



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

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Sunday's Gospel

Jesus' appearance changed, while he was on a mountain with three of his friends, his face and clothes shone like the sun. This also changed the lives of his friends as they realised that Jesus was the Son of God.



God of light and power, you sent your Son Jesus to show us how to live our lives. Help us to recognise him in all people we meet and to take action to change the world for the better. Amen.

Chocolate Bingo

Just before the half term break, on Friday 13th February, the friends of St Oswald's held a 'Valentine Chocolate Bingo' in the Parish Club.

It was very well attended, many prizes were won and everyone had a great time. A very special thank you to Steph Reid and Charlene Hargreaves, for their time and efforts in sorting the prizes and to the rest of their helpers, who were a great support setting up on the night. It is very much appreciated by us all.

They raised a magnificent total of just over £1100, which will be used to buy more resources across the school e.g. outdoor equipment and the library.

Thank you to all who came along to support the event and well done to all who won the prizes—we hope you enjoyed your treats!



Parent/Carer & Teacher Consultation Meetings

Parent/Carer and Teacher consultation meetings will take on Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th March.

Meetings will take place either face to face or on School Cloud—online.

Appointment times will be sent out via email for you to click on the link and book your preferred appointment time.

Books will go home on Friday 6th March for you to share with your child. Please can you make sure that books are returned to school again on the Monday morning.

If you are unable to attend the parent or have difficulty booking an appointment, please contact the school office.



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World Book Day



On Thursday 5th March, St. Oswald's will be celebrating World Book Day.

Children are welcome to dress up as their favourite book character, wear their pyjamas. (Please make sure they are warm enough to play out).

We will have an assembly in the school hall at 9am, to share some of our book characters.

Please could your child bring in a book they would like to share in their class, throughout the day.

2026 is the Year of Reading, let us all work together to make sure our children hear/read as many stories as possible.

PE:

Please note there will be no PE lessons in school on World Book Day however Year 5 swimming will go ahead as normal so please keep this in mind when planning costumes (avoid face paint/hair colours and costumes that are difficult to dress and undress in etc.)



PE Days Spring 2 half term 2026

PE days will be as follows:

Nursery—Tuesday & Thursday

Reception - Tuesday & Friday

Y1 - Monday & Tuesday

Y2 - Monday & Tuesday

Y3 - Tuesday & Thursday

Y4 - Wednesday & Friday

Y5 - Wednesday & Thursday

Y6 - Monday & Friday



Children should wear their PE uniform for school on their class PE days. Please ensure that earrings are removed and that trainers are all black. Thank you.

Y4 First Communion Presentation Mass.

Thank you to the Year 4 parents who were able to attend the preparation meeting for First Holy Communion on Tuesday afternoon, with Fr Dave and Mrs Orwin.

Tomorrow— **Saturday 28 February**, the children receiving their First Holy Communion this year, will be presented at the 4.30pm Mass, at St Oswald's church.



Please keep these children in your thoughts and prayers.

Parents/Carers—We Need Your Help!

- Firstly, in our EYFS classes, as part of our learning about the world around us, we would love to invite any parents or family members with a background in animal care (e.g. vet, groomers, even zoo keepers) who could come into school to share their experiences with the children. Please get in touch with the school office.
- Secondly, we will be taking part in the Warrington Primary Arts Network Exhibition (PAN) in March and we would be grateful if parents/carers or family members could donate **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.



SEND/EBSA Coffee Afternoon



Following on from the success of EBSA based coffee morning on Friday 6 February we are pleased to invite parents/carers to another SEND/EBSA coffee afternoon on **Friday 6th March at 2pm.**

This session is open to all families — **your child does not need to have a SEND diagnosis to attend.**

The focus of this coffee afternoon will be Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA). If your child experiences separation anxiety, partial school avoidance, or is finding it difficult to attend school, this session may be helpful. It may also be beneficial for families whose children attend school regularly but experience anxiety before the school day.

The session will be led by Sophie Jones, Parent Governor with responsibility for SEND, who has professional experience working closely with the Educational Psychology Team in Warrington on EBSA. Sophie will share information, practical tools, and strategies to help support children who find school attendance challenging.

Early intervention is vital in supporting children with school-related anxiety, helping families and schools work together to put effective strategies in place for positive long-term outcomes.

We look forward to welcoming you for an informal and supportive discussion over a cup of coffee.

For more information about Warrington's EBSA support, with some resources for parents, please have a look at the Educational Psychology padlet:

[Educational Psychology Service | Warrington Services Hub](#)

Big Lent Walk 2026

Every year St Oswald's takes part in the Cafod Big Lent Walk. The children in all classes will be taking part in the Big Lent Walk throughout March on our Daily Mile track.

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 direct to Cafod via our Just Giving page:

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

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



St Oswald's Stars

Reception	Indie
Y1	Florence
Y2	Harriet & Rory
Y3	Arav
Y4	Titas
Y5	Georgia
Y6	Evie D
MFL	Zach (Y3)

Well done to all our stars!

Join us for our next Celebration Assembly next week on **Friday 6th March.**

Everyone Welcome!

Whole School Attendance

23–27 February 2026

Class	Attendance Percentage
Rec	94.5%
Y1	92.4%
Y2	100% - Excellent
Y3	98.3% - Excellent
Y4	97.6%
Y5	97.21%
Y6	97.9%



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

Whole School attendance this week was 97.2%
CONGRATULATIONS TO YEAR 2 WITH THE BEST ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Diary Dates

Saturday 28 February

First Communion Preparation Mass, 4.30pm.

