

ST OSWALD'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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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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Reflection

This Sunday we hear how cousins Mary and Elizabeth rejoiced when they saw each other and how Elizabeth knew straight away that Mary's baby was very special.



Caring God, Elizabeth was filled with joy when she saw Mary and knew how special her baby would be. May all parents and their babies around the world have the chance to live healthy and happy lives, with hope for the future

Amen

CAFOD

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the autumn term, I can hardly believe how quickly the time has flown by. What a vibrant, busy term it has been for us all!

It has been a true delight to welcome our new families to Nursery and Reception. The youngest members of our St. Oswald's community have quickly found their feet, settling in seamlessly and blossoming in confidence and independence. We are so proud of each and every one of them.

This half term has been absolutely packed with exciting activities — from firework night to movie night, and our ever-popular chocolate bingo evening. The children have wowed us with their nativity performances, dashed through the Santa Dash, and enjoyed the spirited 'Glow in the Dark Dodge Ball'. We ended the term on a heart-warming note, celebrating with a whole school Mass and festive carols. There is nothing quite like sharing the true meaning of Christmas, brought to life by our wonderful children. Our heartfelt thanks go to Fr Dave and Deacon Tony for their special contributions.

Our building works have continued apace, with new fire doors installed throughout the school this year. Looking ahead, we are excited about our next project, a new roof funded by the archdiocese, which will begin in the new year.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to all our parents and carers for your ongoing support and involvement this term. Your partnership is truly valued and makes all the difference. A big thank you also goes to our dedicated and hardworking staff and governors. Without their commitment, St. Oswald's would not be the happy, nurturing and successful place it is.

Last but by no means least, thank you to our amazing children, who arrive each day with bright smiles, lift our spirits, and make us proud in countless ways!



On behalf of all the staff, governors, and children at St. Oswald's, I wish you and your families a very happy, peaceful and blessed Christmas, and all the very best for the New Year ahead. We look forward to welcoming you back in 2026!

With my very best wishes, Mrs Orwin



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES



Christmas Eve

4.30pm Christmas Vigil Mass at
St Oswald's

11.30pm Christmas Midnight Mass at
St Benedict's

Christmas Day

8.30am Christmas Dawn Mass at
St Oswald's

10.30am Christmas Day Mass at
St Benedict's

A Christmas Prayer

Loving God, help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world.
Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Robert Louis Stevenson



Whole School Mass and Carols

On Thursday 18 December at 11am, we had a whole school Mass with Christmas carols in church.

The children read and sang some traditional carols as well as some of their nativity songs beautifully.

We all received a special Christmas blessing from Fr Dave.

Thank you to Fr Dave and Deacon Tony for a lovely celebration to end our year!



Car parking reminder over the Christmas Period

A message from PC Becky Shevlin, If you are going to festive events: please consider walking, public transport, or car sharing.

If you drive then please park considerately of pedestrians, residents, and other road users.

- Remember pedestrians/wheelchairs need to use pavements.
- Do not park across a resident's driveway.
- Do not park on corners of road junctions.
- Avoid double parking (as this narrows the width of the road for other traffic which may include buses, emergency vehicles and delivery vehicles).



Glow in the Dark Dodgeball

On Tuesday, Daisy and Andrew, our Progressive Sports coaches were with us all day. Each class, from Nursery to Year 6, had a turn at 'Glow in the Dark Dodge Ball'.

There was lots of excitement and fun had by all.



The children enjoyed the PE enrichment day of activities and playing some festive new games in the hall with their class mates, but in the dark with lots of glowing props!!

Thank you to Progressive Sports, who work with our children each week, to make sure they enjoy a variety of PE activities while meeting the needs of the National Curriculum and supporting Staff.

We wish our coaches a very happy Christmas and look forward to working with them again in the New Year.

PE Days Spring Term 2026

When we reopen for the Spring term Monday 5th January 2026, class PE days will be as follows:



Nursery—Tuesday & Thursday

Reception - Monday & Friday

Y1 - Monday & Wednesday

Y2 - Monday & Wednesday

Y3 - Tuesday & Thursday

Y4 - Tuesday & Friday

Y5 - Tuesday & Thursday
(Swimming from 15 January 2026)

Y6 - Tuesday & Friday

Children should wear their PE uniform for school on their class PE days. If school trainers are being bought over Christmas, please ensure that they are all black.

Thank you.

Santa Dash

The children were dashing around the daily mile track on Tuesday.



