

# St. Oswald's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter 02/04/2026



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,

It has been another happy and successful term at school. A huge well done to all of our children for taking part in the Big Lent Walk. Staff and pupils walked together around the school grounds, raising money to support children in developing countries around the world.

Thank you also to everyone who created an Easter garden or bonnet for our competition. Although we celebrated some wonderful winners, I am incredibly proud of all the children's efforts – every entry was fantastic.

Our newsletter is full of highlights from the many amazing activities the children have enjoyed this term. Thank you to all parents and carers who attended Parents' Evening; we hope it gave you a clear picture of how well your child is doing and how you can continue to support their learning at home.

Wishing you all a happy and restful Easter break with your families. We look forward to welcoming the children back for the new term on Monday 20th April.

Mr D. Woodhouse  
Headteacher

### Attendance

Attendance has taken a dip this week, with lots of illness going around. We hope that a restful Easter will see everyone back in good health next 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.

### Key Dates

Remember we finish school for the Easter holidays at 1.15pm today, Thursday 2nd April.

We return after Easter on Monday 20th April.

Our next INSET day is Friday 3rd July 2026.

### Attendance Award

Congratulations to Year 3 who won the Attendance Award this week with 97.9%

**Reception — 87.0%**  
**Year 1 — 89.4%**  
**Year 2 — 92.1%**  
**Year 3 — 97.9%**  
**Year 4 — 94.1%**  
**Year 5 — 90.6%**  
**Year 6 — 89.1%**

Our school target is at least 97%

### Catholic Social Teaching Awards

We have had some lovely nominations for Catholic Social Teaching awards this half term, from helping the elderly to raising money for charity, and always showing love and compassion to those in need. Thank you for making nominations and helping us celebrate how we can put our faith into action outside of school.

All nominated children will bring their certificates home today!

If you ever have any safeguarding related concerns at all, please speak to a Designated Safeguarding Lead.

#### Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:

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

## Y6 NFL Flag Football Tournament

On Wednesday 10th April some of our Year 6 class attended an NFL flag football tournament at Whitburn Academy. They played against 5 other local schools, and although they didn't come top of the table everyone had a great time and put into practice all their learning about this new-to-us sport!



## Easter Raffle

Our Easter raffle has raised over £300 for our school fund, which will go directly back into treats and experiences for the children. Thank you so much for all your support, and congratulations to all the winners of the many fabulous prizes!

## Y3 Swimming

A reminder that Year 3 will be going swimming on Friday mornings for the whole summer term. Please make sure your child brings a swimming kit (swimsuit/trunks, towel, swimming cap and goggles) every Friday morning. Swimming caps are available to buy from the school office for £2.

## Trip to the Royal Northern Sinfonia

We are fortunate that we have once again secured tickets for Years 2,3, 4, and 5 to attend the Glasshouse, this time to listen to the Royal Northern Sinfonia perform Sounds of the Deep on Tuesday 28th April. Please sign up via Arbor and make a contribution towards to cost of the trip if possible.

## 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>

## Ancient Greeks and Ancient Egyptians Workshops (Years 3 and 4)

On Friday 27th March we had a special visit from AB Heritage, who lead our Year 3 class in a workshop all about Ancient Greece, and our Year 4 class in a workshop all about Ancient Egypt. The children tried out some archaeology techniques whilst digging for artifacts, and learned a lot about ancient civilizations as well.

## Easter Bonnets and Gardens of Gethsemane

We had some absolutely amazing entries to our Easter Bonnets and Gardens of Gethsemane this year. A few pictures are included here, but everyone put in so much effort, we were blown away by every entry. Congratulations to all our winners!



## School Meal Price Increase

A reminder that from Monday 20th April, school meals are rising by 10p per day to £2.60.

## New Menu for School Meals

Our new menu for Spring/Summer 2026 will be served from Monday 20th April. Paper copies of the new menu have been sent home, and a digital copy is available from our website.

# THE BIG LENT WALK

Our Big Lent Walk was a great success, raising £171 for CAFOD. The children enjoyed walking together around the school grounds, and especially their celebratory biscuit afterwards!

Every penny raised will help to bring life-saving water to communities in places like Ethiopia and Peru. This means families will no longer have to walk for hours every day to fetch water, and can focus instead on building a better future for their children.



### Easter Prayer

God of life, we celebrate the rising of  
your Son today

And the new life that you bring in to the  
world.

We thank you for all the good things  
that you have given to us.

Help us to share them with others.

Amen.

