

# St. Oswald's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter 14/03/2025



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.stoswaldsrc.co.uk](http://www.stoswaldsrc.co.uk)

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families are well. It has been a great start to the half term and the children have quickly settled back into school. I have really enjoyed talking to the children about their work and observing their positive attitudes towards each other. It was lovely to see so many parents coming into school this week for parent's evening and it was great to see a good number of parents attend our SEND Cafe last week. Please take some time to read the information on the newsletter below. I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,  
Mr. D. Woodhouse

### Attendance

Attendance continues to be quite strong, with whole school attendance being 95% this school year. Please continue to do your best to be in school whenever you are able!

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 3 who won the Attendance award this week with 100%!

**Reception — 91.6%**  
Year 1 — 95.2%  
Year 2 — 96.6%  
**Year 3 — 100%**  
Year 4 — 92.9%  
Year 5 — 98.9%  
Year 6 — 94%

Our school target is at least 97%

### Easter Bonnets/Gardens of Gethsemane Competition

Children are invited to design and decorate an Easter Bonnet/ Hat or their own garden of Gethsemane. The children will need to bring their entry into school on Thursday 3rd April. All entries will be displayed in the hall from 9.15am to 9.45am for parents to view. It is worth noting that prizes will be awarded, and will go to the children that have completed themselves!

Please remember **NO REAL EGGS or EGG SHELLS** are to be used due to allergies within school.

### School Photos

Catch-up day for photos of those children absent last week is next Friday, 21st March.

Please return your order forms/money to school by **25th March** for any photos you wish to purchase.

### Lent Walk for Cafod

Please continue to fill in your logs of distance walked at home, and bring them into school every Friday of Lent to add to the whole school total.

Lent is a special time to prepare our hearts for Easter through prayer, saying sorry and thinking of others. 2025 is a Jubilee Year for the Catholic Church and the theme for March is pilgrimage. A pilgrimage is a journey to a holy place, which can lead to a personal transformation, after which the pilgrim returns to their daily life.

### Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:

Mr Woodhouse

Mrs Keith

Mr Smith

Miss Godfrey

## Lenten Alms

This year the School Council have been involved in deciding how we prepare for Lent. Lenten alms is an important aspect of Lent when we learn about giving to others. The school council would like to support local charities Hospitality and Hope, The Key Project and Pawz for Thought. They were very passionate that we also helped animals in need as well as people.

The children may choose to give something up for the period of Lent or help in other ways, be kind to others etc. For each kind deed they do outside of school they could perhaps be gifted a piece of produce to bring in for one of the charities, a tin of soup, packet of pasta, dog biscuits etc.

Over the period of Lent the children will have a card in class and they will be able to colour a cross on the card for each donation they bring in. When their card is full (4 crosses) it will be added to the hall display.

At the end of Lent we will gift all the donations brought in to school to the charities named above.

## 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.

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

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

## Y5 and Y6 Residential Trips

Just a reminder that both Y5 and Y6 trips are available to pay by installments via ParentPay. Please make sure full payment is made by 21st May 2025.

## Staff Car Park

Please note the school car park is for staff use only—please do not use it during drop off and pick up times for Breakfast Club and the general school day. Unfortunately it is a very small space and we do not have room for visitors spaces.

## Royal Northern Sinfonia Trip

On 4th March, KS2 had the opportunity to watch the Royal Northern Sinfonia perform at the Glasshouse. This was a special concert just for schools, to open up the world of classical music to children and inspire their creativity. Our children loved the variety of pieces performed, and the number of instruments involved. Watching such a talented orchestra perform in such a beautiful venue was an unforgettable experience.

## Nursery Stay and Play

On Friday 28th March, Nursery parents and carers are invited to stay-and-play for a Mothers Day themed session.

AM Parents/Carers—10.30-11.30am

PM and 30h Parents/Carers—2.15-3.15pm

It will be a chance to explore Nursery with your little one, and take part in some craft activities.

## 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)



## World Book Day

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March, we celebrated World Book Day! We came dressed up as our favourite characters including The Highway Rat, Dog Man, Minions and even Fantastic Mr Fox. Throughout the day, we celebrated reading and recommended our favourite books to others. Take a look at our 'Recommended Reads'. We had a fantastic day!



## Premises Rules

Smoking and vaping is not permitted anywhere within our grounds, please wait until you are off the school property before smoking or vaping.

