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With Christ at the centre of our  
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## **The Newsletter** **Autumn term no. 2– 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for supporting the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings this week. Each class teacher will post their PowerPoint presentation on the class pages of the website for your information if you were not able to make the meeting. The teachers have given you the key messages for the year but as teaching and learning is far more complex than a brief overview, please appreciate that there will be times when the class timetable has to change, topics moved to a different term etc. If you have any queries at all at any point in the year, please get in touch.

### **Coming up:**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September** – Y2 Meet the Teacher 3.30-4pm.

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September** - 6-7pm Mrs Cooper, from All Hallows will be here at St Oswald's to talk to Y5 and Y6 parents about All Hallows including Admission arrangements etc.

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September** - 'Roald Dahl Day' School Meal Promotion. If your child is already having school meals, they will automatically be included in this event. The meal served will be George's Marvelous Chicken Burger with Mr Fox's Fantastic Hash Brown Bites or The Twits' Pasta Twists & Tomato Sauce with the Grand High Witch's Garlic Bread or James Giant filled Jacket Potato followed by Wonka's Whipple-Scrumptious Doughnut Rings with Charlie's Chocolate River. If you would like your child to have a school meal on this date, please complete the slip below and return to school no later than Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September** - Year 4 Meet the Teacher 3.30-4pm.

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September** - Curriculum Evening for parents in Reception 3.30– 4.30pm. At this meeting we explain how we teach phonics, reading, writing and number so please try to come along as it will be very useful. There is not a meeting at 6.30pm (as stated in previous newsletter).

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September** - Y3/4/5/6 Mass in church at 2pm 'Together Again'. Fr Michael has invited all Key Stage 2 to celebrate the return to school. Parents/Grandparents are more than welcome to come along.

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September** – 1<sup>st</sup> match of Y5/Y6 football tournament at Hutton Grammar School, 3.45pm – 5pm (letter issued to the team today, 11<sup>th</sup> September). Good luck to the Football Team!

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September** - Year 1 Meet the Teacher 3.30-4.00pm.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September** – School photographer in to take individual photographs of the pupils or if they have a sibling in school their photograph will be taken together.

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September** – 2nd match of Y5/Y6 football tournament at Hutton Grammar School, 3.45pm – 5pm.

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September** - All Hallows Open Evening 5pm onwards (please see information attached).

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September** – St Oswald's Church 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at 6.30pm. Everyone invited to attend.

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September** - Fr Michael has invited the Reception children and parents/grandparents to a special 'Starting School' Blessing in church at 2.30 pm.

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September** – Y6 Class Mass in Church at 9.30am. Parents/Grandparents invited.

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October** – Y5 Class Mass in Church at 9.30am. Parents/Grandparents invited.

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October or**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October** -Phonics Workshop for Reception parents in the Reception Classroom 3.30-4.30pm. Your child will be able to stay and play with Mrs Cliffe while you learn all about the importance of early reading and phonics. Let us know which night you can attend by returning the slip attached.

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October** – Final match of Y5/Y6 football tournament at Hutton Grammar School, 3.45pm – 5pm.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October** - Y6 Taster Day at All Hallows (details to be issued shortly).

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October** - The Lancashire Evening Post photographer will be coming into school to take a photograph of the Reception pupils. This photograph will appear in the 'School Starters 2025' supplement of the newspaper. **IF YOU DO NOT WISH FOR YOUR CHILD TO BE IN THIS PHOTOGRAPH, PLEASE LET US KNOW IN WRITING BY EMAIL OR LETTER.** Thank you.

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October** – Y4 Class Mass in Church at 9.30am. Parents/Grandparents invited.

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October** – Open Morning 9.15am – 10.15am for any prospective parents who have a child wishing to start school in September 2026.

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October-** Y6 Bikeability delivered by South Ribble County Council is on. Cycle checks to be carried out at home (letter and cycle check forms to be issued w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> September). Your child is to bring their bike and cycle helmet to school. If your child wishes to leave their bicycle in school, please ensure they have a lock. If your child does not have a bicycle, please contact school and we can arrange for one to be used for the duration of the course.

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October** – Y3 Class Mass in Church at 9.30am. Parents/Grandparents invited.

#### **Journey of Faith:**

Fr Michael has asked if I could pass on to you details of a forthcoming programme which is for adults interested in becoming a Catholic.

*Do you know someone who would be interested in becoming a Catholic?*

As a Family of Parishes, we are delighted to confirm that we will again be offering **a Journey in Faith (RCIA) course** for anyone who may be interested in joining our Catholic family of faith.

Our first course leading up to Easter 2026, proved very helpful to the 15 adults who were baptised or received into the Church and then confirmed and made their first Communion.

This year's course, which begins on 12th November 2025, and which will be run at St Mary's Community Centre Leyland, is a wonderful opportunity for those who want to explore the Catholic faith to do so in an informal and welcoming environment.

A team of parishioners across our Family of Parishes will host the sessions and together with our clergy we will be following the excellent resources provided by the Sycamore course.

The sessions will run weekly (with breaks over holiday periods) until Easter 2026 and include topics such as The Search for Happiness, Who is Jesus? and the Power of Prayer.

There are information leaflets at the back of our churches providing more details and contact information. Please do reflect whether you might pass on a leaflet to someone you know who may just be looking for an invitation to take the next step on their Journey of Faith.

#### **Reminder - ParentPay Activation Letters for Reception Parents:**

Letters have been sent home last week to Reception parents in with details how to activate your ParentPay account. We are encouraging all parents to activate their ParentPay accounts as soon as possible. This service is used for payments such as Early Birds' Breakfast Club, school trips and also for school meals (for Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 pupils). If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

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

Please return the 'End of School Day' arrangements form. A paper copy was sent home with your child last week. It is extremely important that these forms are returned so the member of staff knows the end of day arrangements for your child. Thank you.

**Y3 Swimming:**

Just a reminder that due to the pool being refurbished at Penwortham Leisure Centre, there is NO swimming for Y3 on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September. Swimming will resume on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

**Community News:**

New Longton Junior Rovers are running coaching sessions for boys and girls in Year 1 from 23<sup>rd</sup> September. (see flyer attached).

And finally...

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch with school if you have any queries. We will try to do our best to help.

Yours sincerely

C Hough  
Headteacher

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**SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION –‘ROALD DAHL’ – TUESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

I would like my child to have a school meal on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September. I will ensure payment of £2.90 is made in advance through ParentPay (children Y3-Y6).

Name of child: ..... Year group: .....  
Signature of parent/carer: .....

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**RECEPTION PHONICS WORKSHOP**

Please tick which day you can attend. Sessions are from 3.30pm – 4.30pm.

I/We would like to attend the 'Phonics Workshop' session on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October**

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I/We would like to attend the 'Phonics Workshop' session on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October**

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Name of child: ..... Signed by parent/carer:.....