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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**  
**Summer term no.1 – 24<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term!

The children look very smart in their summer uniforms and let's hope for plenty of sunshine! On very warm days, please apply a high factor sunscreen to your child before they come to school as there is very little shade out on the playground and field.

Don't forget to read the Class Blogs every Friday to find out what your child has been learning throughout the week and what they need to practise to ensure learning is becoming embedded. Reading every night is the key indicator of success for every child so please commit to 10/20 mins every night, reading to or with your child.

**Admissions to Reception September 2025:**

All offer letters were sent out from the Local Authority. Letters from school have been sent by post on Tuesday to parents who have been offered a place for their child to start school here in September 2025. We are looking forward to meeting the children at their first 'Little Owls' session which will start Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

**Coming up:**

- **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April** 6.30pm Sacramental Programme for Y4 in Church.
- **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April** 6.30pm PTFA Meeting to discuss Summer Fair.
- **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May** - Bank Holiday. School closed.
- **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May** School Meal Promotion – VE Day Lunch: The menu is: Assorted Sandwiches, Margherita Pizza Bites, Buffet Sausage Roll, Vegetable Sticks & Dips, Ready Salted Crisps followed by Victoria Sponge, Butterfly Cakes & Fresh Fruit Wedges. If your child does not normally have school meals, but would like to have a school lunch on 25<sup>th</sup> April please complete the attached slip and return to school no later than Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Payment of £2.70 should be made in advance through ParentPay. Thank you.
- **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May** - Y6 End of Key Stage 2 Tests. The tests will start at 9am prompt so please ensure that your child is in on time.  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Test  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> - Reading Test  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> – Maths Test 1 (Arithmetic) Maths Paper Test 2 (Reasoning)  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> – Maths Paper Test 3 (Reasoning)
- **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May** Y1 Study Trip to Martin Mere. Full school uniform to be worn with a waterproof jacket. Packed lunches will be provided by the school kitchen for all of the pupils. Please ensure that the permission slip has been returned to school and a payment of £18.00 has been made on ParentPay. Thank you. (Letter issued 18<sup>th</sup> March).
- **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May** 2.15pm Sports Day for Y1. Parents are invited to spectate.
- **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May** 2.40pm in school Y4 Parent Assembly. The theme is 'First Holy Communion'.
- **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May** First Holy Communion Masses 10.30am & 12.30pm.
- **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May** Y4 will join the Parish Mass at 9.30am to give thanks for receiving their First Holy Communion.

- **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May** 2.15pm Sports Day for Y2. Parents are invited to spectate.
- **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May** 9am. School photographer to take Class Photographs.
- **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May** Whole school Cricket Festival. Every class will be involved with the festival so PE Kits must be in school for the event. Many thanks.
- **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May** 2.15pm Sports Day for Reception. Parents are invited to spectate.
- **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** – PTFA Cake Sale 3.15pm on the playground.
- **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** – 6.30pm New Parents Induction Meeting in the school hall. This meeting is for parents who have a child starting school in September 2025.
- **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** – School closes for half term 3.15pm.

### **Sports Days next Half Term:**

<b>Y3 Sports Day</b>	<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2.15pm</b>
<b>Y4 Sports Day</b>	<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2.15pm</b>
<b>Y5 Sports Day</b>	<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2.15pm</b>
<b>Y6 Sports Day</b>	<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2.15pm</b>

### **Reminders:**

#### **Safeguarding – End of Day Arrangements:**

If your child is in Year 5 or Year 6 and you wish for them to start walking home, please can you ensure that you update the 'End of School Day' Safeguarding Form or email the school office stating the end of day arrangements.

If your child is walking home or cycling home and you allow them to carry a phone for emergencies please follow the policy. The policy is that they hand their phone in at the office on arrival at school before going through the gate. Phones are kept safe in the office until home time when your child can collect their phone from the school office at the end of the school day.

#### **Absence (Illness):**

If your child is absent for any reason during the term, please telephone the school before 9.30 am on the first morning of your child's absence. If we do not receive a message from, you will receive a telephone call from school to ascertain the reason for your child's absence. This is a "1<sup>st</sup> Day Contact" system and is part of our safeguarding procedure. On your child's return to school, please provide a letter or email explaining the absence. If no explanation is received in writing, the absence will be deemed as unauthorised.

#### **Absence (Medical/Dental Appointments, etc.) with Appointment Card:**

Where possible, please try to make appointments out of school time. However, should you need to take your child out of school for an appointment, please provide school with a copy of the appointment card or letter at least two days in advance of the appointment. If an appointment card is not available, please write a note or email the school with the details of the appointment. Pupils are be collected from the Reception area near the school office. Please ensure that your child has been 'signed out' on collection. On your child's return to school, pupils must be brought to the school office and be 'signed in' by a parent, carer or family member. This is for health and safety and fire regulation purposes to ensure that all pupils are accounted for.

#### **ParentPay:**

Please may I remind parents to check their ParentPay account regularly and ensure that it is topped up and in credit! Outstanding amounts should never accrue to more than two weeks of debt, i.e., £25.00 for school meals and £35.00 for Early Birds.

#### **Choir:**

Please note that Choir starts at 8.15am. Please ensure that children are dropped off **no earlier than 8.10am**. Thank you!

And finally...

On behalf of the Governing Body, I am thrilled to inform you that Mr Hough has been appointed as the next Headteacher of St Oswald's Catholic Primary School, starting 1<sup>st</sup> September. Mr Hough is currently Headteacher at St Ignatious, Preston and is very excited to join the St Oswald's community. A smooth handover over the next few months will ensure a seamless transition into the new school year.

B Wood  
Headteacher

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**SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION – VE DAY LUNCH – THURSDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MAY**

I would like my child to have a school meal on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May. I will ensure payment of £2.70 is made in advance through ParentPay.

Name of child: .....

Year group: .....

Signature of parent/carer: .....

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