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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 **Autumn term no. 3– 18th September 2025**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Up-date since the last newsletter:

- Thank you to Y5/Y6 parents who attended the meeting with Mrs Cooper on Monday. Supplementary Faith Forms are to be returned to school by Thursday 16th October so we can send the forms to All Hallows on Friday 17th October.

Coming up:

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

Y3 – Y6 Brass Band Club will start on **Thursday 25th September** for 10 weeks (last session is Thursday 4th December). A letter has been sent home today to the children who have expressed an interest in joining Brass Band Club confirming the details and cost.

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

All Hallows Open Evening **Thursday 25th September** 5pm onwards.

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

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

Y6 Class Mass **Tuesday 30th September** in church at 9.30am. Parents/Grandparents invited.

School Meal Promotion 'Hello Autumn' **Thursday 2nd October**. If your child is already having school meals, they will automatically be included in this event. The meal served will be Savoury Beef or Quorn Mince & Yorkshire Pudding served with Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables or Winter Warming Pasta Bake with Garlic Dough Balls or Choice of Filled Jacket Potato with Mixed Salad followed by Flapjack & Apple Wedges. 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 Tuesday 1st October.

Harvest Festival in Church **Friday 3rd October** 2.30pm. Y6 will be leading the Harvest Celebration with the whole school attending. Parents are invited to come along. Each class will be collecting items for the local foodbank in Penwortham over the next few weeks so if you can donate a tin or packet of something, it would be appreciated. Please send your donation in with your child from Monday 22nd September.

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

PTFA Meeting **Tuesday 7th October** 6.30pm. Everyone welcome to come along and help to plan the fundraising events for the term and beyond.

SAVE THE DATE!!! The first PTFA event this year is Halloween Fancy Dress Disco on Thursday 23rd October; 6.15pm-7pm for Reception, Y1 and Y2 (a parent needs to accompany their Reception child)
7.15pm-8.15pm for Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6
Further details to follow.

Phonics Workshop for Reception parents in the Reception Classroom **Wednesday 8th October or Thursday 9th October** 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.

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

Y6 Taster Day at All Hallows **Friday 10th October** (letter issued today, Thursday 18th September).

The Lancashire Evening Post photographer will be coming into school to take a photograph of the Reception pupils **Monday 13th October**. 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.

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

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

Y6 Bikeability delivered by South Ribble County Council **Monday 20th October** and **Wednesday 22nd October**. Cycle checks to be carried out at home (letter and cycle check forms to be issued w/c 22nd 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.

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

Reminder – Health Questionnaire:

A Health Questionnaire from the School Nursing Team was sent home to all children in Reception on Friday 12th September. Questionnaires are to be returned by Monday 29th September. Thank you.

PTFA School Calendar 2026:

Any businesses that would like to be included in the School Calendar for 2026, please contact the school office. The price of the adverts are £40.00 a month (1 month to 5 months) or £36 a month (6 months or more). The closing date for sponsors is Monday 13th October.

Primary Admissions 2026:

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2026 then you MUST apply on-line at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools The CLOSING DATE FOR PRIMARY APPLICATIONS IS 15th JANUARY 2026.

Please ensure that you also complete the ST OSWALD'S SUPPLEMENTARY FAITH FORM which is available on the school website or from school. The Supplementary Faith Form must then be forwarded to SCHOOL together with a copy of your child's BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE! Please note: If your child was baptised at St Oswald's and you do not have a copy of your child's baptismal certificate, please complete a 'Baptismal Certificate request slip', available from school and post this through the St Oswald's presbytery post-box for Fr Michael.

Secondary Admissions 2026:

If your child is due to transfer to High School in September 2026, then please apply on-line at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools. The CLOSING DATE FOR SECONDARY APPLICATIONS IS 31st OCTOBER 2025.

Community News:

Longton Carnival Committee are organising 2 events: Table Top Sale on Saturday 27th September and Ghost Trail on Saturday 1st November (see flyers attached).

Active Sports Holiday Club: Active Sports will be running their very popular Holiday Club during October half term at Penwortham Primary School (see flyer attached).

South Ribble Activities: Please see below a list of activities

South Ribble Leisure Centres currently have places available on affordable junior lessons programme – swimming, gymnastics, tennis and football.

Swimming Lessons

Leyland, Bamber Bridge & Penwortham Leisure Centres

Following the Swim England Learn to Swim programme (Stages 1–7 and beyond). Perfect for beginners through to advanced swimmers.

Gymnastics Lessons

South Ribble Tennis & Fitness Centre

From age 3+ up to advanced level, following the National Gymnastics Awards programme. Children can build balance, flexibility and strength and even take part in competitions!

Tennis Lessons

South Ribble Tennis & Fitness Centre

Following the LTA Junior Programme. Kids can learn skills, boost confidence and enter competitions.

Football Lessons

Bamber Bridge Leisure Centre

For ages 7–11, our football coaching develops technical skills in a fun and friendly environment.

Sign up now from £27.70 per month and give your child the chance to shine with South Ribble Leisure! Find out more: <https://southribbleleisure.com/>

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

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 8th October**

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

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Name of child:

Signed by parent/carers:.....

SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION –HELLO AUTUMN – THURSDAY 2nd OCTOBER

I would like my child to have a school meal on Thursday 2nd October. I will ensure payment of £2.90 is made in advance through ParentPay (children Y3-Y6).

Name of child: Year group:

Signature of parent/carers: