

# St. Oswald's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter 29/11/2024



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

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well, and are looking forward to joining us for our Christmas season events. The children have all been working very hard in the rehearsals for their Nativity performances, and for their Advent Wreaths. Please see the list of dates attached for when each performance is taking place.

It is wonderful to have so many opportunities to invite you all into school, thank you as always for your support of our school community.

Best wishes,  
Mr Woodhouse

### Attendance

Attendance has taken a bit of a dip this week, especially in upper KS2. Please see the attendance section of our website for all the reasons attendance is so important, and the knock-on effect missing sessions can have on your child's education. Please don't miss school unless you are too unwell to attend.

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

If your child is going to be absent, please inform the school office on 01915 367922 by 9am on each morning of the absence. **Please don't inform staff on the yard of any absences**—they have no way of writing them down.

### Attendance Award

Congratulations to Year 1 who won the Attendance award this week with 98.3%

Reception 98.2%  
Year 1 98.3%  
Year 2 95.7%  
Year 3 97%  
Year 4 93.3%  
Year 5 87%  
Year 6 89.2%

### Donations for Christmas Fayre

Don't forget to join us on Tuesday 3rd December for our Christmas Fayre after school.

Our school choir will be singing carols and songs in the hall for you all to enjoy, join in with and get in the festive spirit.

If anyone has anything they would like to donate we would be very grateful —e.g. bottles for the tombola, prizes for the raffle, Christmas crackers for one of the games we would like to play, chocolate or sweets, selection boxes or nice toiletries/smellies as prizes.

Thank you all—we can't do it without you.

### Parents Christmas Crafts night

On Monday (2nd December) we are holding a Family Christmas Crafts night from 3.30pm. You can sign up via ParentPay, at a cost of £3 per child. Children must be accompanied by at least one adult. Refreshments will be served.

### Year 6 Carol Service

This year for the first time, Year 6 will be leading an evening carol service at St Oswald's Church. It will take place on 9th December at 5.30pm. Everyone is invited to join us there!

### Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:

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

## Year 4 Advent Wreath

We began the season of Advent today, when Year 4 lit the first candle on our Advent Wreath. The evergreen wreath symbolizes the eternity of God and everlasting life. The first candle symbolizes Hope, reminding us that Jesus is coming. We will continue to light our Advent wreath candles each week—please see the dates list for when your KS2 child's class are leading the worship.

### Fire Service Visit

Last week, the Fire Service brought their fire engine in to see our Reception and Nursery children. They showed us lots of things on the fire engine and told us about their job. They even put their lights and siren on for us—it was very loud! Please see the Nursery class page on our website for photos of the visit.

### Year 3 and Year 4 trip to Newcastle Eagles STEM workshop

On Monday, Year 3 and Year 4 visited the Newcastle Eagles at the Vertu arena. They took part in STEM workshops that showed how science and technology are used in sports careers. Each child was also given a free ticket to see the Women's Basketball team play, so please go and enjoy the game!

### Nursery & Reception Autumn Festival

On Tuesday 19th November, we held our Early Years Autumn Festival for all our Nursery and Reception children. We had so much fun painting Autumn baubles, making magic wands, icing Autumn cakes and eating hotdogs. We had a nice hot chocolate to warm up as well. Thank you to everyone for attending, it is lovely to share our learning with parents and carers.

### Asda CashPot for Schools

The chance to raise money for us just by shopping at Asda ends tomorrow—please scan your Cashpot barcode if you go shopping tonight or tomorrow. We have over £750 in our pot, so it has been a huge success, thank you all so much!

**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.

## Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is on before school every morning, and includes breakfast and games/activities. It costs £3 and is run on a drop-in basis so you can use it whenever you need to without the need to pre-book. **Please arrive between 8 and 8.15am.**

### First Holy Communion

Children in Year 4 are invited to make their First Holy Communion in June 2025. If you would like your child to make theirs, please see Father Keith after 11am Mass at St Oswald's any Sunday this half term. He will be able to give you more details and a registration form to fill in. Forms must be returned to Father Keith by 22nd December.

### 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 and make-up are not permitted.

### Catholic Social Teaching Awards

Please email [tso\\_info@stoswaldsrc.co.uk](mailto:tso_info@stoswaldsrc.co.uk) with any ways your child has put their faith into action outside school this half term. For example; charity fundraising, exemplary behaviour towards others, volunteering in the community or taking an active role in the parish.

### 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>

### 2025 Reception Places

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

A promotional graphic for Asda Cashpot for Schools. It features a green background with white and yellow text. The main text reads "you scan, WE DONATE ££s TO SCHOOLS." Below this, it says "Download the Asda Rewards app and opt-in today". There is a yellow star with "ASDA Rewards" written on it, and a yellow shield with "CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS" written on it. A small button in the bottom right corner says "Find out more".

## Milk for Spring Term

If your child would like milk at snack time during the Spring term, you can now pay for it on ParentPay—£9.10 for the whole term. If your child is in Nursery or is in receipt of benefits-related Free School Meals, your child automatically receives their milk for free and there is no need to purchase it.

