

# 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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## Sunday's Gospel

We hear how Jesus goes onto a mountain and teaches his disciples about the kind of person that makes him happy and who is blessed.



### Prayer

God of love, you bless those people who are poor, who are sad, who are hungry and thirsty and who are hurt because they stand up for what they believe in. Help us to follow in your way. Amen.

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## Congratulations St. Oswald's!!

*Last Friday, Mrs Orwin received an email from Bridget Phillipson, Secretary of State for Education, to congratulate St. Oswald's Catholic Primary School, for its excellent outcomes and significant achievement for disadvantaged pupils.*

A message from  
Bridget Phillipson



Dear Mrs Orwin,

Congratulations to you and your team on the excellent outcomes the disadvantaged pupils at St Oswald's Catholic Primary School achieved at the end of the 2024/25 academic year. Your school's performance places it among the very best nationally, and this is a significant achievement.

This success reflects the dedication of your staff and the hard work of your pupils. It shows what can be achieved when ambition and commitment come together. Thank you for everything you do to give children the best possible opportunities to succeed.

Your school's achievements demonstrate what is possible, and I hope you will continue to share your experience and best practice with others. Even the strongest schools can go further. We encourage you to lead the way as a system leader - sharing effective practice, championing networks, supporting collaboration, and helping raise standards across the sector.

There are real opportunities available for you to support improvement for a wider group of pupils including through:

- engaging actively with [your region's RISE networks](#) and partnering with nearby schools and trusts;
- contributing to regional roundtables and professional communities to spread the approaches that are working in your context; and
- sustaining excellence by continuing to focus on disadvantaged pupils

Please pass on my thanks and congratulations to your staff and pupils. I look forward to working with you as we strive together to raise standards for all.

*Your sincerely,  
Bridget Phillipson*

Bridget Phillipson

Secretary of State for Education

## **SEND Coffee Morning Friday 6 February 9:45am**

Please join us next **Friday 6 February at 9.45am** after celebration assembly when there will be a SEND coffee morning in school for parents/carers. This session is open to all families - **your child does not need to have a SEND diagnosis to attend.**

The focus of this coffee morning 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. 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.

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](#)



**February Holiday Club, St. Oswald's Primary (Padgate)**  
Football, dance games, sports, indoor + outdoor activities!

Primary Age Children +  
8am - 6pm

Ofsted Registered  
Full Details Online

Reading Stars



**Active Families**  
Active Families – Get Moving, Have Fun!

**Tuesday**  
4.00pm-6.00pm  
Starts 13th January 2026

at  
Fearhead Cross  
Community Centre  
Insall Rd, Padgate  
WA2 0HD

Join us for Active Families, a fun-filled session designed to help you get active through sports and games.

- Parents/Guardians: Come along with your children
- Teens: Come solo or bring a friend (with appropriate adult consent)

This is a new community-focused way to boost your wellbeing while enjoying time together.

**Play, Move, and Thrive! Let's make being active fun for everyone!**

- Free to Join
- Community-Led
- For All Ages & Abilities

Sign up today and be part of the movement!  
Call us at 07741 291 969 Email: dhynes@warrington.gov.uk

LiveWire WARRINGTON Borough Council Active Families

## Picker Pals

In line with our 'Live Simply' award we continue with our 'Picker Pals' programme, which is a powerful behavioural change programme with deep engagement and popularity.

Led by teachers, activated by kids, amplified by parents and admired by communities.

This week Isobel from Year 5 braved some awful weather around Delery Drive and did some fantastic work in her Picker Pals role—well done Isobel!

More information can be found on their website

<https://pickerpalsworld.org/>.



LiveSimply

## After-School Clubs

After school clubs started last week and will run for a further 5 weeks.

Clubs will take place during the following weeks

w/c 2 February

**HALF TERM**

w/c 23 February

w/c 2 March

**w/c 9 March—no clubs this week—Parent Consultation Mtgs**

w/c 16 March

w/c 23 March

All clubs are 3.30-4.15pm (except Judo 4.30pm)

### Key Stage 1

**Mondays:** **KS1 Busy Bees Club (Y1 & Y2)**  
Different activity each week including Arts & Crafts, Computing and games.  
*Miss Morris & Mrs Gambles*

**Tuesdays:** **Gymnastics Club (Y2–Y6)**  
**PE KIT MUST BE WORN**  
*Daisy (Progressive Sports)*

### Key Stage 2

**Mondays:** **Boys Football Club (Y3 to Y6)**  
*Mr Critchley*

**Wednesdays:** **Reading for Pleasure & Homework Club (Y2 to Y6)**  
*Mrs Thomason & Mrs Furness*

**Thursdays:** **Girls Football Club (Y3 to Y6)**  
*Mr Critchley*

**Drama & Games Club (Y2 to Y6)**  
*Miss Jones*

**Judo\* (Y2 to Y6) starts Thursday 26 Feb**  
*Judo Education instructor*

If your child would like to join any of the clubs, please sign them up by making payment on ParentPay. Clubs are charged at £3 each.

Places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis following payment of subs on ParentPay.

