



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

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Sunday's Gospel

This week we hear about an amazing thing that Jesus does when his friend Lazarus becomes sick and dies.



God of light and power, we give thanks to you for the gift of life. Help us to do what we can so all people throughout the world can enjoy this gift. Amen.

Cafod



Big Lent Walk 2026



Well done to all our children who took part in the CAFOD 'Big Lent Walk' this week. The children walked laps of our daily mile track to raise money to support people as they overcome poverty. The children wore something purple to remind them that it was the season of Lent and self giving. They all did brilliantly!

The Big Lent Walk is a challenge where participants walk during the 40 days of Lent and get sponsored to raise money to help people fighting extreme poverty globally. Money raised can and will change lives.

If parents/carers would like to make a £1 donation to support their child's participation in this year's Big Lent Walk, this can be made via our Just Giving page or the money can be brought into school.

<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/fundraising/st-oswalds-fundraising-page>

Thank you for supporting the children's charity work in school.

So far we have raised **£190.20** of our **£200** target, well done everyone who took part and donated!



Good Shepherd Appeal

Next week, the children in different classes will be raising money for a more local charity within the Liverpool archdiocese, Nugent Care.

The children will have games and stalls and cake sales in the playground, weather permitting and raise funds to support the charity.

We will look to give you an update next week on the money raised.



Children Leaving School within the School Day

Could we please remind parents and carers wherever possible to arrange medical and dental appointments etc outside of the school day. An increasing number of children are being collected early (after 2.45pm) which can be disruptive for the class end of day routines.

Please notify the office in advance if children are to be taken out of school early/within the school day and arrive in time to allow plenty of time for office staff to collect your child from class as they could be in an assembly, PE lesson or outside running the Daily Mile.

We cannot guarantee that we can have children ready for you at a specific time.



Thank you for your support.

Parent Pay Balances

As the end of the school financial year approaches, please can we remind Parent/Carers that it is imperative that Parent Pay school meals and snack balances going forward are kept in CREDIT please.

Any outstanding debt will be charged to school if not paid by 31 March and these monies will come straight from our already over stretched budget.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Orwin



Special Easter Events 2026

Tuesday 31 March

KS2 Easter Story at 2pm, In Church

The Story of Easter will be told by our KS2 classes, in St. Oswald's church. Parents, family and friends are all welcome.



Wednesday 1 April

Easter Bonnet Parades

KS1 at 9am / KS2 at 9.30am



Children can get creative at home and bring their Easter bonnets to school for a special parade in the school hall. All welcome to come along from 9am.

Easter Raffle



On the last day of term there will be a free Easter Raffle for the children.

Eggs will be kindly donated by staff and Governors.

Fingers crossed, the Easter Bunny might come!



Primary Arts Exhibition

St Oswald's are taking part in the Warrington Primary Arts Network Exhibition, which will open this weekend on 21 March at the Golden Square Shopping Centre.

The children in all classes have produced some fantastic art work to be displayed.

Thank you to our Art co-ordinators Mrs Gambles and Mrs Thomason who are leading this project.

Please visit the free exhibition if you are in Warrington, the St Oswald's exhibition is displayed alongside work from other Warrington primary schools, our school's exhibition will be located between HMV and Greggs in the Golden Square.

Creme Egg Donations

We are collecting creme eggs to give out to the children on the last day in school before Easter.

A basket is placed outside the office and we are inviting all parents/carers and visitors to the school to donate a creme egg for the children.

Thank you in advance for your support



St Oswald's School Survey

A short survey was emailed out last Friday following the Parent Consultation meetings that took place last week. Thank you to the Parents/Carers who have already completed this.

Please check junk folders for your chance to contribute to our parent voice survey.

It will only take a couple of minutes to complete, but will give you the opportunity to offer your thoughts on our school. Your insights are incredibly valuable as we look for ways to improve our school community.



Thank you as always for your time and support.

Mrs Orwin

Picker Pals

In line with our 'Live Simply' award we continue with our 'Picker Pals' programme.

Last week, Millie from Year 5, did a great job around her local area and on Padgate Lane. Millie and her Mum were surprised by how much litter they collected!

Brilliant work Millie well done.

More information can be found on their website <https://pickerpalsworld.org/>.



LiveSimply

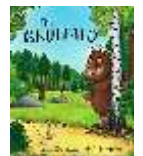


Book in a Box



At school there is an exciting competition relating to the National Year of Reading called Book in a Box. You will need a box, which can be a cereal box, shoe box or equivalent. Choose your favourite book and decorate your box (inside and out) to represent the different parts of the book.

- You could draw or cut out pictures of the characters or significant objects from the book.
 - You could recreate a scene from the book inside.
 - You could Include interesting quotes from the text.
- Don't forget to include the title and author of the book too.
 - Make it as colourful and exciting as you can.



How to Enter - Label your box clearly with your name and year group and bring your box to school by

Tuesday 31st March 2026 for judging.

There will be prizes for Early Years, Key Stage 1, Lower Key Stage 2 and Upper Key Stage 2.

Good Luck!

St Oswald's Stars

Reception	Anaiya
Y2	Leksi
Y3	Jessica
Y4	Zack
Y5	Reyan
Y6	Marcus & Freddie

Well done to all our stars!

