



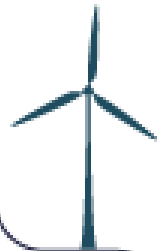
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**OSWALD'S**  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

# LiveSimply Journey

JUBILEE 2025



PILGRIMS OF HOPE





## *Our School Mission*

# *Love, Learn, Respect & Appreciate*

- *Jesus is at the centre of everything we do.*
- *We learn together to be the best that we can be.*
- *We respect and appreciate ourselves, each other, our school and the world we live in.*

# Live Simply Pledges

Each class made a pledge, and they displayed it in their classrooms to help them remember to work on it each day.



**God made the world and saw that it was good – He told us to look after His creation. We are trying hard.**



## Live Simply Pledges



Each class pledge has been displayed in classrooms and corridors to help them remember to work on it each day.



Our weekly school newsletter offers hand tips to help parents, guardians and the local community to 'live simply'.

### **Live Simply Award**

St Oswald's School is aiming to achieve the Live Simply Award which is about 'Living Simply, Living Sustainably and Living in Solidarity' in a local, global and school level.

There are lots of things we can do at home to help us to live more simply:

#### **Use charity shops**

Charity shops provide many benefits. They provide an easy way of donating, and also provide a low-cost way of buying clothing and other items. Reusing goods is also environmentally friendly.

Don't forget if you are having a Spring clean, we accept clothing items here at the Recycle4Schools box in the school hall! Thank you.

**LiveSimply**



# School action



We have adopted “Living Simply” throughout school life.

Our school office now pledges to only buy recycled paper.

**We try not to waste paper and look after God’s trees and our environment.**



Did you know??  
Recycled paper helps the environment and is also Dyslexia Friendly





# School action

## Recycle Awareness Week

Monday 16 to Friday 20 September

A whole week talking about and learning all about the 3 Rs - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle! The children learnt how important it is in our world today to live simply and use the 3 Rs.



The children used this learning to implement recycling into daily life at school.

We sort our waste into different bins to be recycled.

We collect food waste in caddies and recycle it.





## School Action



We created a Uniform Swap Shop which enabled families to bring in any unwanted/ outgrown uniform into school and then have the opportunity to take any items that may be needed in exchange. We advertised this to our parents via our school newsletter and by school app message.

**We do not waste what we have, especially if it can help others!**

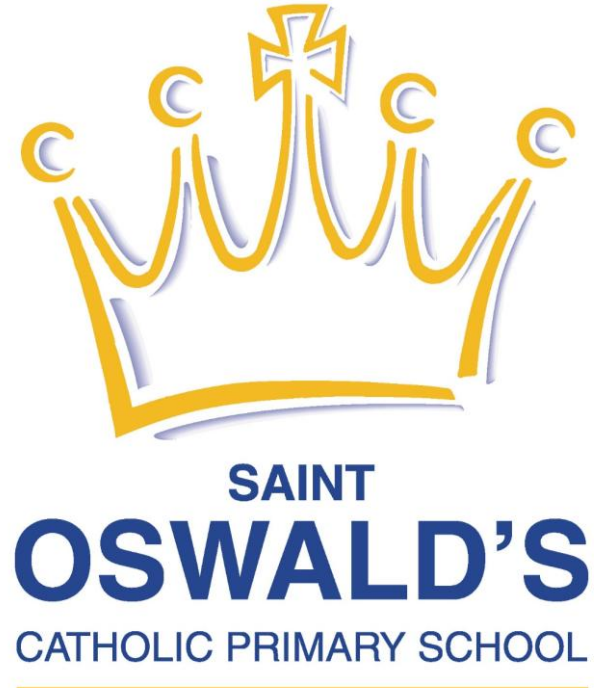
### Walking Day Dress Donation Station

As a school we are super proud to be part of the long standing “Padgate & Woolston Walking Day” this is where we collectively gather as a community and walk in faith with other schools, churches and clubs. During this walk the girls who attend are invited to walk in beautiful white dresses. We as a school have a “Walking Day Dress Donation Station” where these beautiful dresses can be then donated to a family who would normally struggle to buy their own.





# Local action



Our school council and Mini Vinnies arranged a “Book Sale”. Families were invited to donate used, read books to school with the view to either “swap a book” or “buy a book” at 50p each.

We help and give to others as Jesus did.



# Local action



## Looking after our school gardens and environment



We share our produce with the parish and local community.

The children love planting seeds and flowers. They show lots of respect and appreciation of the world that God has given to us.

**We thank God for all the food He has given us in our world and we share with others.**

# Local action: Mini Vinnies Support the local community



**We give our time to help to look after the elderly.**



## **Mini Vinnie Christmas Party for Parishioners**

**On Thursday 5th December** St Oswald's Mini Vinnie's, with some Youth Vinnies from Cardinal Newman High School, hosted an afternoon tea party in St Oswald's Parish Club.

