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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Remembrance Assembly & Trip to Cenotaph

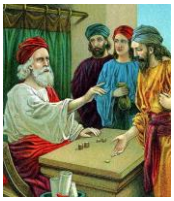
On Monday morning during our whole school assembly, we learned about the reasons behind Remembrance Sunday. The children were extremely respectful and reflected quietly. On Wednesday morning at 11am we observed a 2- minute silence during class time. Also, on Wednesday or Y6 Mini Vinnies walked to the Cenotaph on Bennetts Recreation Ground to show their thanks and respect for all the fallen soldiers. They made poppies to leave at the Cenotaph – thank you so much to Mrs Armitage and Mrs Truran for taking the children on this very important outing.





Reflection

In Sunday's gospel we hear that we must make the best use of the talents we have been given by God.



Generous God, we give you thanks for the gifts and talents that you have given us. Help us to make the best use of them that we can and to serve you in all that we do. Amen.

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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!

Coffee Morning Everyone Welcome!

We warmly invite all parents and carers to join us for a Coffee Morning on **Friday 27th November at 9.30am**
(after Celebration Assembly)

This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a school community, enjoy a tea, coffee and a chat, and catch up in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

We look forward to seeing you there and sharing some time together as a community.

Year 5 Class Assembly



On Wednesday 25th November, at 9am, Y5 will be performing their class assembly around the Advent theme. Parents, carers, family and friends are all welcome to join us for this assembly at 9am in the school hall.

Class Photographs

Next **Wednesday 18 November** the school photographers will be taking whole class photographs.

PE is therefore cancelled on Wednesday 18 November and we request that ALL children come to school in full uniform.

Own Clothes Days

On ***Friday 27 November*** *we have our next own clothes day* for donations of a tombola/bottle prize for Christmas Family Bingo Night which will take place in the Parish Club on Thursday 3rd December.
Tickets are now on sale on ParentPay - £2 each.

Antibullying Week

Monday 16 – Friday 20 November

This year's theme is 'Break the Silence'

The children will be taking part in activities throughout the week to raise awareness of bullying and to help us think about how to respect and care for each other.
To support our Anti-Bullying work, the children can wear odd socks to school to remind us that we are all unique and special in our own individual way - the same, but different, just like odd socks!
The children can take part on any one day or all week if they wish… the brighter the socks, the better!

The Anti-Bullying Alliance have worked with Kidscape to develop resources to help you support your child. These can be found here: https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/parents-and-carers.

Congratulations to Hannah!



We are delighted to share that Hannah in Year 6 was the winner of the Cardinal Newman Open Evening Character Picnic Competition.
The competition challenged pupils to match a selection of objects to characters from books or films, testing their creativity and literary knowledge.
Hannah's excellent efforts earned her a lovely prize.
As the winner, Hannah received a beautiful notebook featuring the inspiring quote *"No beauty shines brighter than that of a good heart"* along with a copy of '*The Doomsday Club'* book and a certificate.

Well done, Hannah! We are very proud of your achievement and hope you enjoy your new reading book.

After School Clubs

After School Clubs are continuing to run for **two more weeks**. (Except Choir which has been extended).

w/c 16 November
w/c 23 November

All clubs are 3.30-4.15pm





Road Safety Week 2026

Road Safety Week takes place from 15 to 21 November and is coordinated by the road safety charity Brake.
This year's theme, "**Safe People on the Move**," encourages everyone to think about how we can make our roads safer for all road users, including pedestrians, cyclists, passengers and drivers.
Throughout next week, pupils will be learning about the importance of road safety and how making sensible choices can help keep themselves and others safe. We encourage families to continue these conversations at home and to help children practise safe behaviours when travelling to and from school.

Stars of the Week

Reception - Kylian

Year 1 - George

Year 2 -Jude

Year 3 - Evelyn

Year 4 - Katie

Year 5 - Kayleb

Year 6 - Esther

MFL Amber-Lily Y3

Music Titas -Y5

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

Everyone Welcome!

Whole School Attendance

9 – 13 November 2026

Class	Attendance Percentage
Reception	95.2%
Y1	**98.3% - Excellent**
Y2	93.5%
Y3	**99.3% - Excellent**
Y4	**98.5% - Excellent**
Y5	95.5%
Y6	**99.4% - Excellent**

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

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

Whole School attendance this week was 97.3%

CONGRATULATIONS TO Year 6 WITH THE BEST ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Diary Dates

Poppy Month Appeal

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

Tuesday 17 November
Flu Immunisations in school

Wednesday 18 November
Tempest Photography – Group Photos
FULL uniform please

Wednesday 25 November
Year 5 Class Assembly 9am – all welcome!
Year 6 trip to Crucial Crew

Friday 27 November
OWN CLOTHES day – donation of a small tombola/bottle prize for Chocolate Bingo night
Parent/Carer Coffee Morning – 9.30am



Wednesday 2 December
Rocksteady Music Christmas Performance – 9.30am

Wednesday 9 December
Reception Class Christmas Nativity 9.15am in the School Hall
Y1 & Y2 Christmas Production 2.30pm in Church