## MyHappyMind

We know Christmas can be a time of changes to routine that all children can find challenging, please use the link to access the MyHappyMind parent app that will help children navigate the holiday season using strategies they are taught in school

<https://myhappymind.lpages.co/myhappymind-parent-app-introduction/>

## Key Dates Autumn Term

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** – RE Christmas Crafts Family Workshop 3.30pm  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 3.30pm** – Christmas Carols and Fayre  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December** – Y4 Bikeability  
**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 3pm** - Y3 Advent Wreath

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 5.30pm**—Y6 Carol Service at St Oswald's Church  
**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am and 2.40pm** – N and R Nativity  
**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am and 2.30pm** – Y1 and Y2 Nativity  
**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – N and R Winter Wonderland trip  
**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am and 2.30pm** – Y3, Y4, Y5 Nativity  
**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 3pm** – Y5 Advent Wreath

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Party Day  
**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Jumper Day / Christmas Dinner  
**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 3pm** – Y6 Advent Wreath  
**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Last day of term, finish at 1.15pm

## AWARDS

### FOOTPRINT AWARD

22/11/24

Ellie - Reception  
Bo - Year 1  
Isaac - Year 2  
—Year 3  
Bukola —Year 4  
Ella -Year 5  
Oscar—Year 6

### ENGLISH AWARD

22/11/24

Isla M -Reception  
Jais - Year 1  
Darcie - Year 2  
Adam - Year 3  
Kota-Kai - Year 4  
Estrella - Year 5  
Francesca—Year 6

### MATHS AWARD

22/11/24

Lucy -Reception  
Sophie - Year 1  
Vada - Year 2  
Ethan -ear 3  
Kai - Year 4  
Hollie - Year 5  
Jude - Year 6

The below awards will be presented on Monday, 2nd December.

### FOOTPRINT AWARD

29/11/24

Elijah - Reception  
Hannah - Year 1  
Laila and Vitoria -  
Year 2  
Zara —Year 3  
Aston —Year 4  
Charlie L -Year 5  
Ellie —Year 6

### ENGLISH AWARD

29/11/24

Isla G —Reception  
Carter - Year 1  
Dominic - Year 2  
Jonnie—Year 3  
Spencer —Year 4  
Mya - Year 5  
Mason —Year 6

### MATHS AWARD

29/11/24

Kythen —R  
Meredith- Year 1  
Olivia S - Year 2  
Caleb —Year 3  
Seren —Year 4  
Anna - Year 5  
Ava—Year 6

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### GOLD HOT CHOCOLATE

AWARD 22/11/24

Scarlett - Reception  
Harry - Year 1  
Jack - Year 2  
Edison - Year 3  
Callie - Year 4  
Charlie F - Year 5  
Billy - Year 6

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### GOLD HOT CHOCOLATE

29/11/24

Isabelle—Reception  
Zachary - Year 1  
Ella H- Year 2  
Elmor—Year 3  
Mason —Year 4  
Koby - Year 5  
Heidi —Year 6

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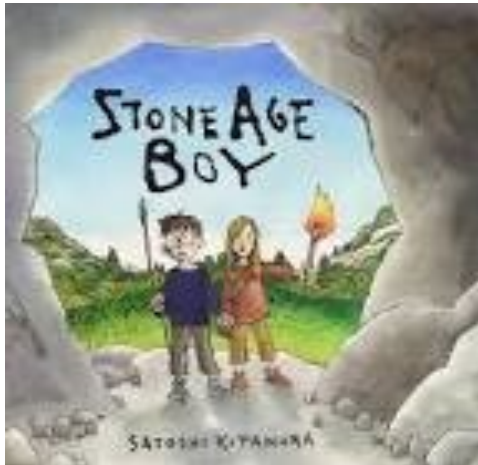


## Recommended Reads!

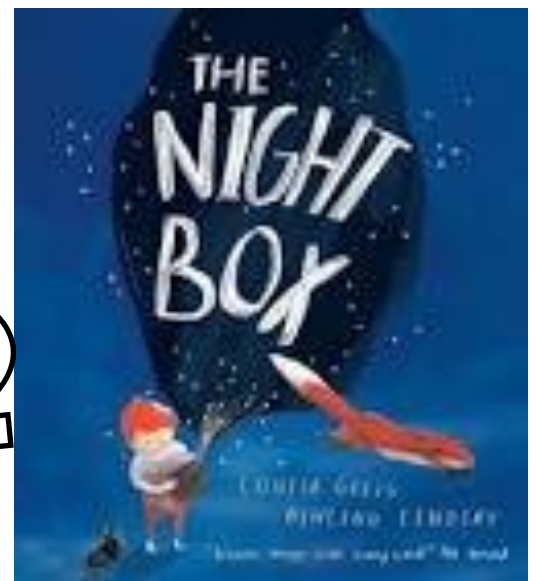
Reading for pleasure opens up new worlds for children. It gives them the opportunity to use their imagination to explore new ideas, visit new places and meet new characters. Interestingly, reading for pleasure also improves children's well-being and empathy. It helps them to understand their own identity,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

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.



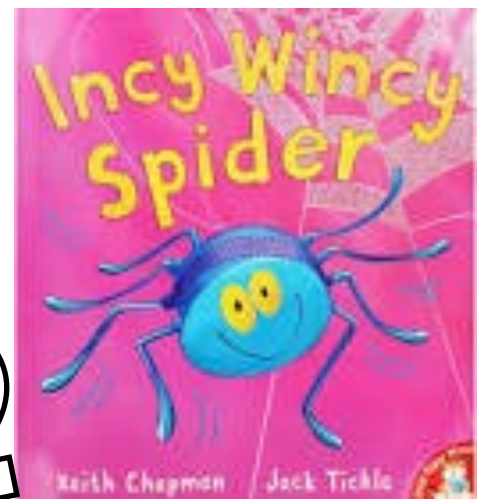
Recommended  
by Year 3



Recommended  
by Year 1



Recommended  
by Year 4



Recommended  
by Nursery