

St. Oswald's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 18/09/2025



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,

Your children have settled back into their school routine so well this term, especially our Nursery and Reception children who, in some cases, are starting our school for the very first time.

I would like to congratulate our new Head Boy, Sam and our new Head Girl, Anna; I know they will stand as excellent role models for the younger children in our school. My congratulations also goes to the Year 6 children who read their speeches out in front of the whole school – I was so impressed with what they all said and the confidence they read with.

Well done to our new School Councillors and Mini Vinnies. I am really looking forward to working with you this year.

Please read our newsletter regarding upcoming events and important messages about school below.

Have a lovely weekend.
Mr. D. Woodhouse

Attendance

Attendance has been fantastic so far this term, thank you to everyone for your efforts. Please keep it up through the rest of the term!

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.

Macmillan Coffee Morning—Friday 26th September

Our annual Macmillan coffee morning will be hosted by our brand new Mini Vinnies for 2025-26. The event will be open from 9-10am and we would love to see you there to support people living with cancer whilst enjoying a chat and a delicious piece of cake.

The coffee morning is for parents/carers only, however every child in our school will still get a treat on the day. Please send £1 in cash or via Arbor as a donation in return for this.

Attendance Award

Congratulations to Reception and Year 5 who won the Attendance award this week with 97%

Reception — 97%

Year 1 — 96%

Year 2 — 93%

Year 3 — 96%

Year 4 — 96%

Year 5 — 97%

Year 6 — 93%

Our school target is at least 97%

Arbor Update

Our move to Arbor Finance seems to have gone well, with everyone able to log in and make payments. Thank you all for bearing with us as we got it up and running!

Please take a few minutes to make sure all the details you can see about yourself and your child are correct, and make any changes as necessary. Thank you to everyone who has returned the form confirming their details are all up to date.

Breakfast Club is bookable in advance via Arbor, but you will not be charged until a session is actually used. Charges will be updated the Friday after a session is attended, as was previously the case with ParentPay.

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:

* Mr Woodhouse * Mrs Keith * Mr Smith *



Head Boy and Head Girl

Congratulations to our new Head Boy, **Sam**, and our new Head Girl, **Anna**. We know you will set an excellent example to your fellow pupils with your hard work, kindness and approachability.



Well done also to all those members of Year 6 who wrote and delivered their speeches on Friday. It's not easy to stand up in front of the whole school and talk about yourself and you all did a wonderful job!

Mini Vinnies



The Mini Vinnies are the youngest members of the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), an international Christian voluntary organisation. The Mini Vinnies get together in primary schools and parishes across England and Wales to live out their mission of see, think, do by supporting their school community.



As their first task this year, our Mini Vinnies will be leading the Macmillan coffee morning on Friday 4th October.



This year, our Mini Vinnies are: **Louie, Hollie, Lily E, Rosabella (Y6), Hannah and Bukola (Y5), Zara and Alec (Y4) and Phoebe (Y3)**.

Packed Lunches



Please remember we are a nut-free school, so when sending packed lunches please check carefully to make sure you are not accidentally including any nut based ingredients—eg Nutella, peanut butter, etc.

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>

RSE Curriculum



Thank you to those who attended our parent meeting about our RSE curriculum last week. If you ever have any questions about what is taught throughout the year, please speak to your child's class teacher or to Mrs Price.

School Council

Congratulations to this year's members of our School Council:

Year 1— **Noor and Jack**

Year 2— **Sophie and Zachary**

Year 3— **Vada and Preston**

Year 4— **Abby and Alfred**

Year 5— **Zac and Millie**

Year 6— **Hunter and Lilly L**

Medication

If your child requires any medication to be administered during the school day, please note that a responsible adult must bring it to the school office and sign it in. No medicine can be administered without a signed form.

All medicine must also be collected from the office by a responsible adult, we are unable to send medicine home in school bags.

PE Kit

Please send in a white t-shirt, black shorts and black plimsolls/trainers for your child to wear during PE. PE Kits can stay in school for the full half term.

PE Days this half term are:

Monday: Year 4 and 5

Tuesday: Nursery and Reception

Wednesday: Year 1

Thursday: Year 2 and 3

Friday: Year 6 (Swimming)

Uniform

Thank you for sending your children back to school looking so smart. Our uniform policy is on our website for guidance if you are ever unsure of what they can wear.

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

Harvest Festival Donations

This year we will again be collecting food on behalf of Hospitality and Hope. Please send any donations of tinned, dried or non-perishable foods into school by 17th October. Thank you for your generosity.



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Our morning bell goes at 8.55am for Reception through to Year 6, and we finish our school day at 3.25pm. If you are going to be late to collect your child, or if someone different to usual will be collecting, please call the school office on 01915367922 to let us know.

Children who arrive through the front doors after the bell has gone will be marked as late in the register.

Children in Year 5 and Year 6 are allowed to leave school alone **as long as we have written permission from their parent.**

Once children have been dismissed from their classroom door they are no longer under the school's supervision, so please have a chat with them to ensure they understand how to get home responsibly. Please also talk to them about what to do if something unexpected happens on their way home.

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GOLD HOT CHOCOLATE
AWARD 05/09/25

Ellie - Year 1
Mason - Year 2
Vada - Year 3
Nicole - Year 4
Aston - Year 5
Harvey - Year 6

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GOLD HOT CHOCOLATE
AWARD 12/09/25

Jaxon - Year 1
Layla - Year 2
Ella H - Year 3
Olivia L - Year 4
Louie S - Year 5
Willow - Year 6