



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

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#### Sunday's Gospel

Jesus helped a blind man to see again. We can see many wonderful things that God has made in our world. But we also need to open our eyes to where things have gone wrong and try to do what we can to change them.



God of power and glory, we give you thanks for the gift of sight. Open our eyes to the good things in this world. Help us also to see when things are wrong and what we can do to change them. Amen. Cafod

#### Year 2 Class Assembly

Yesterday, Year 2 performed their Class Assembly on the theme "Desert to Garden" and took us on a journey with Jesus through the events of Holy Week.

The children sang and delivered their lines beautifully. Thank you to Mrs Thomason and Mrs Birchall for guiding and preparing the children so well for their special performance and to parents for helping the children to learn their lines.

Thank you also to all parents, carers, family and friends who came along to support the children and for the lovely comments you left for the children. There were too many to publish them all but here is a selection:

*"Fantastic! Confident speaking from all of the children and wonderful singing. Well done Year 2!"*

*"Super assembly! Well done to all of Year 2 children"*

*"Lovely assembly—all the children did so well, Thank you."*

*"That made my soul smile, filled my heart with love"*

*"Fabulous" "Wonderful"*

*"Well done everyone AMAZING assembly, singing and reading."*

*"Best show so far. The class did amazing. Beautiful singing"*

*"Amazing Year 2! Beautiful singing and clear lines. Very proud of you all"*



#### Live Simply

This morning we celebrated Mass with Bishop Tom Neylon in church, for St. Oswald's school achieving the CAFOD Live Simply award.



We are very proud of our achievements over the last 3 years and we continue our journey to Live Simply, Sustainably and in Solidarity with those less fortunate than ourselves around the world.

Bishop Tom spoke of the importance of the Live Simply award and commended our efforts and achievements in reducing waste and recycling as much as possible.

The children of St. Oswald's very much linked their pledges for the awards, with the Year of Jubilee and made both individual and class pledges which are referenced regularly in school through assemblies and our daily actions. We are very proud of our amazing staff and children!

Our special thanks to Bishop Tom and Fr Dave for helping us to celebrate our achievements and recognising all the hard work we have put in that has become a natural part of our daily lives in school. Also to our amazing Mini Vinnies and Year 6 prefects, who helped to lead the Mass, and were instrumental in the assessment process with a Mrs Orwin, Miss Morris and Fr Dave.



## Special Easter Events 2026

Tuesday 31 March

Easter Passion Play at 2pm



Our traditional Easter Passion Play will once again be performed by our KS2 classes. Parents, family and friends are all welcome.

Wednesday 1 April

Easter Bonnets

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.

Finger crossed, the Easter Bunny might also pay a visit to our classes!

## Primary Arts Exhibition

St Oswald's are once again this year taking part in the Warrington Primary Arts Network Exhibition. The exhibition will open on 21 March at the **Golden Square Shopping Centre**.

The children in all classes will produce some beautiful 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.**

## Can you help us?

As the children will be working on creating their art work, we would be grateful if parents/carers or family members could donate **any items** such as: **Fabric, wool, hessian, raffia, sandpaper, bubble wrap, general packaging, cardboard, brown paper, nuts & bolts (various sizes), newspapers, wooden pegs, natural twine, cling film and tin foil.**

There will be a box placed in the office reception area for donations. Thank you in advance for your support.



## **THE BIG LENT WALK** Big Lent Walk 2026



Once again this year we will be taking part in CAFOD'S 'Big Lent Walk'. The Big Lent Walk is a challenge where participants walk during Lent and get sponsored to raise money to help people fighting extreme poverty globally. Money raised can and will change lives. Every £1 raised through the Big Lent Walk will help fight poverty globally in countries like Afghanistan, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan.

The children in all classes will be taking part in the Big Lent Walk on **Wednesday 18th March**, on our Daily Mile track. The children can wear something **Purple for Lent** (hair ribbon, t-shirt etc) if they want to.

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.

## 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.

## Amber—Y6

Congratulations to Amber in our Year 6 class who came away with multiple trophies for her performance and fitness at her netball annual awards.

She was the first under 11 in the history of the club to receive one of the awards which is an amazing achievement!

Well done Amber, we are very proud of you.





## Creme Egg Donations

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

A basket will be 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

Thank you to all the Parent/Carers who attended Parents Consultation Meetings this week. We will be sending a short survey regarding the meetings. Please look out in your emails (and 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 and any ideas to help us improve. further.

Thank you as always for your time and support.

Mrs Orwin



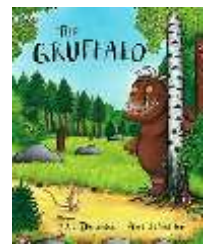
## Book in a Box



National  
Year of  
Reading  
2026

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.

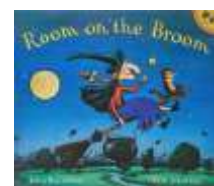
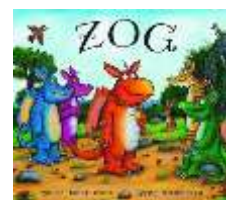
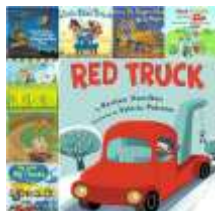


How to Enter – Label your box clearly with your name and year group and bring your box to school by

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!



