

St. Oswald's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 27/06/2025



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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your continued support this term. I look forward to seeing you all in the final few weeks of term as we celebrate our Year 6 children's time at St Oswald's as well as Sports Day and our Summer Fayre. I will be sending a newsletter to you all in the last week of term with reminders for the forthcoming year after the summer holiday. Please see information below regarding staffing arrangements for next academic year.

Best wishes,
Mr D Woodhouse

Teaching Staff (September 2025)

Year Group	Class Teacher
Nursery	Miss Porter
Reception	Miss Hall
Year 1	Mrs Mattioli
Year 2	Mrs Keith (AHT) & Mrs Pratt
Year 3	Miss Footes
Year 4	Mrs Price
Year 5	Mr Brabbs
Year 6	Mr Smith (AHT and SENDCo)
Music Curriculum/ Management Cover	Mrs Hambling

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and welcome Miss Hall and Mr Brabbs to our teaching team. They are really looking forward to starting their new roles at our school in September and I am sure will be very happy here with us at St Oswald's. They will both be joining us for the transition afternoon on Thursday 10th July, which will be a great opportunity to meet their new classes ahead of the new school year.

Miss Allison will be starting her maternity leave in September, we wish her health and happiness as she starts her family.

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:

Mr Woodhouse Mrs Keith
Mr Smith Miss Godfrey

Inset Day

Please remember we have an inset day on **Friday 4th July** and school will be closed to children..

Attendance

Congratulations to Year 4 who won the Attendance award this week with 99%!

Nursery—88%
Reception — 96%
Year 1 – 92%
Year 2 – 93%
Year 3 – 86%
Year 4 – 97%
Year 5 – 90%
Year 6 - 90%

Our school target is at least 97%

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.

Anglo-Saxon Workshops

Our Nursery and Year 5 class took part in some Anglo-Saxon workshops this week, delivered by Groundworks / Jarrow Hall. They learned about different textiles and how to spin flax into thread, how to weave bracelets using a stick and how to write phrases using runes. They all had a fantastic time and learned loads!

Beach School

Nine of our nursery families had the pleasure of completing 'Beach School' for 2 days this week. Organised by The Groundwork Trust they had a fabulous time at both Souter Lighthouse and Little Haven Beach. They took part in a scavenger hunt, created a mermaid, learned about pollution, litter picking, rockpool hunting, sandcastle building and beach races! We had a great time and even getting soaked in the rain didn't put us off! The best part, according to the children, was playing in the sea!



Year 1 Trip to Shipley Art Gallery

Year 1 are looking forward to their visit to Shipley Art Gallery in Gateshead. They will have a chance to explore the gallery and then take part in a workshop about making textiles with felt.

Please fill in the consent form and return to Mrs Mattioli. A contribution towards the cost of the trip can be made via ParentPay.

Reception Trip to the Farm

Our Reception class enjoyed their visit to Sunderland Training and Education Farm last week. They learned about a variety of animals, including non-traditional farm animals such as snakes and birds of prey!

Summer Fayre

Please join us for our Summer Fayre straight after school on Thursday 3rd July. Children will be dismissed as usual at 3.25 and then should be accompanied by an adult to the fayre. We will have a variety of stalls, games and crafts along with some refreshments. Our Summer Fayre is always a great opportunity to come together as a community and celebrate our school.

Uniform Swap Shop

Do you have any outgrown new or gently used uniforms at home that you don't need any more? If so please bring them into the school office before Thursday 3rd July.

At our Summer Fayre we will have a table with all the uniforms we receive on it, and all our families are welcome to take any items in the sizes they require for next year. There will be a pot for any cash donations you would like to make to the school in return, but this is not mandatory and all items can be taken for free.

This is a great way to reduce clothing waste, save money and support other families in our school community.

Arbor Finance

We are excited to announce that we are moving to Arbor Finance instead of ParentPay from September. It means everything from communication to payments will be available in one place through the Arbor App/website. Balances will be transferred, but please try to pay off any debts before 17/07/25 as any accounts in debit will not be able to access paid-for services until the balance is cleared.

Key Dates Summer Term 2

Wed 2nd July—Y1 trip to Shipley Art Gallery

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

Thursday 3rd July—Penalty Shootout Day

Thursday 3rd July—3.30pm—Summer Fayre

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

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

Tuesday 8th July—4pm St Wilfrid’s Transition Session for Parents of current Y5

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

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

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

AWARDS 20/06/25

GOLD HOT CHOCOLATE
AWARD

Ellie - Reception
Buddy - Year 1
Olivia B - Year 2
Alec - Year 3
Harley C - Year 4
Louie—Year 5
Austen - Year 6

Elijah - Reception
Reuben - Year 1
Darcie - Year 2
Jonnie - Year 3
Kaylen - Year 4
Aleigha - Year 5
Kate - Year 6

AWARDS 27/06/25

GOLD HOT CHOCOLATE
AWARD

Kythen - Reception
Charlotte - Year 1
Laila - Year 2
Ethan - Year 3
Spencer - Year 4
Jorja - Year 5
Jude - Year 6

Evie - Reception
Harry - Year 1
Charlotte - Year 2
Isabella - Year 3
Hannah - Year 4
Lucy - Year 5
Freddie - Year 6

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