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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. 7 – 6th March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Update since last newsletter:

- Fr Michael would like to pass on his thanks to all the Y4 families who attended Mass on Sunday and the Sacramental Programme session on Monday. Next Mass is Sunday 9th March 10.30am with session 2 of the programme on Monday 10th March at 6.30pm.
- Huge congratulations to the Athletics Team who came 2nd in the South Ribble Finals at Lostock Hall Academy on Tuesday. A superb team!

Next week marks the beginning of Fairtrade Fortnight in school to support CAFOD's *Live Simply* campaign! This special event will help us learn about the importance of fair trade, where farmers and workers around the world get a fair deal for their hard work. The school council will be selling delicious Fairtrade chocolate for just £2, on Friday the 14th of March. All proceeds will be going to CAFOD's World Gifts, which help communities around the world. Let's work together to support fair trade, build a better future, and live more simply! If you would like to find out more about making fair trade swaps at home, please visit: <https://cafod.org.uk/campaign/campaign-with-us/fairtrade>.

Friday 7th March - St Catherine's World Book Day Pop Up shop will be here on Friday afternoon at 1.15pm for the children to come along with no more than £2 to buy a book. (All books £1 each) The proceeds will go towards St Catherine's Hospice. If you wish for your child to join in, please send money in an envelope marked with your child's name.

Tuesday 11th March - Vision Screening for children in Reception carried out by the NHS Lancashire Vision Screening Service. This is an **OPT-OUT** system. All children will have vision screening in school unless a reply slip is returned (letter sent home today, 13th February).

Tuesday 11th March - Y4 visit to Chester Zoo as part of their Geography Studies. **The coach will be departing at 8.45am prompt therefore please ensure that your child arrives to school at 8.30am. They will return back to school at 3.45pm.** Full school uniform to be worn and a waterproof jacket. . If you have not yet done so, please return the permission slip and make the payment of £28.00 on ParentPay ASAP –thank you!

Tuesday 11th March - PTFA Family Quiz Night 6.30-8pm. Come along and join us for a fun night of quizzing. Tickets are £2 per person. Maximum of 5 in a team including at least 1 adult. Tuck Shop open at half time. Only 80 tickets are available and will sell fast so make sure you secure your ticket asap. Tickets available from the school office. The Japanese students have already signed up!

Wednesday 12th March - Freddy Fit in school to promote healthy lifestyles with every class. This is being funded from our Sports Premium funding. Every child must have their PE Kit in school for this event.

Thursday 13th March – Y1 will be visiting Longton Library during the morning for stories and activities (letter issued today).

Friday 14th March -As part of Fairtrade Fortnight, the children can bring £2 to school today if they wish to visit the Fairtrade Chocolate stall at breaktime.

Tuesday 18th March - Reception visit to 'Bring Yer Wellies' Study Trip on Planting & Life Cycles. If you have not yet done so, please return the permission slip and make the payment of £17.00 on ParentPay ASAP –thank you! Due to the nature of activities taking place, children are to wear old tracksuit bottoms, **school jumper, shirt and tie**, wellies (or strong footwear) together with a warm, waterproof jacket or coat. Please ensure that your child is dressed warmly.

Thursday 20th March - School Meal Promotion– 'Be Happy Day'. 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 18th March. Pupils who normally have a school meal will be automatically included in the promotion. Payment of £2.70 should be made through ParentPay please. The menu is Hotdog with Smiley Face Potatoes & Vegetables or Vegetable Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread and Salad followed by Jelly & Ice Cream or Marble Shortbread.

Friday 21st March - Whole school Yoga & Mindfulness Festival. Each class will have a yoga session throughout the day which includes learning breathing techniques and practicing calming movements. PE kits are needed for this event.

Monday 24th March PTFA Easter Egg Raffle tickets go on sale. Each class will be able to buy raffle tickets for the chance to win an Easter Egg in the final Golden Assembly of the term on Friday 4th April. Raffle tickets are 50p each. Please send in raffle ticket money in an envelope marked with your child's name.

Tuesday 25th March - Y5 visit to Judges Lodgings as part of their History Studies (letter issued 26th February).

Tuesday 25th March – PTFA pop up Mother's Day/Someone Special Shop. During the afternoon, the children in R, Y1 And Y2 can bring in £5 to visit the shop. (Gifts are £5 each) Please send money in with your child in an envelope, clearly marked with the amount and your child's name.

Wednesday 26th March – Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 have the chance to visit the pop up shop in the afternoon.

Friday 28th March – Y1 Mothers Day Assembly 2.40pm in the School Hall. Y1 Parents invited.

Wednesday 2nd April – Y2 walk to Longton Library for a story session in the morning (letter to be issued on Monday 10th March).

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Thursday 3rd April – Mrs Novak and her team will be selling cakes on the playground 3.15pm.

Thursday 3rd April PTFA Family Easter Bingo 6.30-8.00pm. Tickets on sale w/c 17th March.

School closes Friday 4th April at 3.15pm (afterschool club running as normal) and re-opens on Tuesday 22nd April.

Community News:

Please find attached details of Active Sports Easter Holiday Club.

And finally...

As a huge thank you to the St Oswald's Community for the support, care and friendship shown to our pupils who were impacted by the Southport tragedy, Starkidz from Southport are coming into school on the 19th March for the day to run a 30 minute Silent Disco for each class! The disco is free but a donation to their gofund.me page would help them to give another school a free silent disco. What a lovely treat for everyone!

Every penny helps!

Donate here - <https://gofund.me/02b6eaf3>

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<http://www.starkidzparty.co.uk>

Yours sincerely

B Wood
Headteacher

SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION – 'BE HAPPY DAY' – THURSDAY 20th MARCH 2025

I would like my child to have a school meal on Thursday 20th March. I will ensure payment of £2.70 is made in advance through ParentPay.

Name of child:Year Signed.....