

# ST OSWALD'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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*The weekly newsletter aimed at keeping you up to date with life at St Oswald's School*

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## **Playground Developments**

Last week's newsletter included photographs of the latest playground developments.

Unfortunately progress this half term has been seriously delayed by the terrible rain we have had this half term. The final works will now be completed during the White holiday and we look forward to opening up the new playground and equipment for the children when we return for our final half term on Monday 14th June.

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we move towards the final half-term of this academic year and start to look towards the new academic year in September, we are working hard to 'close the gaps' in learning brought about by the lockdowns. I am hopeful that from September we will once again be able to return to our high standards of attainment and achievement for all our children.

This half term we have been introducing catch-up intervention plans for all classes in the school. We are particularly focussed on developing further the children's basic Maths skills and reading skills. Children are completing a range of Maths and reading tasks in school and it would help them enormously if children were reading every night at home with parents and sharing their Big Maths weekly tests once per week.

If parents could sign reading records at least three times per week to evidence home reading and explore Big Maths folders together each week it would greatly help your child to find success in class and would support our work in school.

I do understand the pressures that families are under during these disruptive and uncertain times and thank you all again most sincerely for all you have done and continue to do to support your child's learning.

Together we will achieve!

Please continue to take care,  
Miss Lennon

## **Pelican Crossing**

We have been informed that the roadworks on Padgate Lane at the front of the school will be stopping today and will restart in July when the crossing will be installed.

We thank all parents and parishioners for their patience during the works over the last few weeks. The end results will be great when the safe crossing for the children is in place



## **Walk to School Week**



Well done to all who made a special effort to walk to school this week, especially in the bad weather. Building a small walk into the day is a great way to get the steps up, keep fit and supports one's mental health. We will continue to encourage walking to school next half term when hopefully the sun will help to make it an even more pleasurable experience!

### COVID-19 SCHOOL PROCEDURES

Unfortunately we currently have a class out isolating due to a positive case in school of COVID19 confirmed by PCR test.

We are still in very difficult times and staff are operating under strict conditions.

We ask all parents/carers to follow the school's procedures and systems we have in place to keep everyone as safe as is possible during these very difficult and challenging times. The virus is very much still out there and is infecting adults and children if given the opportunity.

Please follow our safe systems:-

- Ensure **social distancing** is happening at all times
- Please **do not congregate or queue on the zebra crossing and try to keep the passageway clear between the zebra crossing and the social club**
- Preferably **only one parent/carer** to accompany child to and from school
- Please **adhere to stated drop-off/pick-up times** and avoid arriving early
- If you do arrive early, please wait at the designated waiting areas: at the parish club or at the side of church
- **If driving, please exit carpark as quickly** as possible
- Please try to keep the lines flowing when picking up and exit the areas with your child(ren) as soon as possible
- **Walk to school** where possible—we currently have no facility to store bikes and scooters
- Please **wear a face covering during drop-off/pick-up times** .

Thank you for your patience and cooperation and working with us to keep St Oswald's as safe as possible.

### Operation Mallard

We have had some lovely, happy news this week. For the last month we have had a duck nesting in the flower box at the front of the school under Miss Lennon's office window. She was extremely well camouflaged and most people who have passed by didn't even realise she was there sitting on the nest!

On Wednesday morning we arrived to find 10 ducklings had hatched! In the afternoon, the mother and ducklings were ready to leave the nest and move on. Mr Moran swiftly put his plan in place to assist the ducklings and mother to safely reach the water. The ducklings were placed in a bucket and with their mother were carried to the lower school field where they were released to follow their mother under the fence to the brook. A neighbour on the other side of the fence confirmed they all safely made it into the water and all happily swam away.

To everyone's relief operation Mallard had been successful!

Videos of the duck and her ducklings leaving the nest are on the school YouTube site just follow [stoswaldscatholicprimaryschoolwarrington](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCstoswaldscatholicprimaryschoolwarrington)

'Our ducks have hatched'



Mother duck sitting quietly on her eggs in her nest in the flower box!



