

St Oswald's Catholic Primary School Headteacher – Mr. C.J. Hough Chapel Lane Longton Preston PR4 5EB 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. 6– 9th October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Up-date since the last newsletter:

• Year 6 did a brilliant job leading the 'Harvest Festival' on Friday. Thank you for all your generous donations, they have been dropped off at the local foodbank in Penwortham on Tuesday.

Coming up:

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.

Last Netball Club.

Parents Evening in the school classrooms from $3.40 \,\mathrm{pm} - 6.00 \,\mathrm{pm}$. Please ensure that you have booked your slot as no more bookings can be made after Friday 10^{th} October. Bookings are via the School Spider app.

Wednesday 15th October:

Last Football Club.

Thursday 16th October:

Open Morning 9.15am - 10.15am for any prospective parents who have a child wishing to start school in September 2026. Come along and see our school in action!

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School Meal Promotion 'Black History Month'. If your child is already having school meals, they will automatically be included in this event. The meal served will be Chicken or Quorn Jollof Rice with Flatbread & Mixed Salad or Southern Soul Mac 'n' Cheese with Sweetcorn & Pepper Medley followed by Pineapple Upside Cake or Tropical Jelly Cup. If you would like your child to have a school meal on this date, please let us know.

Monday 20th October:

Y6 Bikeability delivered by South Ribble County Council. Cycle checks to be carried out at home. 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.

Y1 visit to Longton Library (letter issued Wednesday 8th October).

Wednesday 22nd October:

Y6 Bikeability Day 2. Please ensure your child has their bike and cycle helmet in school.

Thursday 23rd October:

PTFA Fancy Dress Hallowe'en Disco. Tickets are on sale 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! **CHILDREN CAN DRESS IN FANCY DRESS BUT NO HAND HELD PROPS PLEASE.**

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

School closes on Thursday 23rd October at 3.15pm and will re-open on Monday 3rd November.

Sacramental Preparation Programme:

A letter has been sent home this week from Fr. Michael to Year 4 Baptised Catholic children regarding the Sacramental Preparation Programme. If your child wishes to take part in this programme and has not received a letter, please let us know.

School Meal Menu:

We are pleased to attach the new Autumn/Winter 2025-26 Menu that will start on Monday 3rd November, which is Week 1 on the school meals calendar. Please find leaflet attached.

Reminders:

PTFA School Calendar 2025:

Any businesses that would like to be included in the School Calendar for 2025, 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 13^{th} October.

Players in Education:

Please see flyer attached for Players Drama School Christmas Special at St Oswald's from Friday 7th November to Friday 12th December. If you wish for your child to attend Players, you can sign up at https://www.playersdramaschool.co.uk/players-in-education/

and finally....

Well done to Bella Y in Year 6 who completed the Lancashire Reading Challenge. Bella has read 50 books during the summer holidays! A member of staff from Longton Library came in to school on Friday to present Bella with a certificate and autographed book of her choice.

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