

St. Oswald's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 05/12/2025



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,

It's been a wonderfully busy few weeks here at school, filled with exciting activities and celebrations! From our RE Craft Night and the Christmas Fair to the beautiful Advent Wreath Services led by Year 3 and Year 4, there's been so much to enjoy. Our choir did a fantastic job supporting the Church's 60th Birthday, and our Reception, Year 1, Year 2, and Year 6 pupils shone at their recent sports festivals. A huge thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support with these events—it truly makes a difference and helps create such special experiences for the children.

There's still plenty to look forward to as we head towards Christmas, including our much-loved nativities, the Year 6 Carol Service, and of course, Christmas Jumper Day!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,
Mr D. Woodhouse

Attendance

Attendance has taken a bit of a dip this week, due to lots of bugs going around. Hopefully everyone will recover in time for our nativities next week!

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.

Attendance Award

Congratulations to Year 5 who won the Attendance award this week with 99.2%!

Reception — 93%
Year 1 — 88.4%
Year 2 — 87.3%
Year 3 — 95.8%
Year 4 — 89.6%
Year 5 — 99.2%
Year 6 — 95.5%

Our school target is at least 97%

This half term we have managed 94.1% overall.

Visit from Bishop Stephen

Bishop Stephen Wright visited our school yesterday, Thursday 4th December. We were honoured to have him with us for the afternoon and proud to show him around our fantastic school. He visited every class and spent some time talking to all the children.

We finished the afternoon with a whole school Advent Wreath Service led by Year 4. The Bishop then gave the final blessing to us all.



Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:

* Mr Woodhouse * Mrs Keith * Mr Smith * Miss Porter * Mrs Frey *

Year 3 Advent Wreath

On Monday 3rd December, Year 3 guided us through the first Advent Wreath Service of this Christmas season. They spoke and sang beautifully as we opened the season of waiting for the birth of Jesus Christ.



Year 4 Advent Wreath

Year 4 led our second Advent Wreath Service of 2025, with the added pressure of having our Bishop attend. They rose to the occasion and performed their words and songs fantastically, we know you are as proud of them as we are.

Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas Fair. We raised a fabulous £756! Congratulations to all the raffle and tombola winners, we hope you enjoy your prizes.



Year 4 Celebration of the Word

On Monday 24th November Year 4 invited their parents and carers into school for their Celebration of the Word. They shared some learning about Reconciliation and building bridges between us. This topic links in to their First Holy Communion. If you would like your Year 4 child to make their First Holy Communion this year, please see Father Keith at church on Sunday.

St Cuthbert's Care Assembly

On 19th November we welcomed Nicola from St Cuthberts Care into school. She gave an assembly about the work St Cuthberts Care do and how we can support their wonderful work. Their aim is to support everybody and make lives a little bit better. Even the simple gift of a smile can bring happiness .



An Active Half Term!

We have had a half term filled with sports so far! Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6 have all been out on trips to take part in sporting events such as multiskills, tennis and athletics festivals.

They have all had a fantastic time learning new skills and taking part in a bit of friendly competition against other local schools.

Year 4 and 5 have both had the chance to take part in Bikeability. Year 4 did a one-day course covering the basics of cycling. Year 5 took part in a 4-day course where they went out onto our local roads and practiced their safe cycling skills.



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Trips and Clubs

We are now using Arbor for all trips and clubs sign up. Please keep an eye on your emails for all information about upcoming after school clubs and trips.

After School Clubs for January

Please check your emails for which clubs will be available in January. There are limited spaces for each so please sign up via Arbor asap if your child would like to attend any.

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>

Tesco Blue Tokens

You can now vote for us in local Tesco stores, to win up to £1500 to spend on resources for the children. Just grab a blue token when you check out and then put it into our slot before you leave store. Winning this money will be put to very good use on new outdoor equipment for the children to use at breaktimes and lunchtimes.

St Oswald's Church turns 60!

On Tuesday 2nd December, we celebrated our Church having been open for 60 years! It opened its doors about 18 months after our school did, and memories were shared of Mass being held in the school before the church was open. Our children created some beautiful artwork pieces depicting the church building and grounds which were displayed during the social event. The Choir went across for the afternoon and sang beautifully for all the parishioners. Here's to the next 60 years!

Religious Christmas Craft Night

Our Religious Christmas Crafts night was a great success, with twenty five families attending to make a range of festive crafts, including advent wreath crowns, prayer baubles, angels and Christingle oranges.



Key Dates Autumn Term 2025

Monday 8th December 3.30pm— January Nursery Starters Meeting

Tuesday 9th December 3pm—Year 5 Advent Wreath

Tuesday 9th December—Nursery trip to Winter Wonderland

Wednesday 10th December—9.30am—Nursery and Reception Nativity

Thursday 11th December—9.30am and 2.40pm—Year 1 and 2 Nativity

Friday 12th December— 9.30am and 2.30pm—Y3, 4 and 5 Nativity

Monday 15th December 5.30pm—Y6 Carol Service at Church

Tuesday 16th December—Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 17th December—Christmas Party Day

Thursday 18th December 3pm—Year 6 Advent Wreath

Friday 19th December – Last day of term 1.15pm finish

Monday 5th January—Inset Day

Tuesday 6th January—Children return to school