

St. Oswald's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 11/10/2024



Mission Statement
We walk in the footsteps of Jesus so that we may have life in all its fullness.
John 10-10
School Website: www.st-oswaldsrcsch.co.uk

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well. We have lots happening this term, please read our newsletter to find out when different events will take place in the coming weeks and months. I would like to thank you for supporting our Macmillan Coffee Morning last week and joining in our Harvest Celebrations yesterday – both were really well attended. I hope you all enjoy your weekend and I look forward to seeing you in the coming weeks at forthcoming events including Parent's Evening. We are always grateful that you continue to support our school community.

Best wishes,

Mr Woodhouse

Attendance

Attendance has been fantastic so far this term, thank you to everyone for your efforts. Please keep it up through the rest of the term!

Red	Under 92%
Amber	92-96.99%
Green	97% and above

Please remember that new statutory attendance guidance has come into effect this term, with some changes to the way attendance is monitored and penalty notices are issued by the Local Authority. Please see the "Every School Day Matters" flyer for details.

If your child is going to be absent, please inform the school office on 01915 367922 by 9am on each morning of the absence.

Attendance Award

Congratulations to Year 2 who won the Attendance award this week with 98%

Reception — 97%
Year 1 — 97%
Year 2 — 98%
Year 3 — 94%
Year 4 — 95%
Year 5 — 92%
Year 6 — 85%

Our school target is at least 97%

Harvest Festival

Thank you for attending our Harvest Festival events, the children enjoyed performing for you all and it really brought a sense of community into school. We managed to donate a fantastic amount to Hospitality and Hope, who will put it to good use supporting the vulnerable over the winter.

Y5 Trip to STEMfest

Year 5 had a wonderful visit to the STEM festival this week. They had the opportunity to take part in various hands-on activities which involved Space, Technology, Environmental and Manufacturing. We also took part in a Nissan Workshop where the children spray painted cars and used nuts and bolts. Finally, they thought about their own careers and then ended the day taking part in a football workshop with Sunderland Football Club. The children were outstanding and we are really proud of them!

Macmillan Coffee Morning—Friday 4th October

The Mini Vinnies hosted our annual coffee morning and raised an outstanding £162.50. We are incredibly grateful for the support of our community, which allows us to live out our Catholic values and fundraise for those in need.

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:

* Mr Woodhouse * Mrs Keith * Mr Smith * Miss Godfrey *



Class Worship

We are excited to welcome you into school for our Class Worship again this term. We are starting with Year 2 next Tuesday 15th October at 9.15am. Year 1 will follow on 12th November at 9.15am.



Free School Meals

Please follow this link to check your child's eligibility for Free School Meals. If you are already eligible, you need not reapply, as once confirmed, eligibility remains in place until the end of primary school.

<https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/pp-bccet>



Reading at Home

Your child is provided with a reading book every week, to read with you at home. Please fill in your child's reading record and comment on their progress.

Please **make sure your reading books are returned in good condition every week.**

Replacing lost or damaged books is very expensive, therefore replacements will be charged at £5 each.

Reading for pleasure can benefit a child's education, social and cognitive development, their wellbeing, and their mental health.

Reading improves vocabulary, comprehension, develops critical thinking skills, improves memory, and improves results at school.



Asda CashPot for Schools

We are now over £400 and heading for £500! Please keep scanning when you shop—it doesn't cost you any extra and we will be able to buy lots of wonderful new resources for the children with the donations!



Cashpot for Schools is our mission to support primary schools across the UK.

Every time you shop with Asda Rewards from 2nd September to 30th November, we will donate 0.5% of your total spend to a primary school of your choice. Plus, Asda will pop £1 into your school's Cashpot every time someone opts in.

Book Fair

Next week, we are holding a Book Fair! The fair will be open on **Friday 18th, Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd October from 3:30 - 4pm.**

At the fair, you will be able to purchase a wide range of book for ages 3-11, at a range of price points. You will be able to pay using card (via a QR code) and with cash.

During the school day, children will be able to browse the book fair before attending after school. The fair will be held in the school hall, and all children must be accompanied by an adult.

Curriculum Café and Phonics Cafe

We would like to invite you to an EYFS Curriculum Café (N and R) and a Phonics Café (R, Y1 and Y2). This will be a chance to hear from your child's teacher about what is included in the curriculum and how our Phonics Scheme—SoundsWrite works. The children will then join you for some activities.

Please see the dates section for when each event is occurring.

Uniform

Please send your child to school in full school uniform, and check our uniform policy on our website for guidance if you are unsure.

Earrings, false eyelashes and make-up are not permitted.

Applying for 2025 Reception and Y7 Places

Don't forget that the deadline for applying for places in Year 7 (2025) is 31st October at 4pm.

The deadline for Reception (2025) places is 15th January 2025. Please remember that attending our Nursery does not automatically guarantee a place in Reception—you MUST apply via the council's website.



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