Dogs are not allowed on site, please do not bring them in at all. We have recently had to clean up several dog messes from the playground—dog waste can cause illnesses and infections, and is not nice when it gets on shoes/clothes..

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

## Congratulations Miss Shaughnessy

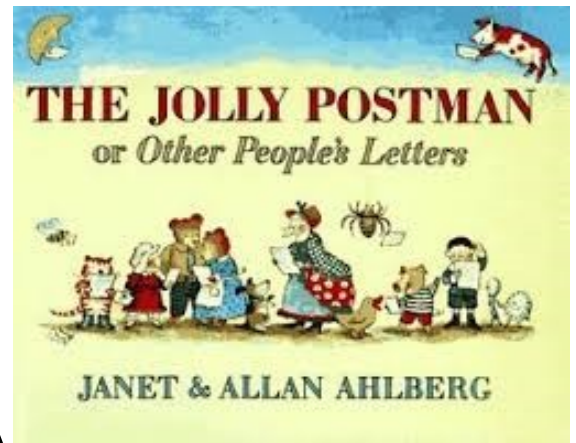
Congratulations to Miss Shaughnessy, who has had her appointment as Headteacher at St Gregory's made permanent.

Tommy T - Reception  
Amelia - Year 1  
Olivia B - Year 2  
Robyn - Year 3  
Olly - Year 4  
Hollie - Year 5  
Alba - Year 6

## Recommended Reading!

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.



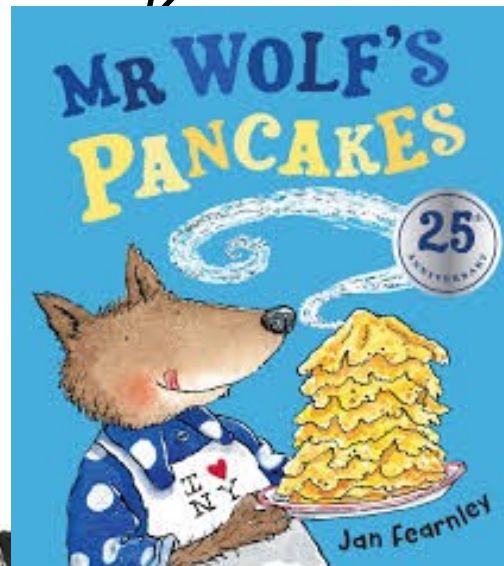
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By  
Kobie in Nursery

Recommended  
by Libby in  
Nursery

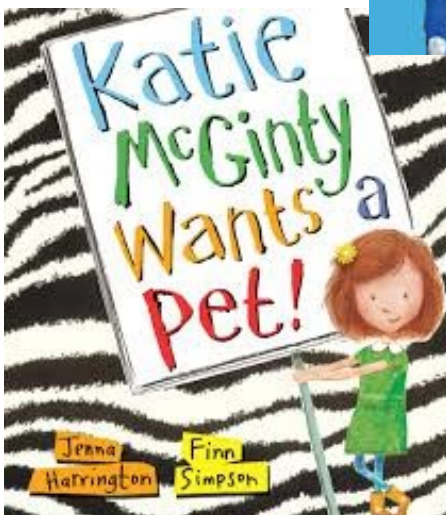
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by Myla in Year  
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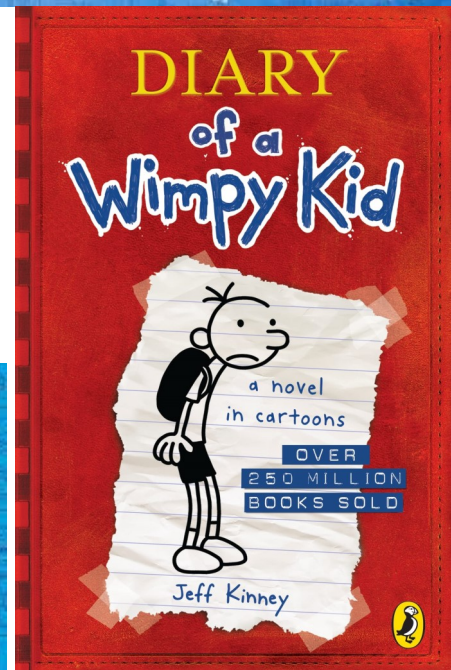
Recommended by  
Hannah in Year 4



Recommended by  
Emily in Year 3



Recommended by  
Noor in Reception



Recommended  
by Sam in Year  
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