St. Oswald's Catholic Primary School Newsletter 14/02/2025

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



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an extremely busy month as you can see from the detailed Newsletter below. I would like to thank you all again for the continuous support you all give to the school community. The school's inspection report will be published next week and I am looking forward to sharing this with you all before the half term break. Our school attendance has been stronger this year and I would like to thank you all for ensuring your children are in school and learning. I hope you have a lovely weekend and I will see you all next week.

Best wishes, Mr D Woodhouse

Attendance

Attendance continues to be quite strong, with whole school attendance being 95% since January. 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 4 who won the Attendance award this week with 97.8%

Reception — 93.6% Year 1 – 97.4% Year 2 – 95.7% Year 3 – 91.2% Year 4 – 97.8% Year 5 – 93.1% Year 6 - 92.9%

Our school target is at least 97%

SEND Café rearranged

We would like to invite all parents and carers to attend a SEND café at school on Wednesday 5th March 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. The Toby Henderson Trust are also attending. 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.

Y5 Residential Trip

We are excited to announce that this year, for the first time, we are able to offer a residential trip to Year 5. The have the opportunity to visit Emmaus Youth Village for two nights in May. There will be a Parent Meeting about this trip in

After School Clubs

Letters about after school clubs for next half term have been given out this week. Please remember that paying via ParentPay secures your place for most activities.

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.

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:

Mr Woodhouse Mrs Keith Mr Smith Miss Godfrey



The North East Ambulance Service came into school on Tuesday with one of their vehicles. They spoke to lots of our children from Nursery to Y6 about different careers within the Ambulance Service—from being a paramedic to operating the phone lines in the emergency call centre. We also had chance to look around the ambulance and see what equipment gets used.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We are delighted with the response to our request for a volunteer to become Parent Governor. We received four applications and voting is now open. Please vote for your choice for Parent Governor by following the link below. Voting is open until noon on Monday 17th February. Results will be announced later that week.

ONLINE LINK

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/ppbccet

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. Please return the slip before half term, and make a contribution of £12 via ParentPay if possible.

Lateness

We have seen a rise in the number of children who are late every morning. Please remember that you can access school from 8.50am and the main school bell goes at 8.55am (Morning Nursery starts at 8.45am). Late arrivals disrupt the whole class and can make it hard for your child to settle into the school day.

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



















Class Worships



Thank you to all the Reception and Year 4 parents who joined us in school this week for Class Worships. The children were very proud to share their faith with you.



Archaeology Workshops

This week Year 1, Year 3 and Year 4 participated in some Archaeology workshops, where they excavated some artefacts and learned

about how we can reconstruct the past.











St Oswald's Catholic Primary School Wednesday 5th March 2025 9:15-10:30

Find out more about SEND at St Oswald's with Miss Godfrey. Find out the support that you can access from the Toby Henderson Trust.











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School Website Update

Our school website is changing From 19 March 2025 our new website address will be: www.stoswaldsrc.co.uk

We would love to hear your feedback on the new website, please email tso info@stoswaldsrc.co.uk



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Rockstars Maths Day

Times Table Rockstar Day was a huge success! All classes took part in rockstar themed Maths lessons and had lots of fun. We had classes planning timings for the bands on stage, buying band merchandise using number bonds to 20, planning a festival within a budget and much more! The times-table-a-thon was a very competitive event and the winners on the scoreboard will be announced in Celebration Assembly on Friday.

Thank you for the superb effort and support from home, everyone looked like true rockstars!

Key Dates Spring Term

24th-28th February—Half Term

Tuesday 4th March—Royal Northern Sinfonia Trip (KS2)

Wednesday 5th March—SEND Café 9.15am Thursday 6th March—School Photo Day Friday 7th March—World Book Day Mon 10th March—Parents Evening 3.30-6pm Wed 12th March—Parents Evening 3.30-6pm Tues 18th March—Music Festival (Choir) Thurs 20th March—Music Festival (Year 2)

Friday 11th April—Last day of term—1.15pm finish



Staffing Update

We are sad to say that Mrs Maclachlan will be leaving us next Friday to embark on a new career.

Mrs Maclachlan has been a valued member of the teaching team and a great colleague to us all. I am sure you will all join us in wishing Mrs Maclachlan the best of luck as she moves on to her new role after the half term.

Parents Evening

Bookings are now open for Parents Evenings on Monday 10th and Wednesday 12th March, via Arbor. If you are struggling to book please call the school office.

AWARDS—7th February 2025

FOOTPRINT AWARD

Lewis - Reception Carter - Year 1 Vada - Year 2 Charlie - Year 3 Spencer - Year 4 Scarlett - Year 5 Oscar - Year 6

ENGLISH AWARD

Lucy - Reception Harry - Year 1 Olivia N - Year 2 Alec - Year 3 Louie - Year 4 Anya - Year 5 Kristen - Year 6

MATHS AWARD

Tommy S - Reception Aidan - Year 1 Aria - Year 2 Hugo —Year 3 Lois - Year 4 Carys - Year 5 Alba - Year 6

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Elijah - Reception Hannah - Year 1 Sazkia - Year 2 Zara - Year 3 Max - Year 4 Ella - Year 5 Freddie - Year 6

AWARDS—14th February 2025

FOOTPRINT AWARD

Roman W - Reception Sophie - Year 1 Summer - Year 2 Adam - Year 3 Millie - Year 4 Emily - Year 5 Junior - Year 6

ENGLISH AWARD

Ellie - Reception Mason - Year 1 Laila - Year 2 Olivia A - Year 3 Isla H - Year 4 Harper - Year 5 Mila - Year 6

MATHS AWARD

Jake - Reception Lucia - Year 1 Preston - Year 2 Robyn - Year 3 Olly - Year 4 Charlie L - Year 5 Marcie - Year 6

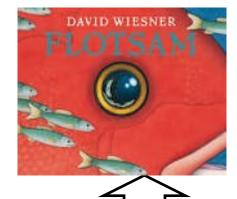
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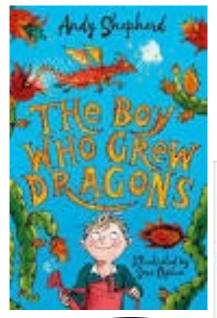
Evie P - Reception Jais - Year 1 Isla L - Year 2 Alex - Year 3 Caiden - Year 4 Lucy - Year 5 Freya - Year 6

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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 others.





Recommended by Reception

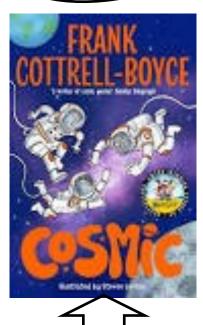


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ON WHEELS

Recommended by Year 4

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 with what you've been reading, or let your class teacher know.



Recommended by Year 5



