

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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Together at St Oswald's, we Love, Learn, Respect and Appreciate

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Reflection

Jesus tells us a story about some workers who all receive the same wages, even though some worked all day and some just worked for an hour.



Generous and giving God, you created the world with enough for everyone. Help us to share what we have been given and make sure all your people have enough. Amen.

Open days for EYFS (Nursery & Reception Classes)

If your child is starting school (Reception class) next September 2027, or you are interested in taking a look around our wonderful nursery, we would be delighted to invite you to attend one of our open days, for a tour at St Oswald's.

You will meet our EYFS team and take a look around our Nursery and Reception classrooms and outdoor facilities.

You will get a feel for our lovely school and have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

Tour dates and times are below:

Monday 28 September, 5.30pm–6.30pm

Wednesday 7 October, 9.30am–10.30am

Monday 19 October, 1.30pm–2.30pm

Friday 6 November, 1.30pm–2.30pm

Friday 13 November, 9.30am–10.30am

Anyone who would like to visit please contact the school office on 01925 813015.

Parents, carers, prospective or current- everyone is welcome!

Opening Mass for the New School Year

On Tuesday morning, Fr Dave joined us in the school hall to celebrate Mass as we opened our new school year together, celebrating the feast of St. Oswald, which occurs during the school holidays. Children and staff from Year 1 to Year 6 gathered as one school family, creating a prayerful and joyful atmosphere.

Our Year 6 pupils led the Mass beautifully, reading with confidence and reverence and taking responsibility for the offertory. We sang some of our favourite hymns, filling the hall with music and setting a hopeful tone for the year ahead.

It was a lovely way to begin our new school year — united in faith, community and gratitude. We extend our thanks to Fr Dave for taking the time to celebrate Mass with us and for blessing our school community, especially Mrs Foy, as we marked and gave thanks for her many years of teaching at St Oswald's.



Farewell to Mrs Foy

During Tuesday's Mass, we also celebrated the remarkable contribution of Mrs Foy, who has taught at St Oswald's for an incredible 15 years. Throughout her time with us, she has supported countless children and their families, always with kindness, dedication and a deep commitment to our school values.

Mrs Foy will be greatly missed by staff, pupils and parents alike, but she will always remain part of our St Oswald's family. As we often say, once you have been part of St Oswald's, you are always a part of it.

We wish her every success and happiness in her new adventures and hope she will come back to visit us from time to time.





Pupil Leadership Roles



Year 6 have been busy completing their application forms for a range of leadership roles, while Year 5 pupils have been applying for positions within the Mini Vinnies group. Mrs Orwin and a team of staff helpers now have the very difficult task of selecting successful candidates from the many wonderful applications received.

Across the school this week, classes have used their democratic voices to vote for the pupils they would like to represent them on the School Council. Mrs Armitage will be supporting the School Council this year, working alongside Mrs Orwin to ensure that our pupils have a voice and can share their ideas on how we can continue to improve our school.

Important Snack Reminders

Please ensure healthy snacks are brought to school for morning break.

- NO NUTS or nut-based products.
- Fresh fruit (EYFS/Y1 - must be sliced; pips removed)
- Fresh vegetables (e.g. carrots sliced)
- Sandwiches or wraps with healthy fillings
- Yogurt
- Cheese portions
- Plain crackers or rice cakes
- Water (still)



Thank you for your support.

School Councillors 2026-2027

Year 1: *Tapfuma & Corah*

Year 2: *Harvey & Juniper*

Year 3: *Delilah & Harry*

Year 4: *Rex & Excel*

Year 5: *William & Emili*

Year 6: *To be confirmed next week with pupil leaders*



PE days fixed ALL YEAR!



Nursery—Tuesday & Thursday

Reception—Monday & Friday

Year 1—Monday & Wednesday

Year 2—Monday & Tuesday

Year 3—Tuesday & Friday

Year 4—Wednesday & Thursday

Year 5—Tuesday & Thursday

Year 6—Monday & Friday

These PE days have now been set for the entire school year rather than changing each half term.

Stars of the Week

Year 1 - Jude

Year 2 - Benji

Year 3 - Delilah

Year 4 - Rex

Year 5 - Benjamin

Year 6 - Roux

MFL - Oberyne Y3

Music - Charlotte Y5

Join us next Friday at 9am for more stars of the week.

Everyone Welcome!

Whole School Attendance 11-18 September 2026

Class	Attendance Percentage
Rec	97%
Y1	92%
Y2	96%
Y3	97.7%
Y4	94.5%
Y5	97%
Y6	96.5%

MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.

