

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

In Sunday's gospel Jesus gives us two commandments for how we should live our lives - love the Lord your God with all your heart and love your neighbour as you love yourself.



Merciful and ever-loving God, open our hearts to love and serve you in all that we do. Help us to love our neighbours around the world. Amen.

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Year 1 Class Assembly

This morning our Year 1 children sang, played and delivered their assembly beautifully. Thank you to Mrs Gambles and Miss Ross for guiding and preparing the children so well for their special performance. Thank you also to parents for helping the children learn their lines. They looked amazing in their head pieces, and we loved their creative artwork.

Parents, family and friends who came along to support the children were very impressed and left some lovely comments for the children:

"Fantastic performance Year 1 - well done."

"You all did amazing! The best way to start a Friday morning, beautiful singing. You should all be so proud of learning your lines so perfectly."

"Beautiful, lovely singing and lovely words, well done with the speeches!"

"Brilliant play, well animated and organised. Well done Year 1."

"Amazing Year 1, fantastic singing and beautiful work."

"Lovely singing. Amazing effort from all of Year 1."

Thank you to everyone who came along to support the children.

Year 6 Condoover Hall Residential

Today our Year 6 children returned to school from their 3 day residential trip to Condoover Hall in Shropshire. They have had the best time and have all returned happy (and a bit tired) with lots of lovely memories made.

Thank you to Mrs Orwin, Miss Nesbitt, Mrs Truran and Mr Critchley for looking after the children on this visit and ensuring they were safe and had an amazing time!





Firework Extravaganza Returns!



Reminder our Firework Display, is returning on
Tuesday 3rd November!

This promises to be another fantastic evening for our school and wider community, with music, fun, food, and an amazing fireworks display for everyone to enjoy.

Please see the attached poster for full details and ticket information.

We look forward to welcoming you, your family, and friends for what is sure to be another memorable community event!

Tickets still on sale now via ParentPay for parents/carers or can be purchased at the school office for members of our school community.



Open days for EYFS (Nursery & Reception Classes)



If your child is starting school (Reception class) next September 2027 or is turning 3 soon, or you are interested in taking a look around our wonderful nursery, we would be delighted to invite you to attend one of our EYFS 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:

**Friday 6 November, 9.30pm – 10.30pm &
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!

Royal British Legion - Poppy Appeal 2026

Once again, St Oswald's will be supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. The Royal British Legion works hard to offer support to serving and ex-service men and women and their families.

Poppies will be on sale in school from Monday 2 November in the run up to Remembrance Sunday which is on Sunday 8 November. There will also be Royal British Legion reflectors, paper poppies and other merchandise for sale



Faith Week - 'Judaism'

On Tuesday 3 November, the children in all classes will be learning about aspects of the Jewish faith. We will welcome our annual visitor, Ann Angel from the Jewish community in Manchester, to help us with our learning.

Learning about other faiths is part of our Religious Education Directory scheme of work which all schools in Archdiocese of Liverpool follow.



Happy October Half Term

Wishing all our children and families a lovely half term holiday.
Stay safe and we will see you all on
Monday 2 November.





Foodbank Friday Collection

Thank you to parents/carers who generously donated food items for the Foodbank on Fridays this month.

Our final Foodbank collection was today, and this food will be donated to Warrington foodbank after the half term.

Your support is very much appreciated.

Christmas Bingo – Save the Date!

We are delighted to announce that our Christmas Bingo event will take place on

**Thursday 3rd December at
St Oswald's Parish Club.**

Please save the date and join us for what promises to be a lovely festive evening for our school community.

There will be two own clothes days to support this event, Friday 6th November and Friday 27th November.



Diary Dates

Saturday 31 October 2026

Deadline for Year 6 Applications for Secondary School



Poppy Month Appeal



Monday 2 November

Other Faith Week - Judaism
School re-opens for Autumn 2 Half Term

Tuesday 3 November

Firework Extravaganza

gates open at 5.30pm

Friday 6 November

OWN CLOTHES DAY – donation of chocolate for the Chocolate Bingo
Celebration Assembly - 9am

Sunday 8 November

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Monday 9 November

DIWALI Celebration in school

Tuesday 17 November

Flu Immunisations in school

Wednesday 18 November

Tempest Photography – Group Photos

Whole School Attendance

19 – 23 October 2026

Class	Attendance Percentage
Rec	99.6% - Excellent
Y1	99.2% - Excellent
Y2	95%
Y3	97.3%
Y4	97.4%
Y5	95%
Y6	100% - Excellent

**MOMENTS
MATTER.
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

98%+ Excellent

96 - 97% Good

95% Satisfactory

91-94% Unsatisfactory

<90% Poor

Whole School attendance this week was 97.7%

**CONGRATULATIONS TO Year 6 WITH THE BEST
ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK – 100%**

School Lunch Menu 2 - 6 November

Monday 2 November

Cheese Pasty
Vegetarian Sausage Roll (v)

Tuesday 3 November

Chicken Roast Dinner (v & GF)

Wednesday 4 November

Spaghetti Bolognese (v & GF)



Thursday 5 November

BBQ Chicken (v & GF)

Friday 6 November

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)**

St. Oswald's Catholic Primary School
presents

FIREWORK *Spectacular*

*A Night of Dazzling Lights,
Music, Food, Refreshments & Snacks*

Join us for an evening filled with awe and wonder and a breathtaking firework display. Bring your friends and family for a night of dazzling lights, fun and memories.

TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2026
5.30PM GATES OPEN, FIREWORKS AT
6.30PM

£5 per ticket / £20 Family ticket,
get yours now from the school office or phone
01925-813015



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.