

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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Children's Mental Health Week



This week was Children's Mental Health Week which was launched in 2015. The official theme for 2026 is: **'This is My Place'**. The children have been doing different activities in their classes to learn about children's mental health. Special thanks to Mrs Armitage, who has run her lunch time club over 3 days this week, enabling children to come and chat, have quiet time, colour, read a book or do Lego, it was appreciated by the children who chose to attend.

Warrington Arts Award

We are proud to have achieved the Warrington Arts Award 2023-2025 for our commitment to the arts and music across all year groups. The award recognises the range of creative opportunities we provide for our children and how we share good practice across our school.

Special thanks to Mrs Gambles and Mrs Thomason for all your hard work in supporting St. Oswald's to achieving this fabulous award.



Sunday's Gospel

Today we hear about how we must not argue with our brothers and sisters and how, if we do, we need to make peace with them. Let's think about making peace with all our brothers and sisters around the world.



Prayer

Loving God, when we do wrong and hurt others help us to be brave and say sorry. Help us all to live in peace together. Amen. CAFOD

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 8 February

On Monday we welcomed PCSO Becky & Bethan to school for an important internet safety assembly for Year 5 and Year 6. She shared lots of information with the children about keeping themselves and others safe and happy online.



If your child has access to a mobile phone or device that has access to the internet, please talk to them regularly about the types of apps they use, the chat groups they are in and the content they engage with.

Monthly internet safety newsletters and other resources are posted on our website. AND on Google Classrooms.

Other resources are available on [saferinternetday.org](https://www.saferinternetday.org)

House Points Winners

Spring 1—Respect

*Love, Learn, Respect,
Appreciate*

As you will know, all of the children at St Oswald's are a member of a school house. We have four houses named after the values in our school mission—Love, Learn, Respect and Appreciate—and all children can earn house points by displaying behaviour reflecting the four values.

The house with the most points this half term was 'Respect' and today they were rewarded with juice and biscuits and fun in the hall with Mrs Orwin and Mrs Furness. The children enjoyed some story time in line with our year of reading.

Keep working hard to earn those house points children!

PE Days Spring 2 half term 2026

When we reopen for the Spring 2 half term Monday 23 February 2026, class 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.

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](#)

Picker Pals

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

This week Noah in Year 5 did a great job around his local area carrying out his Picker Pals work.

Brilliant work, well done Noah and to all the Year 5 Picker Pals this half term. We are so proud of you!

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



LiveSimply

Y4 First Communion Preparation

A reminder to parents/carers of children in Year 4 who are preparing for the Sacrament of First Communion, the first meeting for parents/carers will be in church on **Tuesday 24 February** at 3.15pm, the first preparation Mass is on **Saturday 28 February** at 4.30pm.



February
half term!

St Oswald's Stars

Reception	Anaiya
Y1	Freddie
Y2	Robin
Y3	Liam
Y4	Sophie
Y5	Emilia
Y6	Ciara
Music	Henry (Y3)
MFL	Noel (Y5)

Well done to all our stars!

Join us for our next Celebration Assembly next week on **Friday 27th February**.

Whole School Attendance

9 February–13 February 2026

Class	Attendance Percentage
Rec	100% - Excellent
Y1	90%
Y2	97.3%
Y3	99.1% - Excellent
Y4	96%
Y5	94.5%
Y6	95.5%



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

Whole School attendance this week was **95.6%**
CONGRATULATIONS TO Reception WITH THE BEST ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Diary Dates

Tuesday 17 February
Chinese New Year

Wednesday 18th February
Ash Wednesday

Monday 23 February
School reopens for Spring 2 half term
After school clubs restart

Tuesday 24 February
First Holy Communion meeting for Parents/Carers—3.15pm
St Oswald's Church

Saturday 28 February
First Communion Preparation Mass

Thursday 5 March
World Book Day

Friday 6 March
EBSA Coffee Afternoon 2pm—3.15pm—IT Suite

Monday 9 & Tuesday 10 March
Parent Consultation Meetings

Sunday 15 March
Mother's Day

WC 16 March
Year 5—Bikeability

School Lunch Menu 23 –27 February 2026

Monday 23 February
Margarita Pizza (v)