Parishioners enjoyed the festive party with music, hot drinks, mince pies, cakes and biscuits and all received a Christmas card, handmade by the children.

The school choir came over to sing an assortment of Christmas carols and songs. We thank Mrs Armitage for leading the choir - the singing was enjoyed by all - especially the finale of 'The Twelve Days of Christmas', where everybody sang along.

The choir was followed by a raffle and bingo, with lots of prizes being won!

Special thanks to Mr Lawless and Mrs James and Megan from CNHS, for their help and support to make the afternoon a great success as well as our Mini Vinnies and Youth Vinnies.



**Afternoon tea with the local community**

Each October we support our local food bank by donating items each Monday for the whole month.



# Local action: Supporting our local community



Food bank

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**We donate what we can to support those that have less than us. Jesus said, “When I was hungry you gave me food, when I was thirsty you gave me drink.” We help those in our local community, by supporting the foodbank.**



# Save the Children

## Local action

### Christmas Jumper Day

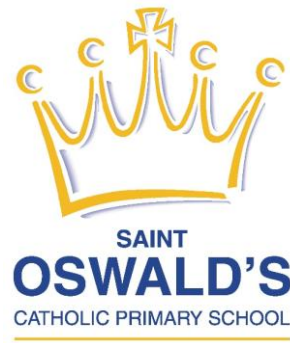
The children and staff wore Christmas jumpers on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December in support of Save the Children. Children wore a festive jumper and donated £1 to the charity to help children around the world.

The children raised £126 in 2024.

2025: Clatterbridge Cancer Charity

Christmas Jumper - £190

**We raise funds for those that are poorly and their families.**



**We make Christmas & Easter cards for those in hospital or are housebound, lonely and in prison. Jesus said, "What you do to the least of my brothers, you do to me."**



Christmas Jumper Day

15 hours ago

A reminder that tomorrow Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December is Christmas Jumper Day in support of Save the Children.

Children can come to school wearing their festive jumper (or a bright top with some tinsel!) and bring £1 to donate to the charity.

Thank you.



Local action: Christmas cards  
for the school parish and local  
community



**Jesus shows us how to live. He shared and helped everyone, no matter who they were or what they had.**



The children made a Christmas card each to distribute to people in our school parish and local community. Father Dave helped to distribute these giving them to people who were lonely, going through difficult times or sick.



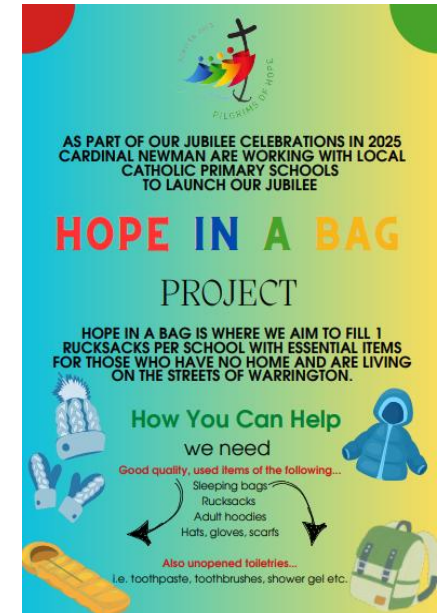
# Local action: Hope in a Bag



A huge thank you to all the Catholic Primary schools in Warrington for helping make this project such a success. Together we have managed to reach those who are less fortunate than ourselves in our local community.

*Ms James*

*School Chaplain of Cardinal Newman*



Jesus' greatest commandment is "Love one another, as I have loved you."

## Local action: Good Shepherd Appeal

Well done to the children who were very busy raising funds for the Good Shepherd Appeal which helps to look after people including children, disabled adults, people who have little or no money and homeless people.

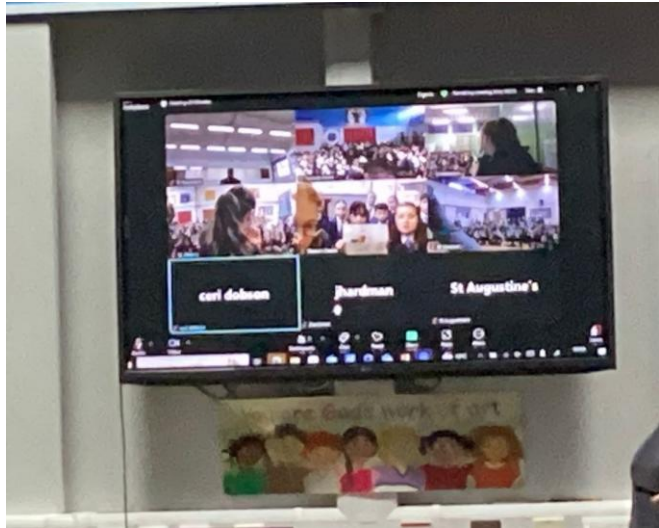
The children were very creative running cake stalls, games and raffles at morning play on Wednesday, Thursday and then again on Friday.

