

# St. Oswald's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter 17/01/2025



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](http://www.st-oswaldsrcsch.co.uk)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for completing the parent survey that was sent to you last week, your feedback was extremely positive and your comments help us to continue to improve moving forward. I am really pleased with the children's attendance since returning to school after the Christmas break, we are sitting in the green zone, meaning that we are meeting our school target! Please take some time to read the rest of the Newsletter.

Best wishes,

Mr D Woodhouse

### Attendance

We have started 2025 really strongly from an attendance point of view, with our whole school attendance being 97.6% since we returned. This means we are meeting our school aspirational goal—please keep it up through the rest of the term!

Red	Under 92%
Amber	92—97%
Green	Above 97%

If your child is going to be absent for any reason, please inform the school office on 01915 367922 by 9am on each morning of the absence. This includes illness, medical appointments and any other reason for absence.

Please remember that new statutory attendance guidance has come into effect this year, 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.

### Attendance Award

Congratulations to Year 6 who won the Attendance award this week with 99%

Reception — 97%  
Year 1 — 98%  
Year 2 — 98%  
Year 3 — 97%  
Year 4 — 92%  
Year 5 — 97%  
Year 6 — 99%

Our school target is at least 97%

### SEND Cafe

We would like to invite all parents and carers to attend a SEND café at school on Tuesday 28th January at 9.15am. This is a chance to hear from Miss Godfrey, our SENDCo, about SEN provision at St Oswalds, and to ask any questions you may have. Refreshments will be provided. This session will be beneficial for anyone with a child with SEND or anyone who has any questions or would just like more information.

### Non-Uniform Day for Donations

On 31st January we are holding a non-uniform day. Instead of donating £1, we are asking you to donate any unwanted or duplicate gifts, any bottles for our tombolas through the year, any chocolate for our Easter raffle or things like smellies (both ladies and mens), craft kits, anything we can use as a raffle prize.

We will use these donations throughout the year at our events, and hopefully this means we won't have to ask for donations again this year!

### Rockstars Maths Day

Get your air guitars, cool sunglasses and basslines at the ready for.... Rockstar Maths Day! On Friday 7th February, we will be celebrating Number Day by dressing up as cool rock stars and taking part in exciting Rockstar themed maths challenges and problem-solving tasks.

### Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:

Mr Woodhouse

Mrs Keith

Mr Smith

Miss Godfrey

## Grounds Rules

- Please ensure your child stays off the grass and out of the forest next to the nursery when school has finished.
- Children should not play football on the yards or play on the trim trail/gym equipment outside of school hours.
- Dogs are not allowed into the school grounds.
- Please do not smoke or vape on the school grounds.

## 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.

<https://www.st-oswaldsrcsch.co.uk/school-uniform/>

Earrings, nail varnish/fake nails, false eyelashes and make-up are not permitted.

## School Meals

School meals are free for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

Meals for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 should be paid for **in advance** via ParentPay. Accounts that fall into debt will be asked to provide a packed lunch until the debt is cleared.

Meals cost £2.50 per day (£12.50 per week). Please see the menu on our website for the options available each day.

## Year 6 Residential Trip to Kingswood

Our Year 6 residential trip this year will be to Kingswood in Hexham in June. Letters have gone out with full information about this trip, but if you have any questions please see Mr Smith. The deadline for the £50 deposit is 21st February, with full payment being due by 23rd May.

## Mosque Trip—3rd February

Y4, Y5 and Y6 have the opportunity to visit Al Azhar Mosque in South Shields on 3rd February. As part of their RE curriculum through the year, they will be learning about diverse faiths and religions outside Catholicism, and visiting other places of worship is a great way to do this. Sessions at the Mosque are led by community volunteers and include information about Islam and a tour of the Mosque. We are asking for a contribution of £9 towards to coach hire for this trip, please make a payment via ParentPay if possible.

## Royal Northern Sinfonia Trip

On 4th March, KS2 have the opportunity to watch the Royal Northern Sinfonia perform at the Glasshouse. This is a special concert for schools, to open up the world of classical music to children and inspire their creativity. The orchestra will perform pieces from the vast BBC Ten Pieces library, helping our children discover music that breaks boundaries, inspires hope, and makes you want to dance!

## FSM Eligibility

Please follow this link to check your eligibility for Free School Meals. If you are already eligible, there is no need to recheck.

If you are eligible for FSM, your child will also receive a free drink of milk every day and would be entitled to any holiday food vouchers that South Tyneside Council issue, along with free HAF activities during the school holidays.

