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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. 4– 25th September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Food Waste Regulations:

Schools are now required to comply with the new food waste separation legislation which came into force earlier in the year.

Food waste has an incredibly detrimental impact on the planet and the introduction of this new legislation reiterates the responsibility of schools to reduce their negative impact on the environment. We aim to increase our recycling rates and reduce the amount of waste sent for disposal. We also aim to provide a more sustainable environment within our school.

Children who bring a packed lunch to school will be asked to keep any food waste/litter within their packed lunch box to take home. This enables parents and carers to monitor food consumption by their children and will simplify the separating of food waste in school.

Food waste bins and signage will be displayed around the school for children to use throughout the day as required. There will also be a food waste caddy in each classroom.

Up-date since the last newsletter:

- Congratulations to our two school football teams. The A team qualified for the finals night and the B team were the winners of their competition.

Coming up:

Friday 26th September

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

Thursday 2nd October

School Meal Promotion 'Hello Autumn'. 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.

Thursday 2nd October

Y6 Class Mass in church at 9.30am. Parents/Grandparents invited. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS MASS HAS BEEN MOVED FROM TUESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER TO THURSDAY 2ND OCTOBER.**

Friday 3rd October

Harvest Festival in Church 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.

Tuesday 7th October

Y5 Class Mass in Church at 9.30am. Parents/Grandparents invited.

Tuesday 7th October	PTFA Meeting 6.30pm. Everyone welcome to come along and help to plan the fundraising events for the term and beyond.
Wednesday 8th October or Thursday 9th 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 9th October	Final match of Y5/Y6 football tournament at Hutton Grammar School, 3.45pm – 5pm.
Friday 10th October	Y6 Taster Day at All Hallows. Please ensure that £3.50 lunch money is sent to school with their permission slip prior to the Taster Day.
Monday 13th 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 14th October	Y4 Class Mass in Church at 9.30am. Parents/Grandparents invited.
Tuesday 14th October or Thursday 16th October	Parents Evening in the school classrooms from 3.40pm – 6.00pm. Bookings are via the School Spider app. Parents can easily book, view and manage their own slots online or via the app. See details below for easy instructions.
Thursday 16th October	Open Morning 9.15am – 10.15am for any prospective parents who have a child wishing to start school in September 2026.
Monday 20th October and Wednesday 22nd October	Y6 Bikeability delivered by South Ribble County Council. Cycle checks to be carried out at home (letter and cycle check forms issued 22 nd 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 21st October	Y3 Class Mass in Church at 9.30am. Parents/Grandparents invited.
Tuesday 21st October	Y1 visit to Longton Library (letter to be issued shortly).
Thursday 24th October	PTFA Fancy Dress Hallowe'en Disco. Tickets will be on sale from Monday 29 th September from the school office or you can send £3.00 in a named envelope with your child and tickets will be sent home with your child. Tickets are £3.00/child in advance or £4.00 on the night. Tuck Shop will be open. Prizes for the best costume, games, dancing and lots of fun!
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	

Parents Evening (new booking system):

Parents evening will take place in your child's classroom on Tuesday 14th October or Thursday 16th October. From 3.40pm – 6.00pm. Each slot lasts 5 minutes with your child's class teacher. Please arrive 5 minutes prior to your appointment time to allow you time to look at your child's work.

Appointments will go live at 9am on Monday 29th September. Bookings must be made through the School Spider app. Parents will receive automatic reminders to their smartphone 7,3,1 day before the parents evening to remind them to book or to remind them of the slot they have booked.

New parent/carers please follow the instructions for new registrations.

For those who HAVE registered.

1. Open School Spider (app).
2. Select parent dashboard (a blue banner at the top of the screen).
3. Select parents evening.
4. Choose your time and book!

For new registrations.

1. Download the school spider from your app store.
2. Register using your email address and select a MEMORABLE password of your choosing. At this point please click FORGOT PASSWORD.
3. Select parent dashboard (a blue banner at the top of the screen).
4. Select parents evening.
5. Choose your time and book!

If you require any help please contact the school office and we will be happy to help.

Football Club Kit Reminder:

Please ensure that your child has appropriate footwear and **shin-pads** as weather conditions will be changing over the next few weeks.

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.

Community News:

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: