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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. 3 – 23rd January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Update:

Many thanks to Mr Henderson, Head of English at All Hallows for coming in on Wednesday to deliver a Y7 English lesson to Y6 as part of our transition programme. The children thoroughly enjoyed the session.

Thank you to Y6 parents for coming along to the Information Meeting regarding SATs last night. If you were unable to attend, revision books are available to buy from the school office. Miss Orme will be attaching her slides to the Y6 blog this week.

Today we launched the Jubilee Year of Hope at Golden Assembly with all the children. Pope Francis invites us all to be signs of hope in our world and this holy year calls for us to reset, renew our faith and commit to building a fairer world where all people flourish. The Y4 CAFOD Club with Miss Gravilli, have already started to write their pledges to make a fairer world and will be leading the school through this special year with activities, prayers and events in school.

Coming up:

'Lego Day' school meal promotion **Tuesday 28th January**. If your child is normally on packed lunches and would like to have a school meal on this date, please complete the slip attached and return to school no later than Friday 24th January. Pupils who normally have a school meal will be automatically included in the promotion. Payment of £2.70 is to be made through ParentPay please (free for reception, Y1 and Y2 children). The menu is: Lego Pizza (choice of toppings) or Pork Sausage with Skinny Fries, Baked Beans or Sweetcorn or Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta with Garlic Dough Balls followed followed by Warm Waffle with Vanilla Ice Cream & Toffee Sauce.

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

Sportshall Athletics Competition **Tuesday 30th January** 2pm – 4.45pm at Priory Academy (letter issued to the team 17th January). We will leave school at 1.45pm. Any parents who have offered with transportation, please arrive at school at 1.40pm. Thank you.

Y6 Robinwood Residential visit **Wednesday 5th – 7th February**. Children are to arrive at school at the normal time. The coach will depart at 9.30am on Wednesday morning and return back to school on Friday at 3pm approx. The children will come back in to school and be dismissed as normal. Children are NOT allowed to bring any mobile phones, cameras or any other electronic devices. If any children are on medication, please drop it off at the school office in a clear sealed bag with full instructions, dosage etc on Tuesday 4th February at the latest. Thank you. **Reminder that full payment is to be paid by Monday 3rd February.**

Reception visit to Longton Library **Tuesday 11th February** (letter to be issued today).

Tuesday 25th and Thursday 27th February Spring Term Parents Evening 3.40-6pm. The appointment books will be available outside the office from Monday so please book in to see your child's Class Teacher.

World Book Day 2025 **Thursday 6th March**. To celebrate the love of reading, the children are invited to come to school dressed as a book character. If you would like to share a story with a small group of children at the end of the day, please fill in the attached slip or email the office so we can plan the groups. Thank you.

Reminder regarding Nut Allergies:

We do have several children in school who have an allergy to nuts so I do need to remind everyone that nuts are not to be brought to school by any child. Some children do have severe reactions which are potentially life threatening so we need to reduce the risk of anything happening. We are a nut -free school as it states in our prospectus:

St Oswald's is a Nut-Free School. Children who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. If someone has a nut allergy it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction, just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had nuts or a product containing nuts can trigger anaphylactic shock (which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties).

As a school we have a responsibility to keep all pupils, staff and visitors safe reducing any risk of harm. Pupils, staff and visitors must not bring products containing nuts in to school either in their lunch boxes or as a snack.

Our "Nut-Free Policy" means that the following items must not be brought into school:

- Packs of nuts
- Peanut butter sandwiches
- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
 - Chocolate bars, cakes or sweets that contain nuts
- Sesame seed rolls (children allergic to nuts may also have a severe reaction to sesame)

This list is not exhaustive, so please check the packaging of products closely.

No items containing nuts are prepared in the school kitchen.

Please note that if your child attends Breakfast Club, NO nuts or nut related products are to be brought into the hall. Do not be offended if any food items are returned to you if we are in any doubt as to the ingredients. I cannot stress how important it is to ensure the safety of every child in school; nut allergy is potentially life threatening. Toast, juice and milk are provided at Breakfast Club every day.

And finally...

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

ST OSWALD'S WORLD BOOK DAY STORYTIME – THURSDAY 6TH MARCH 2025

Yes I would love to come and share a story with a group on children on Thursday 6th March at 2.40pm.

Name of child: Name of Parent:

Preferred Year Group:
