

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

ALL SAINTS

(1 November)

We celebrate the lives of special and ordinary people who have responded to God's invitation to love.

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)

(2 November)

Today and throughout the rest of November we pray for those who have died. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

(23 November)

ADVENT

(Begins 30 November)

Advent means 'coming'. We think of the coming of Jesus when he was born but we also think of his promise that he would come again at the end of time. It is a time of waiting and preparing. It is only in the last week of Advent that we focus upon the events to be celebrated at Christmas.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(8 December)

This feast marks the first stage of the existence of Mary, the mother of Jesus. She was 'full of grace' from the very beginning and co-operated with God throughout her life.

CHRISTMAS DAY, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

(25 December)

On this day we begin our celebration of the birth of Christ.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

(26 December)

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(31 December)

Sacramental Programme

Please keep in your prayers, our Year 4 children will begin their preparations to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion.

After the children have received the Sacraments later in the year, we will have a Collective Worship and celebrate together in school.

Many thanks to Fr Dave who works hard to prepare the children and ensure that they are ready to receive these important Sacraments and take them further on their journey of faith.

We pray for all the children who will receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion, please keep them in your prayers.



Can you help the foodbank?

St. Oswald's are aiming to collect some much-needed goods for the food bank in our local areas.

We are asking that each child in the school brings in **one** item from the list below, on each Friday in October (3rd/10th/17th/24th).

All items will be gratefully received. Thank you for your support!

Items needed:

- Sweets
- Jellies / jam
- Rice pudding
- Sponge pudding
- Tinned spaghetti/ravioli
- Tinned tomatoes/meat
- Toilet rolls
- Toothpaste /Toothbrushes
- Shampoo/body wash
- Nappies (any size)

(Please ensure all items are in date)



Live Simply Award

This year St. Oswald's will continue the journey to achieve the Live Simply Award.

Last year, we worked hard to live simply, live sustainably and live in solidarity with others.

We did this by cutting down on the use of paper and sending out communication via the OurSchoolApp, email, the website or Google Classrooms.

We raised money for different charities, locally and globally. We held a bake sale for Mary's Meals, different activities for Good Shepherd Appeal, Operation Christmas Child, Mission Together and took part in the Cafod 'Big Lent Walk'.

We also grew and shared produce from the school garden with parishioners and brought in items for the local foodbank. It is important that we listen to and spread the word of God through our actions – caring for each other and our world.

Thank you for your continued support, in supporting us to help others and our world.



Buddy Masses

Our oldest children buddy with our youngest children to help be role model during Mass and Collective Worship times.

Our Year 6 children buddy with our Reception children, our Year 5 children with our Year 1 children and our Year 3 and Year 2 children. Our Year 4 children are the children receiving the Sacraments.

Every other week on Thursday mornings at 11am, two classes join the parish for Mass in church. If you have the time, please come and join us.



Operation Christmas Child

Please hold on to any shoe boxes that you may have. We will be looking to wrap them and fill them up with little gifts for children of all ages, (babies to teenagers) in our local areas and abroad, who may not be as fortunate as we are this Christmas.

Please see weekly newsletters for more information.
<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/ways-to-give>



ST. OSWALD'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - TO KNOW YOU MORE CLEARLY
AUTUMN TERM 2025

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

This term we will be studying the two branches of the Religious Education Curriculum, To Know You More Clearly. The children will also spend a week in October studying a third branch which will give them the opportunity to learn about other faiths and religions. The focus for this will be Judaism.

BRANCH 1
CREATION AND COVENANT
(8/9/25-24/10/25)

In EYFS and Key Stage 1 the children will become increasingly familiar with Genesis, the creation story, and will learn about prayer drawing them closer to God. They will begin to understand that the importance of taking care of the world and the responsibility this brings.

In Key Stage 2, the children will deepen their knowledge and understanding of Scripture from the Book of Genesis. They will learn about Laudato Si and learn more about the intertwined relationships with God, our neighbour and with the Earth itself.

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME
ACTIVITIES

Go on a nature walk and spot all the things that God created.

Think of ways you can help the world and work together as a family to do this e.g. turning taps off while brushing teeth to save water.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

JUDAISM: Week Commencing WC 3rd November 2025

We will welcome Ann Angel into school to work with us on Tuesday 29th October to support our learning. Pupils will study various aspects of Judaism. Ask them what they have been learning about.

BRANCH 2
PROPHECY AND PROMISE
(10/11/25 – 18/12/25)

In EYFS and Key Stage 1, the children will hear about the Annunciation, The Birth of Jesus and The Shepherds visiting Jesus. The children will become more familiar with these stories and be able to retell and describe the key events. They will learn about the significance of Advent and that during this season, we can show God's love by helping others.

In Key Stage 2, the children will further develop their knowledge and understanding of Scriptures of Jesus' birth. They will also learn Scripture passages from the Old Testament such as David's life and how Jesus is the fulfilment of the promise to David. They will build upon their knowledge of the signs, actions, prayers and symbols.

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME
ACTIVITIES

Discuss the story of Jesus' birth and the key people involved in it.

Find out about some Christian symbols for Advent, e.g. Advent wreath, calendar, Jesse tree.

Use the CAFOD or Missio websites to get a religious Advent calendar.

Look out for the 'Travelling Nativity' bags which will go home with the children throughout Advent.