

St. Oswald's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 25/10/2024



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,

The first half term of the school year has been a really positive one. It was great to see so many of you attend our Harvest Service a few weeks ago, our Year 2 'Celebration of the Word' and our Early Years Café which was particularly well attended. Thank you also for the positive feedback we received from our RE survey, the school really feels supported by you all. The children have really impressed me with their positive attitudes to learning and their exemplary manners this half term.

Our school is a special community, where we all work together – I thank all our children and parents for making this possible. I hope you all enjoy a restful half term break and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 4th November.

Best wishes,
Mr D 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 5 who won the Attendance award this week with 99%

Reception 94%
Year 1 97%
Year 2 97%
Year 3 95%
Year 4 97%
Year 5 99%
Year 6 98%

Our school target is at least 97%

Parents Evenings

Parents Evenings will be held on Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th November 3.30-6pm. Bookings are now open via the Arbor portal. If you need help booking in please call the school office on 01915367922.

Phonics Cafe

On Thursday 7th November at 9am we will be holding a Phonics café for parents/carers of Reception, year 1 and Year 2. This is a chance to hear about how our Phonics Scheme— SoundsWrite works and ask the class teachers any questions you may have. The children will then join you for some activities.

Mental Health Cafe

On Friday 8th November we will be holding a Mental Health Café for all parents and carers. Mr Smith will be introducing you to the MyHappyMind app that we have been using in school, and Ashleigh from Healthy Minds team will be there to talk through any concerns about Mental Health that you may be having.

Nursery Spaces

We have 15h and 30h spaces available to start Nursery in January. Please call into the school office for a nursery application form if your child is 3 before 31/12/24 and you would like them to attend next term. We are also accepting applications for Easter 2025 and September 2025.

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:

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

Book Fair

Thank you all so much for your overwhelming support at the Book Fair. Along with buying new books for your children and fostering their love of reading at home, you have also all managed to raise **£960** for school to spend on new books for our library and classrooms. We cannot thank you enough, this will be a huge help in updating our resources to keep reading fresh and interesting!

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>
Vouchers for this half term holiday have been issued, please get in touch if you are entitled to FSM and have not received yours.

Year 5 Swimming

Year 5 will start swimming lessons on Friday 8th November. Please make sure they bring swimsuit, towel and swimming cap each Friday until Christmas.

Year 5 Bikeability

Year 5 will be taking part in Bikeability in the week commencing 11th November. If you would like your child to take part, please consent online via the emailed link. They will need to bring their bike and helmet into school every day that week.

Asda CashPot for Schools

We are now over £500!

Thank you for scanning every time you shop—remember 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!

Year 2 Class Worship

Thank you to all the parents and carers of Year 2 who attended their Class Worship last week, it was lovely to see so many of you. Year 2 enjoyed being able to share what they had learned about St Luke and using kind words to heal.

Curriculum Cafe

We hope that all our Nursery and Reception parents and carers enjoyed the Curriculum Café. It was an opportunity to see how we do things in Early Years, and the children loved showing off their favourite activities to their grown ups. If you have any questions about our Early Years Foundation Stage, please contact Miss Porter via the school office.

Catholic Social Teaching Awards

At the end of each half term, at St Oswald's, we will be presenting a special Catholic Social Teaching Award to those children who are putting their faith into action within our school community and the wider world. We would like parents to let us know about their child's achievements outside of school, for example; charity fundraising, exemplary behaviour towards others, volunteering in the community or taking an active role in the parish. Please email tso_info@stoswaldsrc.co.uk with any nominations for this award over the next half term.

Congratulations to:

- Alba (Y6) for demonstrating The Common Good
- Michael (Y4) for demonstrating The Common Good and Solidarity
- Anna (Y5) for demonstrating The Common Good
- Harvey (Y5) for demonstrating Participation
- Sophie (Y1) for demonstrating The Common Good and Solidarity
- Rosabella (Y5) for demonstrating Participation, The Common Good, Solidarity and Human Dignity.
- Dominic (Y2) for demonstrating The Common Good and Solidarity

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