## PE Uniform

A reminder of PE uniform:

### Indoor PE Kit

#### Girls and Boys

royal blue shorts (not cycling shorts)

plain white T-shirt

black slip on gym shoes (not trainers)

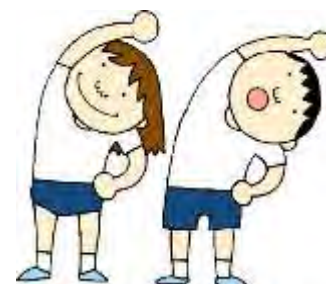
### Outdoor PE Kit

#### Girls and Boys

plain, dark jogging trousers

plain, dark tracksuit top preferably without hood

Trainers



PLEASE FOLLOW THE PE UNIFORM - Dark colours and plain! Please save your branded sportswear for home!

We are currently asking children to come to school in their outdoor PE kit on their class PE days. They can wear their indoor kit underneath.

We are investigating the possibility of a St Oswald's tracksuit with our school logo which will form part of our school uniform. We hope to be able to launch it next half term in time for the new academic year.

### PE Days for this half-term

Reception , Yr1 & Yr2  
Wednesday & Friday

Yr3, Yr4, Yr5 & Yr6  
Tuesday & Thursday

### PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE FOR PE DAYS NEXT HALF TERM

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*For safety, children with earrings should either take them out before they come to school on PE days or bring plasters to cover them.*

## Stars of the Week

This week the following children have been celebrated for their achievements...

- Rec** Ravel Chung & Esmae Savage  
**Y1** Hailey Chow  
**Y2** Lucas Longworth  
**Y3** Joseph Boardman  
**Y4** Kianna Hui & Michael Mannion  
**Y5** Eve Dickenson & Annie Walsh



*Well Done to all our stars!*

STARS OF THE WEEK CAN NOW BE VIEWED ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE (UNDER HOME) AND VIA THE STARS OF THE WEEK TILE ON OUR SCHOOLS APP.

### Half Term Dates

School closes for the two week Whit break on Friday 28 May and re-opens on Monday 14 June. Entry and exit points and timings for each class will remain as they currently are next half term.

### EMAILS

Staff emails will continue to be the best way to contact your child's Teacher directly. School phone lines are also open for messages. Staff will endeavour to get back to parents as soon as they are free to do so.

- [eyfs@stoswaldscatholicprimary.co.uk](mailto:eyfs@stoswaldscatholicprimary.co.uk)  
[y1@stoswaldscatholicprimary.co.uk](mailto:y1@stoswaldscatholicprimary.co.uk)  
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If you are concerned your message has not been picked up or you have not had a response please do not hesitate to contact the school again.

### 'COVID Reporting' e-mail address

If your child develops symptoms and tests positive for COVID 19 please report to the school **URGENTLY** via the covid reporting email

[covidreporting@stoswaldscatholicprimary.co.uk](mailto:covidreporting@stoswaldscatholicprimary.co.uk)

This email is monitored at evenings and weekends so prompt action can be taken by the school if necessary.

### Oral Health

Normally at this time of year we would be working with the Oral Health Team who would visit the school to deliver sessions on brushing teeth.

This week the Oral Health Team have shared with us some **Top Tips for Toothbrushing**

Having good oral health is really important.

A healthy smile doesn't only benefit your mouth; it also helps you achieve better physical health and mental wellbeing. The good news is that a healthy mouth is easy to achieve.

Here are our top tips for great oral health.



### Two minutes twice a day

Brushing for two minutes last thing at night and at one other time during the day with a family fluoride toothpaste is key to maintaining good oral health. Choose a toothbrush with a small head with soft/medium textured bristles. Manual or electric toothbrushes can be used.

Daily brushing is important because it removes plaque. If the plaque isn't removed, it continues to build up, feeding on the bits of food left behind and causing tooth decay and gum disease.

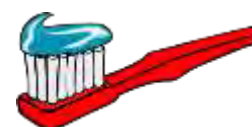
### Spit, don't rinse

After we have brushed our teeth, we should spit out the toothpaste. At this point we might be tempted to rinse our mouth out, but if we do, we'll be washing away the fluoride which continues to help protect the teeth.

Fluoride is the most important ingredient in toothpaste. It greatly helps oral health by strengthening the tooth enamel, making it more resistant to tooth decay.

**You can find more information on children's oral health from our information leaflets**

<https://bridgewater.nhs.uk/warrington/0-19-services/>



### COVID-19 Measures and Face Coverings

Although the national covid restrictions are being cautiously and gradually lifted, we would like to make parents aware that the covid-secure measures we currently have in place in school will continue throughout the remainder of this term.

We would request that adults dropping off and picking up children at the start and end of the day continue to wear face coverings and avoid gathering in groups while waiting for the children.

Thank you for your support.