98%+ Excellent
96 - 97% Good
95% Satisfactory
91-94% Unsatisfactory
<90% Poor

Whole School attendance this week was 96.5%
CONGRATULATIONS TO YEAR 3, WITH THE BEST
ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Diary Dates

Monday 21 September

Year 6 Conover Hall residential meeting- 3.30pm

Friday 25 September

Celebration Assembly- 9am

Monday 28 September

EYFS Open Day 5.30pm—6.30pm

Wednesday 30 September

Reception Phonics Parent Information meeting in school 9am

Friday 2 October

Foodbank Fridays – Mini Vinnies & School Council
Celebration Assembly - 9am

Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th October

Parent Teacher Consultations

Friday 9 October

Foodbank Fridays – Mini Vinnies & School Council
Celebration Assembly - 9am
Reception Welcome Service in School Hall – 2.30pm

School Lunch Menu 21st – 25th Sept

Monday 21 September

Sausage Roll (v) & (GF available)
Cheese & Onion Pastie

Tuesday 22 September

BBQ Chicken served with baked wedged
potatoes and sweetcorn (v) & (GF available)

Wednesday 23 September

Spaghetti Bolognese (v) & (GF available)

Thursday 24 September

Brunch Lunch (v) & (GF available)

Friday 25 September

Crumbed coated chicken served with chunky chipped
potatoes, peas or baked beans
Oven baked fish fingers
Quorn Nuggets (v) & (GF available)



Jacket potato option also available daily.
(All options are subject to change if needed).

**Please note: School meals now cost £3.20 per
day (WBC)**

After-School Clubs

After school clubs will start from next week and will run for 7 weeks.

w/c 21 September
w/c 28 September
w/c 5 October
w/c 12 October (4 weeks)
w/c 19 October—NO CLUBS
HALF TERM

Clubs will commence after half term on
w/c 2 November—NO CLUBS

w/c 9 November
w/c 16 November
w/c 23 November (3 weeks)
All clubs are 3.30-4.15pm

Key Stage 1

Mondays: ***KS1 'Busy Bee' Club (Y1 & Y2)***
Different activity each week including Arts & Crafts and games.
Miss Morris & Mrs Gambles

KS1&2 Choir Club (Y2 up to Y6)
Mrs Armitage

Key Stage 2

Mondays: ***KS1&2 Choir Club (Y2 up to Y6)***
Mrs Armitage

Wednesday: ***Mixed Football Club (Y4- Y6)***
Mr Critchley & Miss Nesbitt

Wednesdays: ***KS1 & 2 Homework Club (Y2 to Y6)***
Mrs Furness & Mrs Thomason

Thursdays: ***Drama & Games Club (Y4 to Y6)***
Miss Jones

Thursdays: ***Games Club (Y3 to Y6)***
Mr Mckenzie

If your child would like to join any of the clubs, please sign them up by making payment on ParentPay.

Numbers in clubs are limited so places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis following payment of subs on ParentPay.



St Oswald's Catholic Primary School & Nursery Open days for EYFS (Nursery & Reception) 2027

**Is your child turning 3 and ready to start Nursery?
Or will your child be starting Reception in September 2027?**

We would be delighted to welcome you to one of our Open Days at St Oswald's Catholic Primary School.

Visit our wonderful Early Years setting, meet our dedicated EYFS team, and explore our Nursery and Reception classrooms, as well as our exciting outdoor learning facilities.

OPEN DAYS

MON 28 SEPT	5.30PM-6.30PM
WED 7 OCT	9.30AM-10.30AM
MON 19 OCT	1.30PM—2.30PM
FRI 6 NOV	9.30AM—10.30AM & 1.30PM-2.30PM
FRI 13 NOV	9.30AM—10.30AM

**Come and see why St Oswald's is the
perfect place for your child's learning
journey to begin!**

EYFS: Nursery & Reception Places 2026-2027

**Contact the school office to
arrange for a look around**

Early Years Education Award winners 2026

stoswalds_primary@sch.warrington.gov.uk

Tel: 01925-813015

We offer:

- Kind and caring staff
- Wonderful children
- Early Years led curriculum
- 15 / 30 hours
- Uniform
- Smooth transition from Nursery to Reception
- Indoor & Outdoor provision
- Vast outdoor spaces





2026 ✨ Year of Reading



Set a Reading Routine
Create a daily or weekly reading schedule that becomes a part of your child's routine. Consistency helps build habits.

Make Reading Fun
Choose books that match your child's interests and age level. Engage with the story by discussing it or acting out parts.

Reward Progress
Celebrate small milestones, like finishing a book or reading a chapter, with praise or a small reward.

How you can help your child to read regularly?



Lead by Example
Show your love for reading by reading regularly yourself. Children are more likely to read if they see you enjoying it.



THE IMPORTANCE OF READING TOGETHER AT HOME

While we celebrate reading in school, the role of parents, carers, and family members cannot be overstated. Reading at home, even for a few minutes each day, helps consolidate what your child learns at school and builds precious family memories. The support and encouragement you provide truly enhance your child's progress and confidence as a reader.

EYFS & Key Stage 1: We recommend sharing a book together for 10–15 minutes every evening.

Key Stage 2: Please encourage your child to read independently or with you for 15–20 minutes nightly.

Talk about characters, the plot, make predictions about what might happen and discuss what has happened to ensure understanding by asking questions about what has happened in the text.

Remember to sign your child's reading record after every session. These records not only keep teachers informed but also celebrate your child's reading journey and achievements.