As a reward, they were given hot chocolate and a biscuit to warm them back up. They wore their Christmas accessories and enjoyed the festivities.



The children run the daily mile every day in school, but doing it all dressed up made it all the more exciting and a reward at the end went down well!



House Points Winners—Autumn 2 — Learn

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 'Learn' and today they were rewarded with treats and festive fun in the hall with Mrs Orwin and Mrs Furness. They danced to Christmas music and played Christmas games and even had a Christmas Conga!

Keep working hard to earn those house points children!

Love, Learn, Respect, Appreciate



Diary Dates



Monday 5 January 2026

School opens for children 8.45am
(Reading and Number Club open from 8.00am)

Tuesday 6 January 2026

Whole School Epiphany Mass—9.15am
St Oswald's Catholic Church

Friday 9 January 2026

Celebration Assembly—9am
School Hall

Thursday 15 January 2026

Year 5 Swimming Lessons start for 10 weeks
Application deadline for Reception Class September 2026

Friday 16 January 2026

Celebration Assembly—9am

Tuesday 20 January 2026

Judo Assembly – 10.30am School Hall

Whole School Attendance

15-19 December 2025

Class	Attendance Percentage
Rec	97%
Y1	95%
Y2	97.2%
Y3	96.5%
Y4	95%
Y5	97%
Y6	96.5%

98%+ Excellent

96 - 97% Good

95% Satisfactory

91-94% Unsatisfactory

<90% Poor

Whole School attendance this week was 96.2%

CONGRATULATIONS TO YEAR 2 WITH THE BEST ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK



School Dinner Menu 5—9 January 2026



Monday 5 January

Vegetarian Sausage Rolls (v)

Tuesday 6 January

Sausage & Mash (v)

Wednesday 7 January

Beef Burger

Thursday 8 January

BBQ Chicken (v)

Friday 9 January

Crumbed coated chicken served with chunky
chipped 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 meals now cost £3.05 per day](#)

Stars of the Week

Well done to all our stars of 2025!



Join us for our next Celebration
Assembly next week on **Friday**
9th January, at 9am.



Merry Christmas Everyone!

Mrs Orwin, the Staff and children, Fr Dave & all the Governors would like to wish all our families, friends and parishioners a very happy, holy and peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Take care of yourselves and we will see you all in 2026!



Mental Health Support Services



Anxiety Support App
11-19 year olds

Calm Fear



Self Harm Support App
13 years+

Calm Harm



Mon-Fri 9am-4.30pm. School Nurse chat
07312263291

Chat Health



24/7 online support chat messenger or call
0800 1111

Childline



Mon-Sun 9am- 12am
Call 0808 196 3550 or
0151 293 3577

Crisis Team



LGBTQ+ Support
01223 369508 or email
info@thekitetrust.org.uk

The Kite Trust



Visit kooth.com
Free, safe & anonymous online counselling

Kooth



3pm-12am
0808 808 4994
Text THEMIX to
85258

The Mix



HOPELINE UK 24/7
0800 068 4141
Text 8824 or email
pat@papyrus-uk.org

Papyrus



24/7 support
116 123 or email
jo@samaritans.org

Samaritans



24/7 support
Text 85258

Shout



drug & alcohol chat support or call
0151 318 2804

We are with you



Chat online 8am-8pm
Call 08088 020 021
Text WW to 85258

Winston's Wish



Call us on 0800 899 0001
Email: warringtoncarers@nhs.uk

Young Carers



24/7 online support or Text
YM to 85258

YoungMinds

CAMHS CRISIS CARE



Mon-Sun 9am- 12am
Call 0808 196 3550 or
0151 293 3577

KOOTH



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24/7 Online support, chat messenger or call
0800 1111

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PAPYRUS



HOPELINE UK 24/7
0800 068 4141
Text 8824 or email
pat@papyrus-uk.org

SHOUT



24/7 Crisis Support.
Text SHOUT to 85258.

YOUNGMINDS



24/7 online support or
Text YM to 85258

Christmas and New Year Helpline Contacts

Christmas can be a challenging time for many reasons and some people may find that they need some help or support over the festive period. If you or someone you know is struggling this Christmas, there are people who can help. A list of useful contact numbers and websites are available on our website [here](#).

If you urgently need any advice or support during the Christmas period or have any safeguarding concerns please ring MASH on 01925 443322 opt 1 (9:00 - 5:00pm) or for MASH out of hours 01925 443322 opt 2.