Thursday 12 December
KS2 Christmas Production 2.30pm in Church
KS2 Christmas Production 6.00pm in Church

School Lunch Menu 16 - 20 November

Monday 16 November
Macaroni & Cheese (v & GF)
Tomato Pasta

Tuesday 17 November
Chicken Curry (v & GF)
Omelette



Wednesday 18 November
Fish Fingers & Mash (v & GF)

Thursday 19 November
Minced Beef Hotpot (v & GF)
Ham, Cheese, Tuna Sandwiches

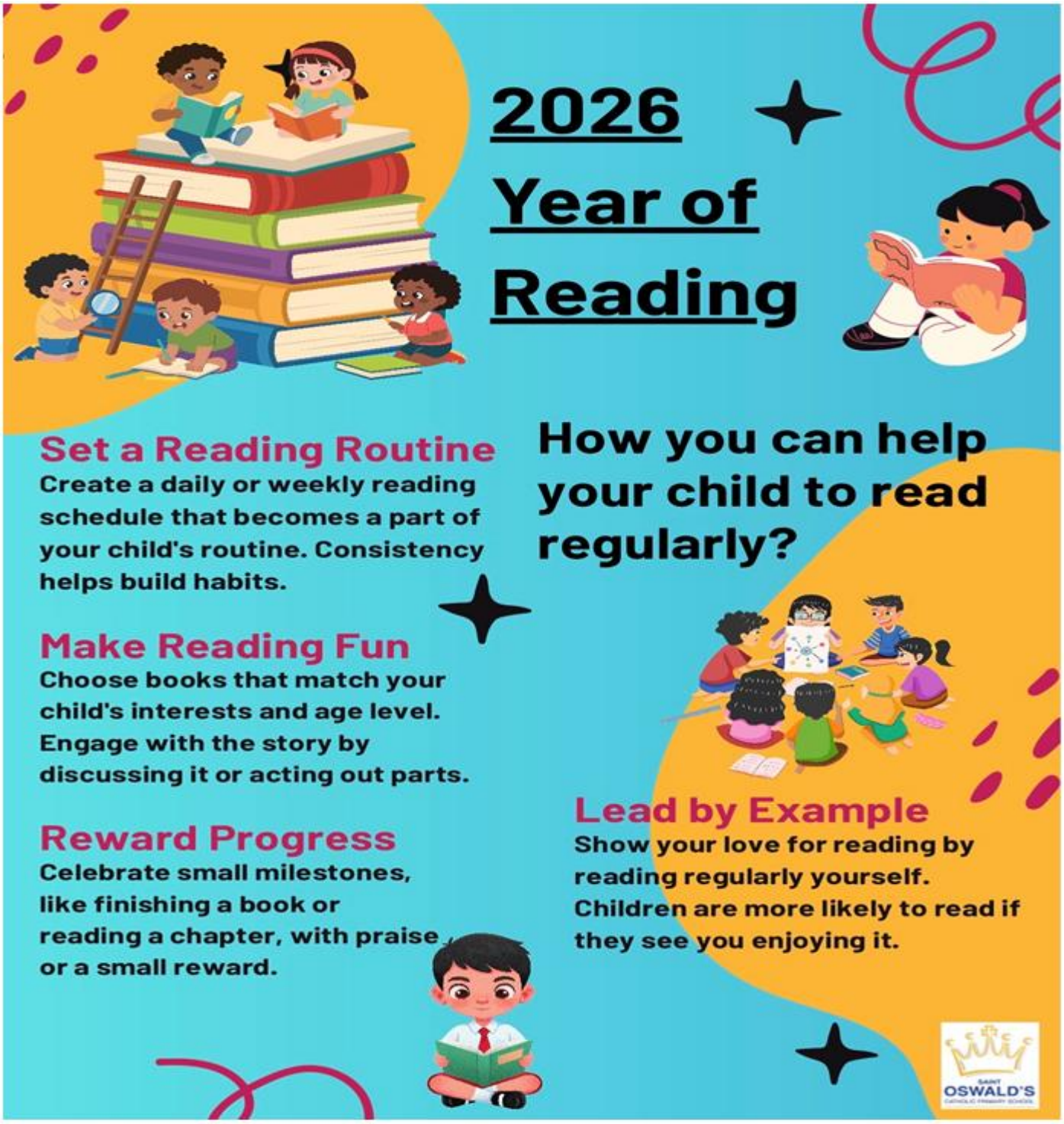
Friday 20 November
Crumbed coated chicken served with chunky chipped potatoes, peas or baked beans
Oven baked fish fingers
Quorn Nuggets (v) & (GF available)

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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£2 A TICKET
DOORS OPEN AT 5.30PM
EYES DOWN AT 6PM.
ST OSWALD'S
CHRISTMAS
CHOCOLATE BINGO
Thurs 3rd Dec 2026
SAINT
OSWALD'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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.