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

## Mass Times

Mass is held at St Oswald's Church at 11am every Sunday.

## [Link for pupils to vote in BCCET Awards](#)

### Chadwick Celebration Awards 2025 Pupil Nomination Information



One of Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trusts values is **Celebration** and we want to celebrate all our staff across the Trust who go that extra mile. There are seventeen categories in our awards and **only pupils can nominate** in the Inspirational Staff Award category.

Nominate staff from your school for our Inspirational Staff Award

[www.tinyurl.com/pupil2025](http://www.tinyurl.com/pupil2025)

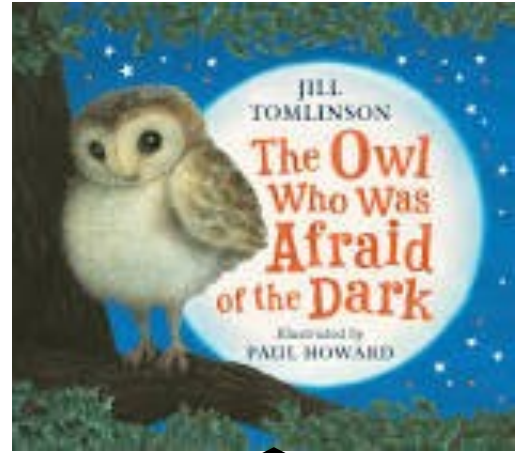






## Recommended Reading!

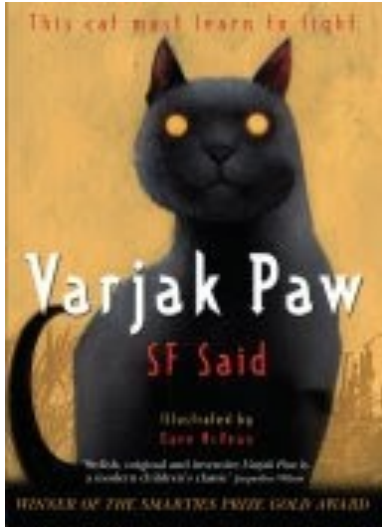
Reading for pleasure opens up new worlds for children. It gives them the opportunity to use their imagination to explore new ideas, visit new places and meet new characters. Interestingly, reading for pleasure also improves children's well-being and empathy. It helps them to understand their own identity, and gives them an insight into the world and the views of oth-



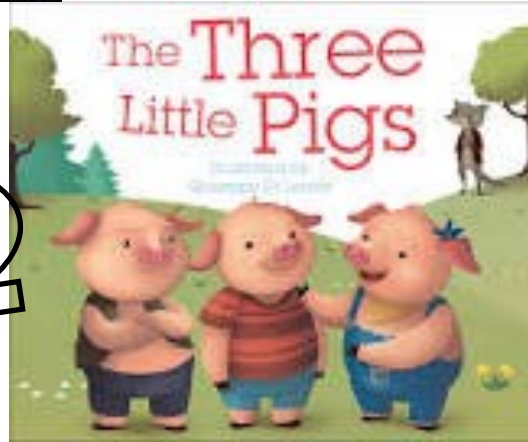
Recommended by  
Year 2

Here are some books that our children have enjoyed reading this half term so far. You can find them and hundreds of other fantastic books for free in our local library, The Word. If you discover any new favourite books you'd like to share, please let us know!

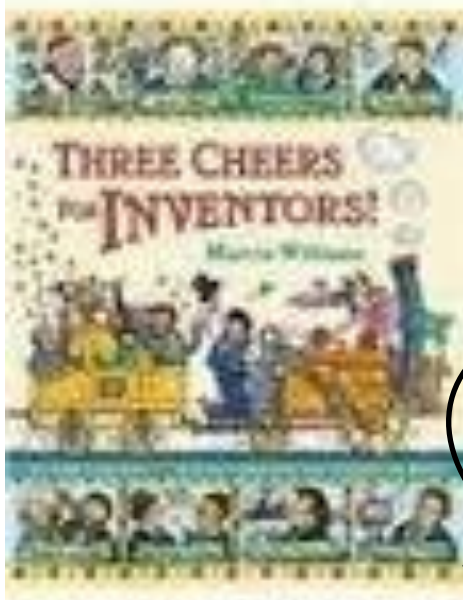
You can email [tso\\_info@stoswaldsrc.co.uk](mailto:tso_info@stoswaldsrc.co.uk) with what you've been reading, or let your class teacher know.



Recommended  
By  
Year 5



Recommended  
by  
Year 1



Recommended  
by Year 3

Recommended  
by Year 4

