



Together at St Oswald's, we love, learn, respect and appreciate

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Reflection

We are all God's children and belong to one global family. Jesus asks us to care for one another. By doing this we can help the light of Jesus to shine in the world.



God of light, shine in our hearts so that we can share joy and hope with other people, especially those who are frightened, sick, lonely or hungry. .
Amen CAFOD

St. Oswald's Achieves the CAFOD Live Simply Award!

Celebrating Three Years of Living Simply, Sustainably, and in Solidarity

We are thrilled to share some wonderful news with our school community—St. Oswald's Catholic Primary School has officially received the CAFOD Live Simply award! This fantastic accomplishment comes after three years of commitment and teamwork from our pupils, staff, and families, all inspired by the values in Pope Francis' Laudato Si.

A huge thank you goes to James, Connie, Jessica, Louie, Bethany, Ciara, Max, Fr Dave, Miss Morris, and Mrs Orwin, who met with the CAFOD assessor on Wednesday to showcase our journey and all the amazing things we have achieved together. Their enthusiasm and dedication helped us celebrate everything that makes St. Oswald's special.

Over the past three years, our school has embraced the challenge to "Live Simply, Sustainably, and in Solidarity." From reducing waste through recycling and reusing, to looking after one another and our wider community, we have worked hard to make a positive difference in our world. Guided by Laudato Si, we've focused on respecting and appreciating ourselves, each other, and our beautiful world.

Respecting and valuing ourselves and those around us. Supporting our community and caring for the environment. Reducing waste, reusing, and recycling wherever we can. Helping others in need, both locally and globally and raising funds for a range of charities. Becoming more aware of God's creation and our responsibility to care for it.

Receiving the CAFOD Live Simply award is a huge honour, but our journey doesn't end here! We are excited to continue living by these values every day, making St. Oswald's and the world better for everyone.



Year 6 Class Assembly

Today, Year 6 performed their Class Assembly on the theme of "Galilee to Jerusalem" which is based on their RE topic. The children talked about the seven miracles Jesus performed. It represents Jesus as the Messiah, the Light of the World and more importantly tells us that Jesus is with us through all our good and bad times. "If Jesus could walk on water in the midst of a storm, he can walk with you in the midst of your overwhelming problems".

Thank you to Mr McKenzie and Mrs Truran for guiding and preparing the children so well for their special performance.

Thank you 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 but here is a selection:

"Lovely assembly, beautiful singing with the gospel message. Well done."

"Lovely assembly, nice songs and great artwork. Good job Year 6."

"Beautiful show and artwork—all the kids did so well."

"I loved your assembly—well done everyone!"

"Amazing assembly, well done to you all—you should be so proud".



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



There will be a SEND coffee morning in school for parents/carers on **Friday 6 February at 9.45am** after celebration assembly.

We are pleased to invite parents and carers to our upcoming SEND Coffee Morning. 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. 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, 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.

Each week a different child will bring home a Picker Pack. The children get their family involved and enjoy litter picking with their parents/carers. Then children return to class and share their story with classmates.

More information can be found on their website

<https://pickerpalsworld.org/>.

Well done to our Year 5 student Hannah who took home the picker pal kit this week. Great work Hannah.



After-School Clubs

After school clubs start from next Monday 26 January, they will run for 6 weeks. Clubs will take place during the following weeks

w/c 26 January

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: Busy Bees Club (Y1 & Y2)
Different activity each week including Arts & Crafts, Computing and games.

Miss Morris & Mrs Gambles

Tuesdays: Gymnastics Club (Y2—Y6)

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 (Y3 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.**

NATIONAL BIRD WATCHING WEEKEND

It is National Bird Watching Weekend 23-25 January 2026.

Big Garden Birdwatch is the world's largest garden wildlife survey. Every year, hundreds of thousands of nature lovers like you take part, helping to build a picture of how garden birds are faring.

The children/family will have to sit somewhere quietly, where they can see out into the garden or at a park and record the different birds they can see.

Remember not to count the same bird, if they return.

Good luck bird watching, we hope you see lots of different ones!

More information and resources for parents can be found on the Royal Society for Protection of Birds website

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch>.



Join Warrington Wolves as they open their 150th anniversary year with a special celebration of Warrington Wolves' proud heritage.

Taking place in the 40/Twenty Lounge, the exhibition will showcase the stories, moments and icons that shaped the club. Fans can explore classic shirts, historic matchday programmes and a wide range of treasured memorabilia, alongside classic video clips and access to their brand-new digital archive. .

The exhibition is open to all fans on **Saturday 24 January, 12pm–4pm**, with free entry and no ticket required. All ages are welcome. Drop in at any time during the afternoon to visit the experience.

The night before, on **Friday 23 January, 7pm–10pm**, the event opens exclusively to **Club 150 members**, with Q&As featuring Wire heroes from across the decades. Club 150 members should bring their 2026 black membership card for entry.

Tempest Photography

Reminder that on Thursday 29 January Tempest Photography are in school taking individual and sibling school photographs.

If you require family/sibling photographs then please report to the school office in the morning and this can be arranged.

If your child has PE on this day, please send your child in FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM.

The children can get changed into PE kits afterwards.

Year 5 children will go first as they will leave to go to their swimming lesson.