Join us for our next *Celebration Assembly* on
Friday 27th March.
Everyone Welcome

Whole School Attendance

16–20 March 2026

Class	Attendance Percentage
Rec	96.7%
Y1	98% - Excellent
Y2	90.6%
Y3	98.7% - Excellent
Y4	94.6%
Y5	98.1% - Excellent
Y6	95.4%

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



Whole School attendance this week was **95.9%**
CONGRATULATIONS TO RECEPTION & YEAR 5 WITH THE BEST ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Diary Dates

Saturday 21 March

First Communion Children Preparation Mass to be celebrated by Archbishop John Sherrington 4.30pm at St Oswald's Church

Wednesday 25 March

Rock Steady Easter Music Concert—9.30am
School Hall

Thursday 26 March

Reception Class Assembly—9am

Friday 27 March

Celebration Assembly—9am
St Oswald's Make (Break) the Rules Day!!

Sunday 29 March

Palm Sunday

Monday 30 March

School Choir and some Y5 children performing at the Parr Hall, Warrington

Tuesday 31 March

Easter Story (KS2) 2pm

Wednesday 1 April

Easter Bonnets—KS1 9am/KS2 9.30am, school hall—
all welcome.

Free raffle for the children with chocolate Easter Egg prizes donated by staff—afternoon in school.

School closes for Easter

Monday 13 April

School Opens for Summer Term

School Lunch Menu 23 –27 March 2026

Monday 23 March

Mac & Cheese (v)
Tomato Pasta (v)

Tuesday 24 March

Chicken Curry (v)
Omelette (v)

Wednesday 25 March

Lasagne (v) & garlic dough balls

Thursday 26 March

Chinese Day—sweet & sour chicken with noodles
Young chow fried rice (v)

Friday 27 March

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

Jacket potato option also available daily.



Make (Break) the Rules Day!

On **Friday 27 March**, your child can follow any of the rules listed on the attached sheet for **1 DAY ONLY**. In return you pay £1.00 for every new rule chosen - to a maximum of all 10 costing £10.00. A payment item is now set up on ParentPay for a maximum of £10.00 BUT YOU PAY for the number of rules your child chooses to break.

Please speak to your child about this fun event which is sure to be a great day!

MAKE (BREAK) THE SCHOOL RULES DAY

-  **BRING IN ANY SNACK (NO NUTS)**
-  **WEAR NAIL VARNISH**
-  **WEAR ANY OUTFIT**
-  **HAVE ANY STYLE OR COLOUR HAIR**
-  **WEAR JEWELLERY**
-  **BRING A TEDDY TO SCHOOL**
-  **WEAR ODD SOCKS AND SHOES**
-  **WEAR MAKE UP / FACEPAINT**
-  **BRING JUICE IN YOUR BOTTLE**
-  **WEAR HAT/CAP IN CLASS**

27TH MARCH 2026



Easter HAF Clubs and Activities

HAF

Holiday Activities and Food

Are your children on benefit related free school meals?

If yes, they can attend up to four fully funded holiday activities this Easter. Browse now at warrington.gov.uk. Bookings will go live on 13 March at 12pm. Email haf@warrington.gov.uk to find out more.

Not eligible? Many clubs offer paid places at a reduced rate.

#HAF2026
WARRINGTON Metropolitan Council
Department for Education

EASTER HOLIDAY CAMP

PADGATE - BRADFORD - LATCHFORD - BENSLEY

FREE CHECK ONLINE TO QUALIFY

9AM-1PM EACH DAY LUNCH & SNACK INCLUDED!

FUN SPORTS ACTIVITIES
CRAFT ACTIVITIES
COOKING DEMO
YOUNG LEADERS AWARD
PLUS LOTS MORE!
PLUS CERTIFICATES
TROPHIES & PRIZES!

APRIL
7TH - 10TH
ONLY 30 SPACES. BOOK NOW!

BOOK ONLINE: WWW.STRIKERACADEMY.CO.UK/HAF

MUSEUM EXPLORERS

West Cheshire Museums

Explore Nature, Art, Science and Technology across West Cheshire Museums at Museum Explorers club!

Come and make some exciting discoveries with us this Spring!

Victorian Toys: 8th April
Aboriginal Art: 15th April
11am-12pm & 12pm-1pm

Outstanding Owls: 9th April
Art Discover Day: 16th April
11am-12pm & 12pm-1pm

Eggy Experiments: 10th April
Investigating Seasons: 17th April
11am-12pm & 12pm-1pm

Weaver Hall Museum & Workhouse
Grosvenor Museum
Lion Salt Works

Booking necessary, £5 per session. To book, pop in to see us or call:
Weaver Hall Museum: 01606 271646
Lion Salt Works: 01606 275066
Grosvenor Museum: 01244 972197

Dunky's Day Nursery & Forest School

Easter Half Term HOLIDAY CLUB

Tuesday 7th - Tuesday 14th April

What to Expect:

- Forest Adventures
- Easter Crafts & Activities
- Storytelling & Den Building
- Outdoor Games
- Nature Hunts

For children 5-11 years old

Book Now! Spaces are limited!
Call us on: 01925 594680

We can't wait to see you for an Easter adventure!



Easter Holiday Club, St. Oswald's Primary (Padgate)

Football, dance games, sports, indoor & outdoor activities, and more...

Primary age children + | Ofsted registered & tax-free childcare accepted! | 8am to 6pm

raringstars.com

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.

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.