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 tells us a story about how it is important to be ready and prepared for whatever will happen.



Christ Jesus, we pray that we may always be ready to help others, to be kind and loving and to follow you. *Amen.*

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Fireworks

What an amazing evening we had on Tuesday at our Firework Extravaganza. Special thanks to 'The Big Firework Shop' in Warrington for the fantastic display and Wayne Sixsmith for keeping us entertained with great music. Everyone had a great time!

Thanks also to our wonderful staff and parents for their help and support to make the evening a huge success.

Finally on behalf of the staff and Governors I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our school community for your presence and support which helped make the evening a memorable one.
The feedback received from parents/carers, grandparents and members of the parish has been brilliant and we hope you can all join us again next year when the event will be even will be bigger and better!!

Thank you as always for your continued support.









Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Ransome



We would like to extend our warmest congratulations to Mr and Mrs Ransome.

Over the half-term break, Miss Nesbitt, our Year 6 class teacher, celebrated her wedding and became Mrs Ransome.

They enjoyed a wonderful celebration, and she was a beautiful bride.
On behalf of everyone at St Oswald's, we wish them both every happiness and success as they begin this exciting new chapter together.

Congratulations and best wishes for the future from us all at St Oswald's!

Police Visit

On Monday PC Jo Lynskey came into school to speak to the children in Year 5 & Year 6 about the importance of staying safe during the Fireworks season.

The pupils learned about how to enjoy fireworks responsibly, the dangers of handling fireworks without adult supervision, and how to keep themselves and others safe around bonfires.
PC Lynskey also discussed being respectful of neighbours, pets, and members of the community who may find loud noises unsettling.

The session gave children the opportunity to ask questions and share their own experiences, helping them to understand how small actions can make a big difference to everyone's safety and enjoyment during this time of year.



We would like to thank our PC Lynskey for taking the time to visit our school and provide such an engaging and informative talk.
We hope our pupils will use what they have learned to stay safe and make sensible choices during the firework season.

Operation Christmas Child

Once again, St Oswald's is taking part in the Christmas Shoe Box Appeal to fill boxes with gifts for children. These shoe boxes filled with toys, school items and hygiene items will help to make Christmas happy for the children in need around the world.

For more information on how to pack your shoe box please visit the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child website.
(Please note, sweets, chocolate, soap and toothpaste are no longer allowed in the shoe boxes due to customs regulations).

Filled boxes will be need to be sent into school no later than **Monday 16 November**

If you are unable to donate a filled box but would like to donate an item or two, please send these into school and we will make up additional boxes with the items we receive.
Thank you as always for your support!

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2026

Thank you to our Year 6 children who have been selling poppies and other merchandise in school this week for 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 continue to be on sale in school next week in the run up to 11 November.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Faith Week - 'Judaism'

On Tuesday 3 November, the children in all classes were learning about aspects of the Jewish faith.
We welcomed 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.

The children enjoyed their experiences and built on their previous knowledge.

Special St Oswald Award winners



Last half term at St Oswald's, we focused on recognising children who truly lived out our mission statement: Love, Learn, Respect and Appreciate, while demonstrating our Gospel Values in their everyday actions. These children showed kindness, compassion, resilience, respect and a commitment to always doing their very best for others.

As a special recognition of their achievements, each child received a beautiful gold, sparkly crown tie clip, representing our school crown logo and inspired by St Oswald, our patron saint, who was a saint, king and martyr. The awards were presented each week during our Monday Celebration Assembly by Mrs Orwin, and the children wore their crowns with pride throughout the week.

Our St Oswald Award winners from last half term were:

Reception: Leo, Harriet, Rory and Maeve, Matilda

Year 1: Anaiya, Isabel, Corah, Molly, Bonnie

Year 2: Lincoln, Sofie, Alfie, Ava, Lincoln, Niah

Year 3: Ava, Olivia, Rainie, Archie, Flo

Year 4: Ferguson, Katie, Oliver, Thomas, Tommy

Year 5: Ava-Rae, Emili, George, Charlotte, Sophie

Year 6: Roux, Krystal, Isobel, Georgia, Aiden

Well done to all of our St Oswald's crown award winners! Keep shining the light of St Oswald to others.

St Oswald's Stars of the Week
6 November 2026

Reception - Leo

Year 1 - Molly

Year 2 - Nancy

Year 3 - Molly

Year 4 - Tommy

Year 5 - Elsie

Year 6 - Georgia

MFL - Liam (Y4)

Music - Molly (Y3)

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

Everyone Welcome!



Foodbank Friday Donations

A huge thank you to all our families for your generosity in supporting our recent foodbank Friday collections.
We are incredibly grateful for your kindness and support.
All the donated items have now been picked up by Padgate Foodbank, our local community foodbank, where they will help individuals and families who are facing difficult times.



Thank you once again for your fantastic support!

Some of our Year 6 Mini Vinnies - Cameron, Georgina, Isla, Reece & Hannah helped bring all the food outside to ensure it reaches families in need.

Own Clothes for Chocolate Donation

Thank you so much for all the donations of chocolate today from Parents/Carers. Our Chocolate Bingo night looks like it will be a big success



The next own clothes day to support this event, Friday 27th November, with a donation of a bottle or gift for the tombola.