Thursday 5 March

World Book Day

Friday 6 March

Celebration Assembly - 9am

EBSA Coffee Afternoon 2pm–3.15pm—IT Suite

Books go home with children—please send a plastic bag!

Monday 9 & Tuesday 10 March

Parent Consultation Meetings

Thursday 12th March

Year 2 Class Assembly at 9am

Friday 13th March

Bishop Tom Neylon will say Mass with our school and present our Live Simply award to the school at 9.30am.

All are welcome.

Sunday 15 March

Mother's Day

w/c 16 March

Big Lent Walk



Tuesday 17 March

St Patrick's Day



School Lunch Menu 2 —6 March 2026

Monday 2 March

Mac & Cheese

Tomato Pasta (v)

Tuesday 3 March

Chicken Curry (v)

Omelette

Wednesday 4 March

Pasta Bolognese (v)

Thursday 5 March

Brunch Lunch & Chocolate Milk (v)

Friday 6 March

Crumbed coated chicken served with chunky chipped potatoes, peas or baked beans

Oven baked fish fingers

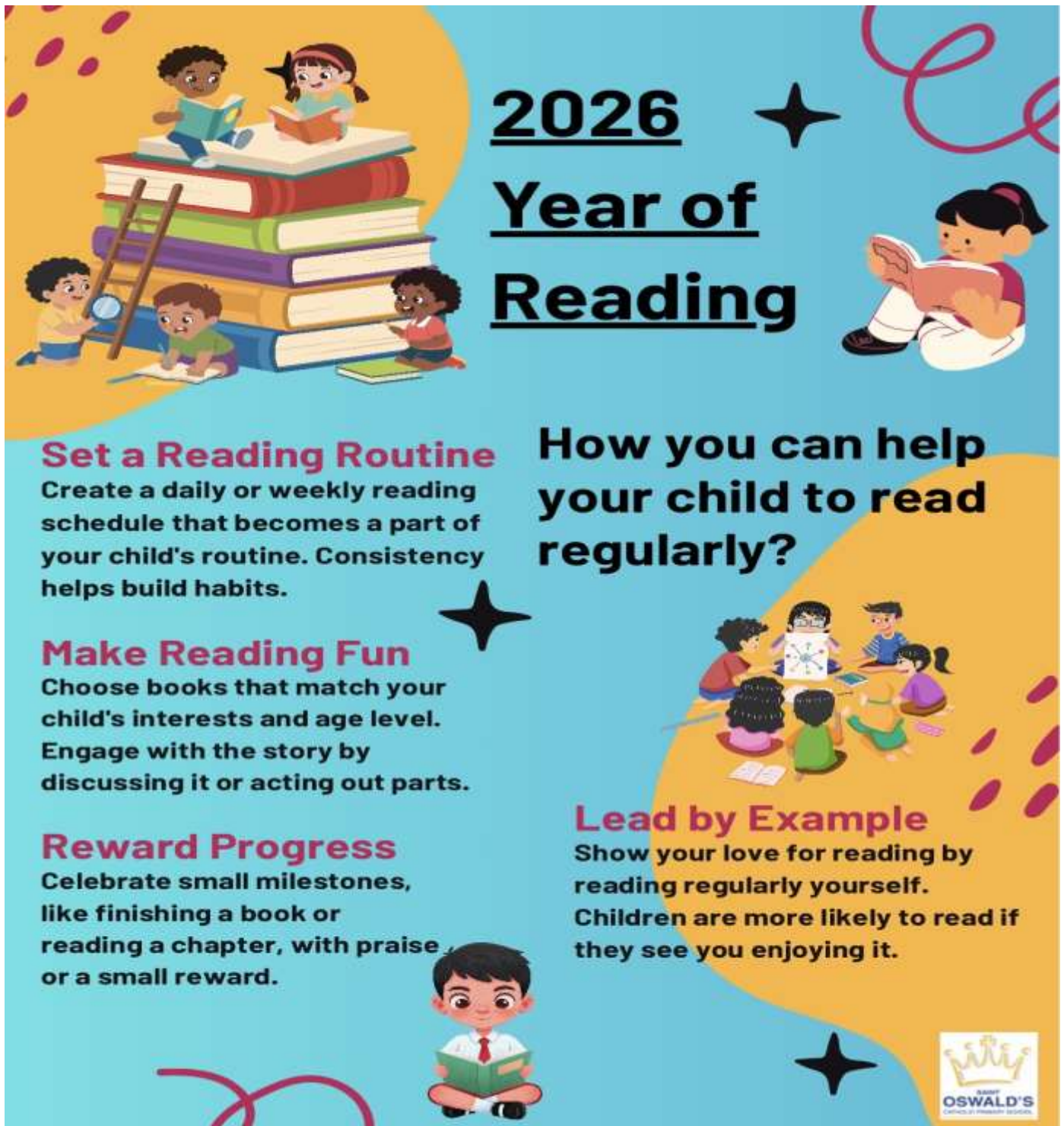
Quorn Nuggets (v)

Jacket potato option also available daily.

(All options are subject to change if needed).

Please note: School meals now cost £3.20 per day





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.