**\* Please note, Judo Club which is led by external provider 'Judo Education' will run for 5 weeks from Thursday 26 February to Thursday 26 March 3.30-4.30pm. Bookings for this club are now available by the club is priced £35 for 5 weeks.**

## St Oswald's Stars

Reception	Bonnie
Y1	Ben Mc
Y2	Evelyn
Y3	Freya
Y4	Zimi
Y5	Aiden
Y6	Jessica
MFL	Peter Y4
	Sienna Y4


**Well done to all our stars!**

Join us for our next Celebration Assembly next week on **Friday 6 February**

## Whole School Attendance

26 -30 January 2026

Class	Attendance Percentage
Rec	99.09 %
Y1	95.2 %
Y2	98 %
Y3	99.07 %
Y4	96 %
Y5	99.4 %
Y6	96.3 %



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

Whole School attendance this week was **97.51 %**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO YEAR 5 WITH THE BEST ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK**

### Diary Dates



**Friday 6 February**  
Celebration Assembly—9am—school hall  
SEND Coffee Morning (EBSA) - 9.45am—everyone welcome!



**Monday 9 February**  
Children's Mental Health Week—9-13 February  
PCSO Becky Shevlin in for safer internet presentation— 1 pm  
Year 6 SATS Meeting for Parents/Carers—3.30pm

**Tuesday 10 February**  
Safer Internet Day  
Year 6 & EYFS Buddy Mass 11am—Church

**Friday 13 February**  
Celebration Assembly—9am—everyone welcome  
School Closes for February half term  
**CHOCOLATE BINGO!**

**Monday 23 February**  
School reopens for Spring 2 half term

**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

### School Dinner Menu 2 February—6 February 2026

**Monday 2 February**  
Pizza (v)


**Tuesday 3 February**  
Spaghetti Bolognese (v)

**Wednesday 4 February**  
Selection of Freshly Made Panini's (v)

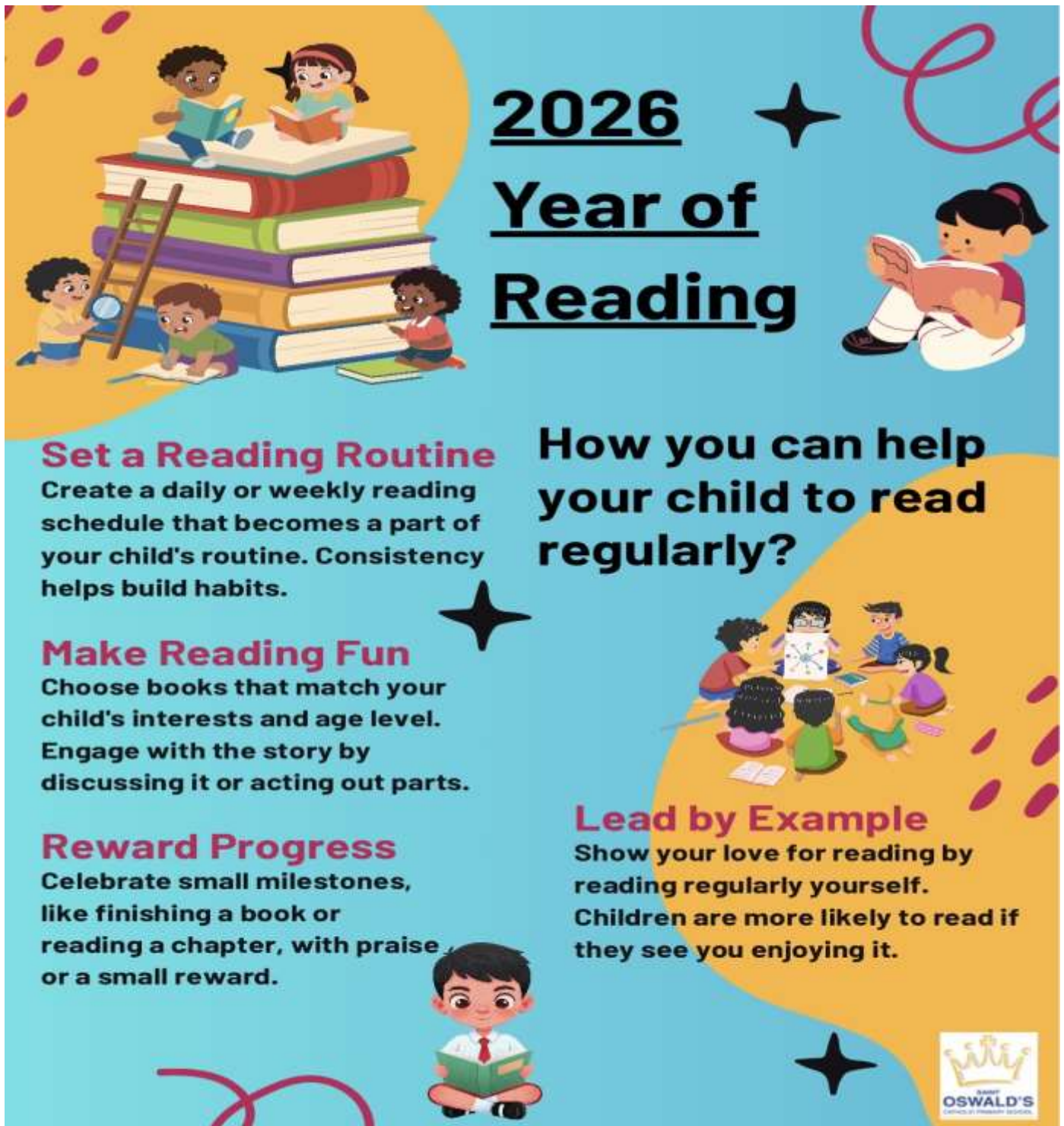
**Thursday 5 February**  
Brunch Lunch (v)

**Friday 6 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.**



*Chocolate*

# BINGO NIGHT

**13th February**

St Oswald's Club

**Doors open at 5.30pm**

**Eyes down at 6pm**

*Big prizes & endless fun!*

**£2 a Ticket**

