



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

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### Reflection

We might be reaching the end of the calendar year, but Advent marks the very beginning of the Church's year. As always, we enter this season looking ahead. We prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ at Christmas, and we wait in hope and expectation for the day when he will come again.



Fill us with the warmth of your love and guide us in the way of peace so that together we may strive for a future free from war. Come, Lord Jesus, come.  
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### Year 5 Class Assembly

On Thursday 27 November, Year 5 performed their Class Assembly on the theme of 'Advent', the preparation time before Christmas.

The children sang and delivered their lines beautifully. Thank you to Mrs Neiland for guiding and preparing the children so well for their special performance. Thank you also to parents for helping the children learn their lines and for providing costumes.

Parents, family and friends who came along to support the children yesterday were very impressed and left some lovely comments for the children:

**"Brilliant performance by Year 5. I really enjoyed the lovely singing"**

**"Beautiful singing and speaking Year 5! Well done. Very proud of you all"**

**"Lovely advent assembly Beautiful singing and reading. Well done"**

**"Year 5 did an amazing job. Beautiful singing, brought Christmas cheer to all of us"**

**"Brilliant, Year 5 did a great job"**

**"So nice watching an advent/Christmas performance"**

### St Oswald's Movie Night

Thank you to everyone who supported our St Oswald's Movie Night, which took place yesterday 27th November.

The children had a fabulous time watching 'That Christmas' with their friends.

Thank you to all the school council, Mini Vinnies, Heads of Houses and staff who gave up their time, to organise, stay and help to supervise the children watching the movie.

Money raised will go towards Christmas treats for the children.

Thank you for your continued support.



### Jar of Pennies for Mary's Meals

During Advent the Mini-Vinnies will be arranging for each class to collect pennies in a jar to support the work of [Mary's Meals](#) - a global charity that serves life-changing school meals to some of the world's poorest children.

From Monday 1 December, children can bring in any spare loose change to place in their class pennies jar.

The Mini Vinnies will count up all the pennies at the end of term and the money raised will be sent on to Mary's Meals. If each class raises £20, they will double this total and feed at least 2 children for a year!



### After School Clubs

Most After-School Clubs have now finished for this term.

There will be an extra football club next Monday 1st December and an extra choir club on Tuesday 2nd December. Clubs will be restarted in January more will be shared in the newsletter in the new year.

### Children's Snacks



Can we remind parents that children are not allowed to have sweets, chocolate, cake, biscuits or sugary snacks in school.

Please send you child into school with a healthy snack.

We aim to be a NUT FREE school. Please be mindful of snacks sent into school.

### Sacrament of Confirmation

If you have a child in Year 8, or know someone who has a child in this year group, please encourage them to sign up for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Please pick up an application form from the back of church or download a form from the front page of the Parish website: <https://blessedjamesbell.co.uk> Signing up will mean your child will be included in next year's preparation for Confirmation.

Registration is open until 31 December 2026

### **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**



## Liverpool Called

**FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN YEAR 8 (or older)**

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated for young people in Warrington in June/July 2026. If you would like to be Confirmed, please complete an application form by 31 December 2026.

Application Forms are available from your School Chaplain or from your Parish (you can either pick up a form from your church or download a form from your Parish website).

Application Forms should be returned to the School Chaplain or to the Dean, Fr Dave Heywood, at St Benedict's Priory, Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE or [frdave@rcsaul.org.uk](mailto:frdave@rcsaul.org.uk)

Thank you!



### Travelling Nativity

During Advent, our 'Travelling Nativity' will be going home with a family each night. Families can use the Travelling Nativity to share the Christmas story and some peaceful reflection time together.

You can record your activity by sticking a photograph, picture, prayer or decoration in the book to share with the rest of the class.

Please remember to return the bag the following day so it can be sent home to another family the following night.



### Christmas Family Fun Chocolate Bingo



Thursday 18 December 2025

**St Oswald's School Hall**

Doors Open: 5.30pm, Eyes down: 6.00pm

Snacks, sweets, crisps, hot and cold drinks, tombola and raffle tickets, are all available to purchase on the night—CASH ONLY

*With the event being held in the school hall there are a limited number of tickets—tickets sold on a first come first serve basis.*

*Thank you to all Parents/Carers for the wonderful donations of chocolate and gifts for the tombola for the Bingo night.*

*Your generosity and support is greatly appreciated.*

## Stars of the Week

Rec	Molly
Y1	Juni
Y2	Oberyn
Y3	Alfie
Y4	Elsie
Y5	Lili-Bella & Joshua
Y6	Isla
MFL	Joshua (Y3)

**Well done to all our stars!**  
Our next Celebration assembly will be Friday 5 December at 9am—  
all welcome.

## Whole School Attendance

November 24–28 2025

Class	Attendance Percentage
Rec	88%
Y1	96.4
Y2	100% - Excellent
Y3	95.5%
Y4	96.3%
Y5	96.5%
Y6	90%

98%+ Excellent

96 - 97% Good

95% Satisfactory

91-94% Unsatisfactory

<90% Poor

Whole School attendance this week was 95%

**CONGRATULATIONS TO YEAR 2 WITH THE BEST ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK—100%!! WELL DONE**



## Diary Dates



**Friday 5 December**

Celebration Assembly 9am

**Wednesday 10 December**

**Nursery & Reception** Christmas Performance 9:15am in the hall  
Y1/Y2 Christmas Performance 2.30pm in church

**Thursday 11 December**

Y3/Y4 Christmas Performance 2.30pm in church  
Y5/Y6 Christmas Performance 6pm in church

**Friday 12 December**

Celebration Assembly  
Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Clatterbridge  
Cancer Charity £1 donation  
Christmas Lunch

**Monday 15 December**

Santa Dash - all classes (Santa Hats, Antlers etc)

**Thursday 18 December**

Christmas Service 11.00am in Church—all welcome  
Christmas Activity Afternoon

## School Meals 1–5 December 2025

**Monday 1 December**

Pizza (v)

**Tuesday 2 December**

Assorted wraps—ham, cheese and tuna (v)

**Wednesday 3 December**

Spaghetti Bolognese (v)

**Thursday 4 December**

Brunch Lunch (v)

Sausage, egg, hash brown, beans and toast

**Friday 5 December**

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](#)



## Christmas Dates for the Diary

We want the festive period in school to be a special and magical time for the children.

Below are the dates for our programme of Christmas activities.

### Wednesday 10 December

EYFS Christmas Production 9.15am in the School Hall  
Y1 & Y2 Christmas Production 2.30pm in Church



### Thursday 11 December

Y3 & Y4 Christmas Production 2.30pm in Church  
Y5 & Y6 Christmas Production 6.00pm in Church

### Friday 12 December

Christmas Jumper Day - £1 for Clatterbridge Cancer Charity  
School Christmas Lunch day



### Monday 15 December

Santa Dash - all classes (Santa Hats, Antlers etc)

### Thursday 18 December

Christmas Service 11.00am in Church—all welcome  
Christmas Activity Afternoon  
Christmas Family Bingo—school hall



### Friday 19 December

School Closes for Christmas Holidays