Thank you to the children who ran stalls and to parents and carers at home for supporting the children and supplying cakes and prizes.

**Jesus was the Good Shepherd and always looked after His sheep. We must look after each other as Jesus showed us.**



# Global action: Pilgrims of Hope



The launch! Our children joined other local Catholic schools via Zoom to launch the year of hope.



Mrs Orwin took our book of hope to Rome with Oswald the bear.

# The Pilgrims of Lap of Hope



**We want to make our world a better place for ALL of God's children, no matter where they live.**

Please click here for our video:

<https://stoswaldscatholicprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/Jubilee-Video-2.mp4>

## Global action: Day of Many Colours St Peter & St Paul day 2025

### **“Children helping children”**

The whole school celebrated St Peter and St Paul’s day and Day of Many Colours with Mass in church. Year 4 led the Mass with readings and role play. We held a ‘Day of Many Colours’ charity day when we raised funds for children around the world who are less fortunate than ourselves. To represent the different continents, the children were all invited to come to school dressed in the Mission Together colours of red, white, blue, green or yellow and donated £1.

To mark the day, the whole school came together and our Communion class, Year 4, made a cross in the centre of the field, surrounded by all other classes in a circle of love. Year 4 enjoyed juice and biscuits as part of their celebration.

**We are all children of God and should look out and care for each other.**





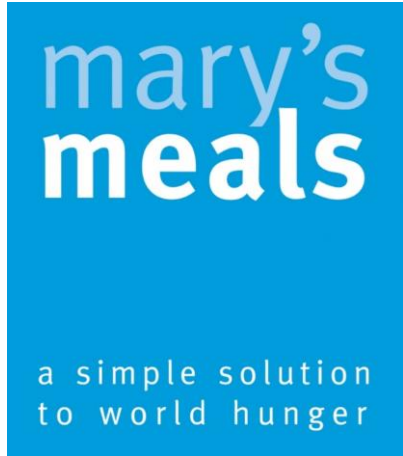
Our Mini Vinnies counted up the boxes before they were loaded up and delivered to the collection centre.

## Global action: Operation Christmas Child

Our children and their families donated shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. We received 66 shoe boxes filled with beautiful gifts which were sent on to children in need around the world. Their kindness and generosity was very much appreciated and helped to make Christmas happy for other children.

**We spread the love of Christ at Christmas time, through giving to those who are in need.**





**Global action:**  
**Mary's Meals**  
The children brought in loose change to add to a class during Advent.



“I wanted to say thank you to you and the school for the incredible donation to Mary's Meals that we received today which will pay for 2, 134 meals for children in their place of education.”

*Anna Houghton  
Local Supporter Engagement Officer for Mary's Meals*





**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 2 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!





# Global action: Catholic Social Teaching

Mary from CAFOD came to visit us to explore the key principles of Catholic Social Teaching.





# Respect for other faiths and beliefs



Our mission and the key principles of Catholic Social Teaching underpin our school curriculum and are at the heart of everything we do.

Internet safety!



"Stop, close and tell." PIC•COLLAGE



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# Global action: Unplug Day



We promoted the day on our school newsletter.

The children and staff took part in Unplug Day. The day was spent with no technology being used and lights off!

## Unplug Day

Monday 27 March was 'unplug day' in school when we tried to limit the use of electricity - including the use of electronic devices.

The children made pledges about things they would like to do to help our school live more simply.

For more ideas on steps you can take to try and live more simply, visit the [CAFOD website](#).

*Help us to grow, each day, to be more like Jesus, so that our words and our lives, show people your love.*

*Amen*





# Global action

Justine from CAFOD visited our school to launch the 'Big Lent Walk' with the children. All our children who took part in the CAFOD 'Big Lent Walk' walked laps of our daily mile track to raise money to support people as they overcome poverty. The children wore something purple to remind them that it was the season of Lent and self giving. They all did brilliantly!

The Big Lent Walk is a challenge where participants walk during the 40 days of Lent and get sponsored to raise money to help people fighting extreme poverty globally. Money raised can and will change lives. Our parents/carers were given the chance to make a 50p or £1 donation to support their child's participation in the Big Lent Walk, this could be made via our Just Giving page or the money could be brought into school.

<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-oswalds-catholic-primary-school-fundraising>