Diary Dates

Poppy Month Appeal

Sunday 8 November
Remembrance Sunday
DIWALI

Monday 9 November
DIWALI Celebration in school

Monday 16 – Friday 20 November
Antibullying Week – 'Break the Silence'

Tuesday 17 November
Flu Immunisations in school

Wednesday 18 November
Tempest Photography – Group Photos

Wednesday 25 November
Year 6 trip to Crucial Crew

Friday 27 November
OWN CLOTHES day – donation of a small tombola/bottle prize for Chocolate Bingo on 3rd December

Whole School Attendance

2 – 6 November 2026

Class	Attendance Percentage
Rec	96.1%
Y1	96%
Y2	95.7%
Y3	96.8%
Y4	**98.9% - Excellent**
Y5	95.4%
Y6	97.9%

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

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

Whole School attendance this week was 96.8%

CONGRATULATIONS TO Year 4 WITH THE BEST ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

School Lunch Menu 9 - 13 November

Monday 9 November
Cheese Pizza (v & GF)
Pepperoni Pizza

Tuesday 10 November
Chicken Curry (v & GF)
Omelette



Wednesday 11 November
Vegetarian Burger (v & GF)

Thursday 12 November
Beef Bolognese (v & GF)

Friday 13 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)

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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

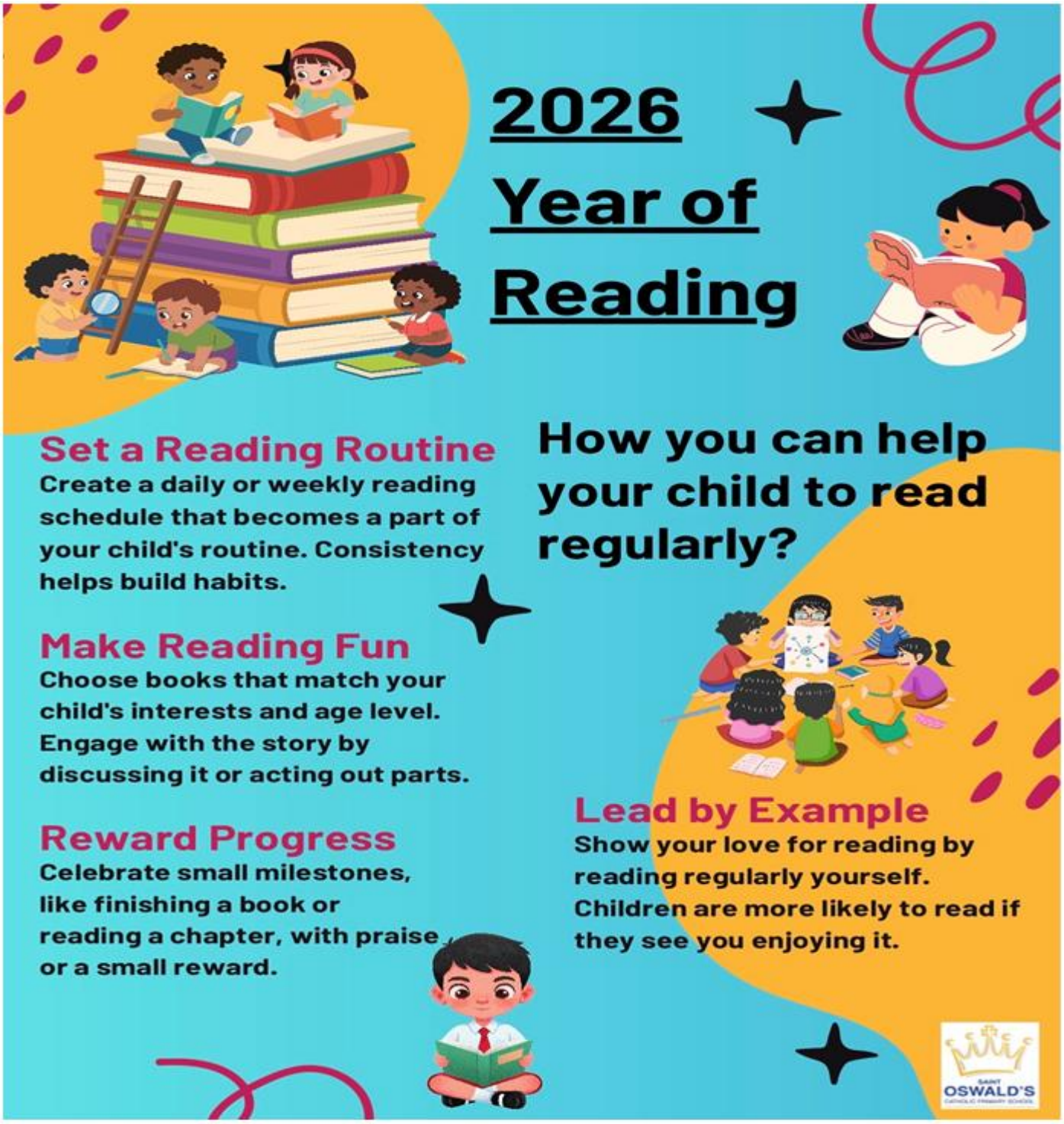
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We offer:

- 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





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.