Tuesday 24 February
Beef Bologaise (v)

Wednesday 25 February
Cheese Panini (v)
Ham Panini

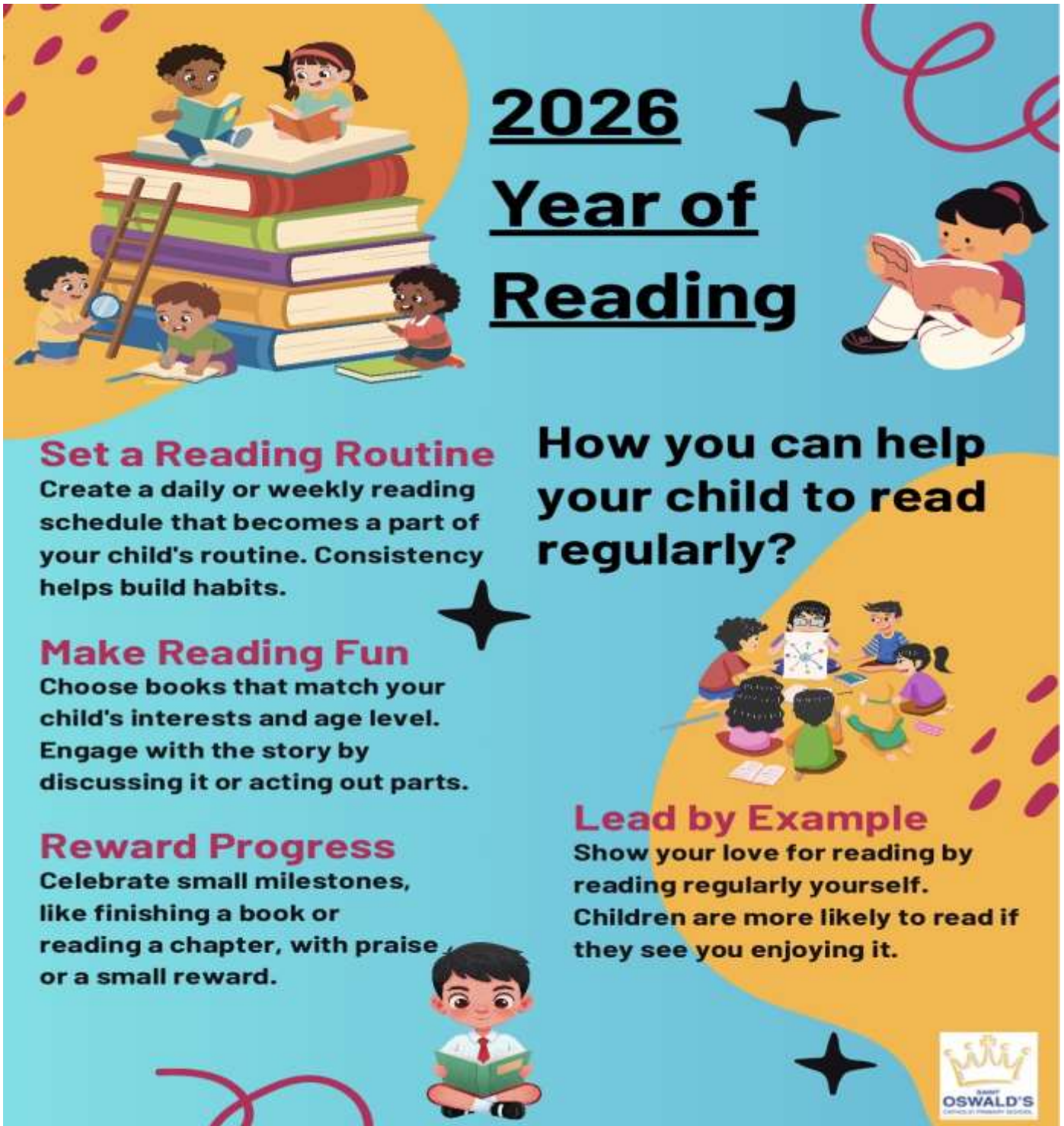
Thursday 26 February
Brunch Lunch (v)

Friday 27 February
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 will cost £3.20 per day from 23 February 2026 (WBC)





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.