

# St. Oswald's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter 23/05/2025



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,  
We've had a fantastic spring term full of achievement and success. The children have made excellent progress and their positive attitudes and behavior continue to reflect the fantastic school community that we have – they are a credit to you all.

I would like to congratulate our Year 6 children for all their effort and hard work in preparing for their SATs tests which they sat last week. We are really proud of them all.

I am really looking forward to seeing you all in school next half term to join us for summer events including sports day and Y6 final year celebrations (see dates below.)

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your support over the course of the year. I wish you all a happy and restful half-term holiday.

Best wishes,  
Mr. D. Woodhouse

### Attendance

Attendance continues to be quite strong, with whole school attendance being 95.2% 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. Please see the "Every School Day Matters" flyer for details.

### Attendance Award

**Congratulations to Nursery who won the Attendance award this week with 97.4%!**

Nursery—97.4%  
Reception — 94%  
Year 1 — 96%  
Year 2 — 96.4%  
Year 3 — 91.5%  
Year 4 — 91.1%  
Year 5 — 94.4%  
Year 6 - 90%

Our school target is at least 97%

### Mary Portrait Project

May is the Month of Mary. For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honour Mary, Mother of God. Well done to all those who participated in our Mary portrait family project. You created some amazing pieces! Please see our website for even more examples.



### Welcome Nursery New Starters

A special welcome to our five new Nursery children, who started the week after Easter. Nursery places are still available for Sept 2025 onwards, please ask the office for an application form for your child.

### Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:

Mr Woodhouse

Mrs Keith

Mr Smith

Miss Godfrey

## Nursery Trip—Bill Quay Farm

On Wednesday 21st May, our Nursery spent the day at Bill Quay Farm. They spent lots of time with all the different farm animals, and got to explore the woodland area looking for mini beasts and plants.



## Catholic Social Teaching Awards

At the end of each half term, we present a special Catholic Social Teaching Award to every child who is putting their faith into action within our school community and the wider world, for example; charity fundraising, exemplary behaviour towards others, volunteering in the community or taking an active role in the parish.

Congratulations to those children who received theirs in Celebration Assembly today.

## 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>

## Swimming

Year 3 will continue going swimming every Friday until the end of term. Please bring swimwear, towel and swimming cap/goggles every Friday morning.

Swimming caps are available to buy from the office for £2 each.

## 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 23rd May 2025.

## PE Kits

Please ensure your child has their full PE kit in school for their PE day. If you are unsure which day your child's class does PE, please ask their teacher. PE kits can be left at school for the full half term then taken home and washed.

## Safetyworks Trip Y2 and Y3

Year 2 and Year 3 visited Safetyworks to learn about Summer Safety with the Fire Service. The session included lots of key life skills such as water safety, road safety and sun safety.



## VE Day 80th Anniversary Celebrations

On Thursday 8th May we celebrated the 80th anniversary of VE day. We had a special assembly followed by a picnic lunch, and we all enjoyed

wearing patriotic red, white and blue.



## Sun Safety

With the weather (slowly!) improving, please send your child to school with sun cream and a hat. On very sunny days, it can be worthwhile to apply sun cream in the morning before school as well. Please do not bring sun creams with nut-based ingredients such as almond oil into school.

Please also send a water bottle in every day, so your child can stay hydrated.



**Key Dates Summer Term 2**

Monday 2nd June—Return to School

Monday 2nd-Wednesday 4th June—Y6 Residential

Wed 11th June—Nursery Road Safety Sessions

Fri 13th June—Y6 Road Safety Workshop

Monday 16th June - New to Reception (Sept 2025) Parents Meeting 9.15am

Tuesday 1st July—4pm St Wilfrid's Transition Session for Parents of current Y5

Wed 2nd July—Nursery Sept New Starters Parents Meeting 3.30pm

**Friday 4th July—Inset Day (children not in school)**

Monday 7th July—EYFS Sports Day 10.30am and 2pm

Tuesday 8th July—KS1 Sports Day 1.30pm

Wednesday 9th July—KS2 Sports Day 1.30pm

Thursday 10th July—Whole school transition afternoon

Thurs 10th/Fri 11th July—Y6 transition days at their senior schools

Monday 14th July—Y6 Production 9.15am and 2.30pm

16th July—Y6 Leavers Celebration of the Word at 9.15am

Summer Fayre TBC

There are no after school clubs in the last week of term

**Thursday 17th July—Last Day of Term—1.15pm finish**

**AWARDS—16th May 2025**

<u>FOOTPRINT AWARD</u>	<u>ENGLISH AWARD</u>	<u>MATHS AWARD</u>
Tommy S. Reception	Jack Reception	Isabelle Reception