Whole School Attendance

19 –23 January 2026

Class	Attendance Percentage
Rec	100% - Excellent
Y1	87.6%
Y2	98.3% - Excellent
Y3	98.7% - Excellent
Y4	88.7%
Y5	96.2%
Y6	97.6%



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

Whole School attendance this week was 95.3%

CONGRATULATIONS TO RECEPTION WITH THE BEST ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Diary Dates



Monday 26 January

Afterschool Clubs commence

Thursday 29 January

Tempest Photography—Individual and Sibling Photos from 8.15am

Friday 30 January

Celebration Assembly—9am—everyone welcome

Friday 6 February

Celebration Assembly—9am—school hall

SEND Coffee Morning (EBSA) - 9.45am—everyone welcome!

Tuesday 11 February

Year 6 & EYFS Buddy Mass 11am—Church

Friday 13 February

Celebration Assembly—9am—everyone welcome

School Closes for February half term

Monday 23 February

School reopens for Spring 2 half term

Thursday 5 March

World Book Day

School Dinner Menu 26 – 30 January 2026

Monday 26 January

Vegetarian Sausage Roll (v)

Tuesday 27 January

Sausage & Mash with broccoli and gravy (v)

Wednesday 28 January

Burger in a Bun with herby diced potatoes (v)

Thursday 29 January

BBO served with baked potato wedges and sweetcorn

BBO Quorn (v)

Friday 30 January

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

Oven baked fish stars

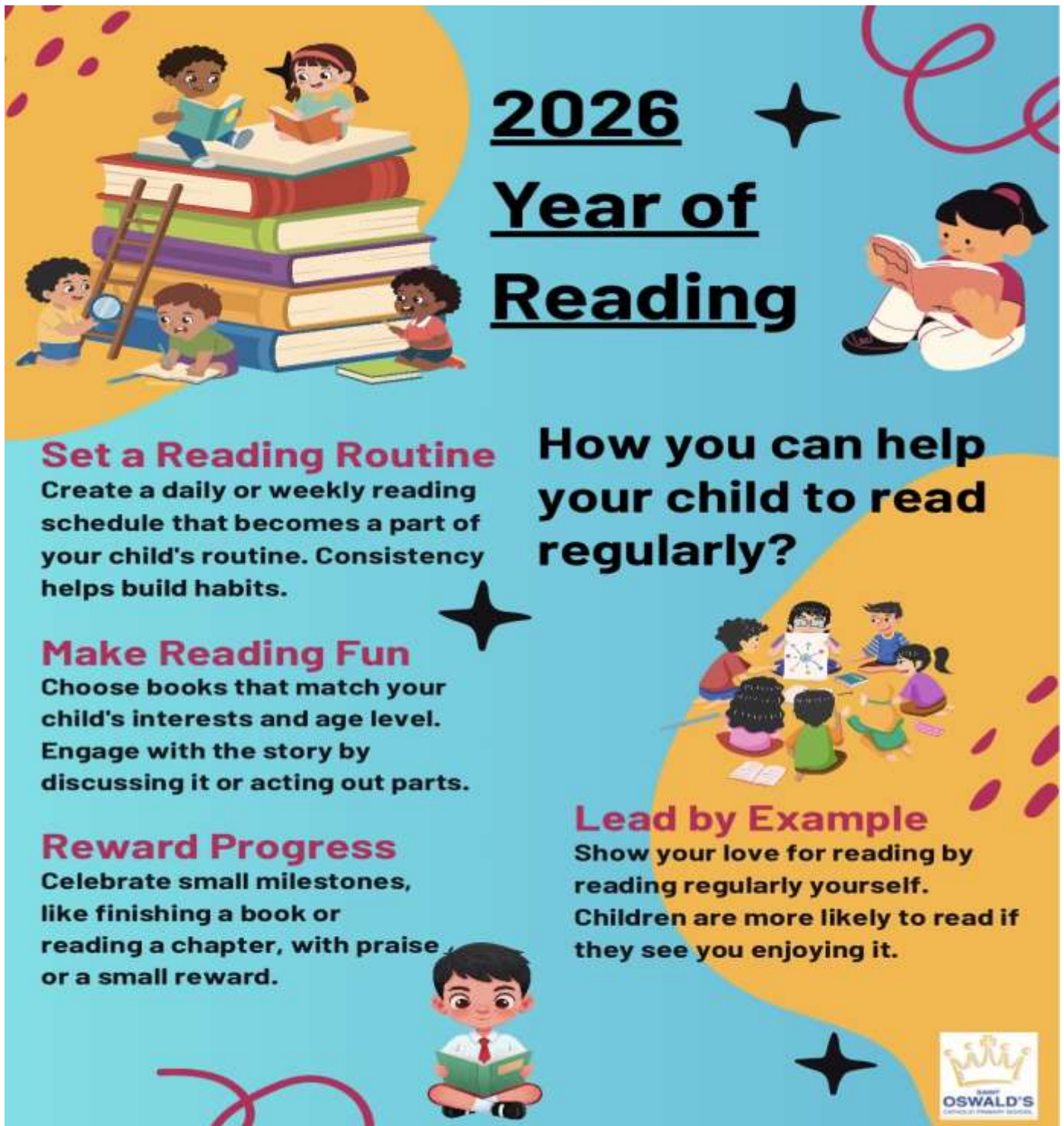
Quorn Nuggets (v)



Jacket potato option also available daily.

(All options are subject to change if needed).

[School will cost £3.20 per day on 23 February](#)



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.