

St. Oswald's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 26/06/2026



Mission Statement
We walk in the footsteps of Jesus so that we may have life in all its fullness.
John 10-10
School Website: www.stoswaldsrc.co.uk

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come towards the end of what has been another busy and successful week in school, I would like to take a moment to thank our whole school community for your continued support and enthusiasm. It was a pleasure to see so many of you at our Maths Café this week, and to see our pupils engaging so positively with their learning and demonstrating our school values each day, which would not happen without your considerable support at home.

I would like to offer a special well done to our Year 1 and Year 4 pupils, who have worked incredibly hard in preparation for and during their recent assessments. They have shown great resilience, focus and determination, and we are very proud of their efforts. Thank you also to our Reception parents who joined us for our recent Celebration of the Word; it was a lovely occasion and we greatly appreciate your support in sharing these special moments with your children.

Looking ahead, we have an exciting few weeks planned, with lots to look forward to, including our much-anticipated Sports Day and a range of other end-of-term events that help celebrate the hard work and achievements of our pupils. We are particularly looking forward to our whole-school transition afternoon on 9th July, where children will meet their new teachers and explore their new classrooms.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.
Mr D. Woodhouse
Headteacher

Attendance

If your child is going to be absent, please inform the school office on 01915 367922 by 9am on **each morning** of the absence.

Red	Under 92%
Amber	92-96.99%
Green	97% and above

If you are going away on holiday during school time, please fill in a leave of absence form (available from the school office).

Y6 Residential

Year 6 had a fabulous time on their residential trip and were brilliant ambassadors for the school. The photos from the trip are now on the Year 6 class page on our website.

**Friday 3rd July is an Inset Day—
School closed to pupils**

Attendance Award

Congratulations to Year 5 who won the Attendance Award this week with 97.3%

Reception — 95.7
Year 1 — 92.7%
Year 2 — 96.55%
Year 3 — 97.2%
Year 4 — 98.1%
Year 5 — 96.8%
Year 6 — 95.6%

Our school target is at least 97%

Sun cream and hats

Now the weather is getting nicer, please send in a sun hat and a water bottle every day. Sun cream should be applied before school, and children can bring a bottle of sun cream so we can help them to top up at lunchtime.

Nursery Places

We still have a few places available in our Nursery for September 2026 onwards. If you would like to register your child, please drop into the school office for a form.

Maths Parents Cafes

Our first Maths Café this week was a lovely opportunity for parents to come into school and discover all the maths learning we do throughout EYFS and KS1.

Next Wednesday all the parents and carers from KS2 have the same opportunity, so please join us at 9.15 to discover helpful ways to support your child outside the classroom, and games and challenges to play along with general information around how we teach maths in the curriculum.

Free School Meals Expanded

From September 2026, Free School Meals will be given to any child whose family receives any universal credit. Please follow this link to check your child's eligibility for Expanded Free School Meals. If you are already eligible, you need not reapply.

<https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/pp-bccet>

Reception Celebration of the Word

Thank you to all our Reception parents and carers for coming to share in their Celebration of the Word. The children shared some beautiful thoughts with us about the friendships they have made throughout their year in Reception, and how they will carry those friendships forward into Year 1.



Well done Y4!

Year 4 have completed their Multiplication Tables Check this half term, after working incredibly hard to prepare for it all year. We are really proud of their efforts and we think they are on track to be our best result ever in this test!

Y6 Workshops

Y6 recently took part in a workshop delivered by Northumbria Police on the topic of anti-social behaviour. It was an interesting and engaging session and we learned about what kinds of behaviours are considered anti-social and what the consequences of behaving like this can be.

Year 6 also had a visit from Nexus Travel Safety who ran a workshop on travelling safely by metro and bus. This is aimed at improving confidence in travelling alone once they transition to secondary school.

Y1 Visit to Shipley Art Gallery

On Tuesday, 16th June, the Year 1 children visited the Shipley Art Gallery in Gateshead. During their visit, they explored the gallery and took part in a "Create with Clay" workshop. As part of the session, the children observed contemporary craft and decorative art in the Shipley's *Designs for Life* gallery and the Henry Rothschild Study Centre. Inspired by the rich examples in the gallery's extensive handling collection, they then created their own unique clay containers.



Fair Trade Tuck Shop

Our children all learned lots during an assembly about Fair Trade. Miss Porter then ran a very successful Fair Trade Tuck Shop where we raised £199. It is very important to think about where our food comes from, and to chose the fairest options for growers and makers wherever we can. This links in to our Catholic Social Teaching about Stewardship, Human Dignity and the Common Good.



If you ever have any safeguarding related concerns at all, please speak to a Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:

* Mr Woodhouse * Mrs Keith * Mr Smith * Miss Porter * Mrs Frey *

Early Years Family Picnic

We would like to invite the families of all our Nursery and Reception children to a family picnic and games on Monday 13th July at 1.45pm. Nursery AM children are welcome to come back to join us for it. Please bring your own picnic blanket and food (remember no nuts or whole eggs please as we have airborne allergies in school).

Y4 Outdoor Adventure Trip

On Thursday 2nd July, Y4 have been invited to take part in some Outdoor Adventurous Activities. Please look out for a letter from Mrs Price about this trip!

Father's Day Raffle

Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket for our Father's Day Raffle. We raised an amazing £119. The lucky winner of the hamper was Faith in Year 3. We hope she shared it with dad!

Y2 Titanic Day

On Thursday 2nd July, Y2 are invited to dress as passengers of the titanic (1st, 2nd or 3rd class!) to celebrate all the incredible work they have produced during this topic. Y2 parents are invited in at 9.15am to view our "Titanic Museum" of all their wonderful school work and amazing family projects.

Key Dates—Summer Term

Wednesday 1st July—9.15am Maths café for Y3,4,5,6 parents

Thursday 2nd July—9.15am Titanic Day—Y2 Parents view children's projects. Y2 in titanic passenger costumes!

Thursday 2nd July - Summer Fayre 3.30pm

Friday 3rd July - Inset Day (children not in school)

Monday 6th July - KS2 sports day 1.30pm

Tuesday 7th July - Reception and Nursery sports day 9.30am and 2pm

Tuesday 7th July - Y6 Leavers Mass (Pupils only at St Matthew's)

Wednesday 8th July - KS1 sports day 1.30pm

Thursday 9th /Friday 10th July - Y6 transition days at secondary

Thursday 9th July - whole school transition afternoon (inc new Reception starters)

There are no after school clubs in the last week of term.

Mon 13th July—1.45pm Family Picnic for Nursery and Reception (please bring food/picnic blanket)

Tuesday 14th July - Y6 Leavers mass (St Oswald's)

Wednesday 15th July - Y6 production 9.15am and 2.30pm

Thursday 16th July - Leavers Celebration of the Word 9.15am (parents and families of Year 6)

Friday 17th - end of term, finish at 1.15pm

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