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St Oswald's Catholic Community:
With Christ at the centre of our
community, our mission is to live,
love and learn as Jesus taught us.

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The Newsletter
Spring term no. 1 – 9th January 2025

PLEASE READ!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wishing you all a very 'Happy New Year' and welcome back to the Spring Term.

Change of Date:

- **Thursday 23rd January (change of date from Monday 13th January)** - Meeting for Year 6 parents regarding the End of Key Stage 2 Assessments and Tests 2025 at 6.30 pm in school. We will also discuss any final arrangements for Robinwood. A pack has been sent home with your child today. Please complete the forms and return them back to school on Monday 13th January.

Coming up:

- **Tuesday 28th January** - PTFA Meeting 6.30pm to plan the Spring Term events. Everyone welcome!

Primary School Admissions 2025

The closing date is **Wednesday 15th January 2025** for your application for a Primary School place for September 2025. Please remember to return the Supplementary Faith Form with a copy of your child's baptism certificate.

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium:

Free school meals are provided for all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 as part of the Government initiative, please may I remind you that for those pupils who have a **STATUTORY** entitlement to free school meals (those pupils whose parents are in receipt of benefits, such as Income Support, etc.) of the importance to still register for Pupil Premium. School can benefit from additional funding through the Pupil Premium which is worth over £1300 per pupil for the school once registration has been completed, so please check if you are entitled as school benefits greatly! Application forms are available from the school office or click on the link: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/?page=3>

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Universal Credit with a household income of less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Income-Based Jobseekers' Allowance
- Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, **not** entitled to Working Tax Credit and household income less than £16,190
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Income Support
- Working Tax Credit 'run on' – the payment you receive for a further four weeks after you finish work

School Meal Promotion – 'Build a Burger':

On Thursday 16th January we will be holding our next school meal promotion. If your child is normally on packed lunches and would like to have a school meal on this date, please complete the attached slip and return to school no later than Tuesday 14th January. Pupils who normally have a school meal will be automatically included in the promotion.

Payment should be made through ParentPay please. The meal menu will be **Beef or Vegetarian Burger with choice of additional toppings of Onion Ring or Cheese Slice, Burger or Tomato Sauce served with Tortilla Crisps or Rainbow Slaw or Loaded Cheese & Vegetable Potato Boats with Baked Beans & Mixed Salad followed by Marble Cookie or Orange Jelly.**

School Website:

Don't forget that each class has an updated blog every Friday which summarises the learning over the week and details the Home Practice for the week ahead which includes the all important reading every day for every child. Being a competent reader is the key to success in every aspect of learning so please ensure that your child reads every night.

School Uniform:

We do have preloved uniform available at school for anyone to take, just call in if you need anything.

Reminders:

- Please note that we do not allow children to wear a smart watch to school. Despite the obvious distraction that these devices can pose, smart watches are internet and camera enabled and therefore present the same concerns as mobile phones in terms of safeguarding
- Earrings are not to be worn
- School shoes please, no trainers
- Names in items of clothing please

All Hallows Admission Arrangements:

Please find attached information regarding the consultation on School Admission Arrangements for 2026/2027 for All Hallows Catholic High School.

NHS Pharmacy First Service:

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment?

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

Common condition	Patient eligibility
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

A summary of the service is available as an [animation](#) and more information can also be found at [nhs.uk/thinkpharmacyfirst](https://www.nhs.uk/thinkpharmacyfirst) as well as at <https://www.boots.com/healthhub/a-z-services/pharmacy-first>.

Drop-in Sleep Clinic:

More than 4 in 10 children will have sleep difficulty at some point.

Please find attached information regarding a drop-in sleep clinic provided by the Primary Mental Health Team at West Paddock Family Hub, Leyland.

The Incredible Years:

Please find attached information regarding The Incredible Years which will be held at Longton Children’s Centre, School Lane, Longton from Wednesday 22nd January for 14 weeks 12.30-2.30pm. The course is very informative regarding behaviour development in young children, how to strengthen positive parent & child interactions and attachment.

There is a vacancy in our Kitchen Team for a Catering Assistant. Please see flyer attached for further details.

And finally...

Many thanks to the Lancashire Music Service for bringing their Music Bus to school today. The children had a fantastic assembly learning about brass instruments and had the chance to during their music lessons to try the various instruments. We are working with the Music Service to start to create a Longton Music Hub so watch this space!

As always, please get in touch with any issues or concerns you may have as we do try our best to help.

Yours sincerely

B Wood
Headteacher

SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION – ‘BUILD A BURGER – THURSDAY 16th JANUARY 2024

I would like my child to have a school meal on Thursday 16th January. I will ensure payment of £2.70 is made in advance through ParentPay.

Name of child:Year Signed.....