carers' evenings will take place between Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th March. After listening to feedback from parents, we are offering either an online or in-person appointment. Please look out for the booking link next week. We will also be sending an online survey, to gather your thoughts on what we are doing well and what we could be doing better to improve our school for our children.



World Book Day 2022 Thursday 3rd March

We will be celebrating World Book Day with a whole day of reading. Children will take part in different reading activities through the day where they will deepen their knowledge of different stories and authors. We will be sharing our love of reading and we ask that all children bring in their favourite book or one that they are currently reading. If it is a book from home, please make sure it has your child's name inside. To focus on the reading and love of reading element we have decided to leave the dressing up for another occasion. All of our children will be bringing home their World Book Day Book Vouchers.



Covid-19

We have seen a significant rise in children and staff testing positive this term. Thank you for your support in daily testing when someone in your child's class has tested positive; this has helped to keep as many of our community in school as is possible. Please continue to socially distance in

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the school grounds and wear face coverings if you enter the school building. Please find attached a letter from Robyn Dewis, our Director of Public Health which has more details about covid in our community.

PTFA News

Thank you to all our PTFA and volunteers for all the hard work that went into our Christmas Fayre which was thoroughly enjoyed by our children, families and staff. Our next event is an Easter Fayre which is taking place after school on Wednesday 6th April. Look out for news nearer the time!

Sporting News



Our football team in their splendid new kit at the EFL Cup. We didn't make the finals but showed great sportsmanship and a great time was had by all.

Some of our Y3/4 children represented our school admirably during a tournament at Willows this week.



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Friends of Spondon Parks

Wear Green for Green Spaces Day 2022 (Friday 8th April) will see us joining with other local schools to support Friends of Spondon Parks in their quest to improve our local recreation areas for our community. Children can wear anything green (this can be anything from green laces to a full outfit!), and we will be collecting donations for this fantastic local charity.



Canon Congratulations

We are incredibly proud of our very own Father Julian, pictured at Derby Cathedral where Bishop Libby installed him as Canon earlier this term. It was fabulous to see so many of our St Werburgh's families there to share this special occasion.

Reading volunteers please

If any parents or grandparents could spare some time to help our children develop their reading fluency between

8:55 and 9:15 it would be greatly appreciated. Please see Miss Gibson if you would like to volunteer.

Play Leader Job Opportunity!

We are looking for someone to join our special team of Midday Supervisors who make lunchtimes safe and fun for our children. If you are good at listening, love to lead games and would like to make a difference for our children, please consider joining us as a Play Leader. Speak to the office, Mrs Barradell or Mrs Dean for more details.



Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Mrs Dean and the St Werburgh's staff team

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Diary Dates 2021-22

Monday 14 th February	Worship Group cake sale after school
Friday 18th February	INSET
Wednesday 30th March	Non-Uniform Day for PTFA donations
Wednesday 6th April	Easter Fayre straight after school
Friday 8th April	Wear Green for Green Spaces Day
Monday 11 th – Friday 22 nd April	Easter Holidays
Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June	Spring Bank Half Term
Monday 6th June	INSET
Tuesday 7 th June	Extra Bank Holiday for the Queen's Jubilee
Monday 4th July	INSET
Friday 22nd July	Break up for Summer Holidays

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Thursday 1st September	INSET 1
Friday 2nd September	Children Back to School
Monday 24th- Friday 28th October	Half Term
Friday 25th November	INSET 2
Thursday 22nd December	INSET 3
Monday 20th – Friday 24 th February	February Half Term
Monday 3 rd - Friday 14 th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 1st May	Bank holiday Monday
Monday 29th May – Friday 2 nd June	Spring Bank Half Term
Monday 5 th June	INSET 4
Friday 14th July	INSET 5
Friday 21st July	Break up for summer