Diary Dates



**Wednesday 18 March**  
Big Lent Walk  
Wear something purple



**Tuesday 17 March**  
St Patrick's Day

**Thursday 19 March**  
St. Joseph's Feast Day

**Saturday 21 March**  
Year 4 Holy Communion Preparation Mass  
4.30pm—St Oswald's Church

**Saturday 21—Sunday 22 March**  
Primary Arts Network Exhibition

**Wednesday 25 March**  
Rock Steady Easter Music Concert—9.30am  
School Hall

**Friday 27 March**  
St Oswald's Make (Break) the Rules Day!!  
See poster attached

**Sunday 29 March**  
Palm Sunday

**Monday 30 March**  
School Choir and some Y5 children performing at  
the Parr Hall, Warrington

**Tuesday 31 March**  
Passion Play (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

**Friday 17 April**  
Celebration Assembly  
9am in the school hall—all welcome

**Whole School Attendance**

9—13 March 2026

Class	Attendance Percentage
Rec	98.1% - Excellent
Y1	96.4%
Y2	100% - Excellent
Y3	98.3% - Excellent
Y4	96.3%
Y5	97.1% - Excellent
Y6	97.5% - Excellent



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

Whole School attendance this week was 97.8%  
**CONGRATULATIONS TO RECEPTION & YEAR 5 WITH THE  
BEST ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK—100%!!**

School Lunch Menu 16 —20 March 2026

**Monday 16 March**  
Pizza (v)

**Tuesday 17 March**  
Beef/Veggie Bolognese (v)

**Wednesday 18 March**  
Selection of Paninis (v)

**Thursday 19 March**  
Brunch Lunch (v)

**Friday 20 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.**  
(All options are subject to change if needed).

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

## 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 will be 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*



# HAF

## Holiday Activities and Food

Are your children on benefit related free school meals?

Scan me 

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

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



#HAF2026



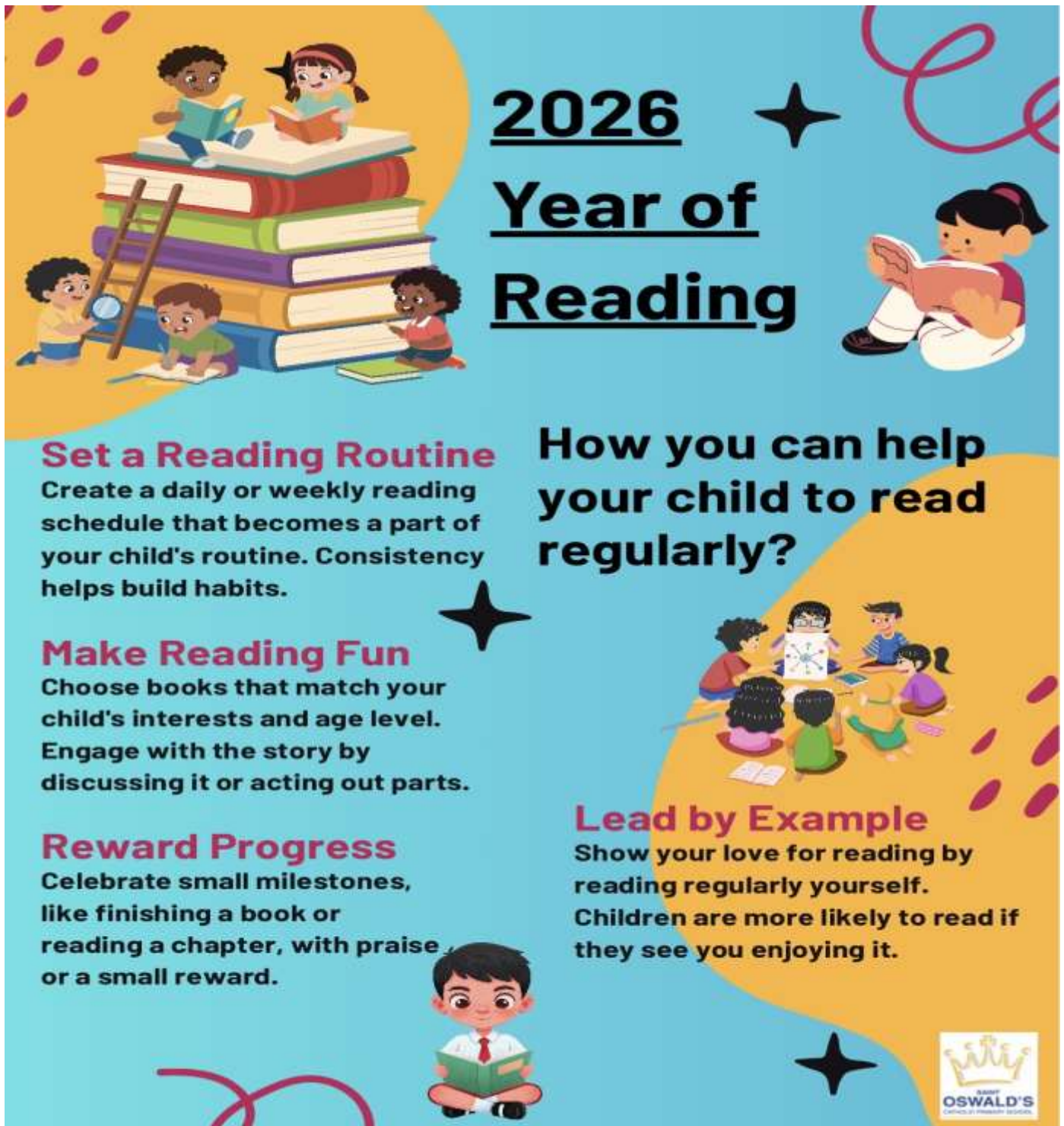
### Easter Holiday Club, St. Oswald's Primary (Padgate)

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

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

[raringstars.com](http://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.

**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.**