# St Oswald's Newsletter 13.11.26

'Love Jesus, Love Learning, Love Each Other'

## *This week's Wednesday Word is: 'Talents'*

Dear Lord Jesus, help us to develop our **talents** and to know how we can use them for the good of others in this coming week. Amen.

"No talent, no matter how small, is to be hidden or left unused."

St John Paul II

In school, we always showcase our God given gifts or **talents.** When we share these individual talents, our families and communities are enriched. They may not be as obvious as being good at sport for example, but they are just as valuable, such as being a good peace-keeper, and please God greatly.

## Remembrance Day

On Wednesday, all classes visited the Remembrance Garden and a two minutes silence was held at 11am. As always, the children were respectful during these times of remembrance. Thank you to Paul Tushingham, from Friends of Ashton, for coming into school and speaking to the children about the history of our local area, particularly the Remembrance Garden.

## AWARD WINNERS

| | Ozzie's Champ | Top-Table Winner |
|---|---|---|
| Reception | Orla M | Geoffrey GB |
| Sparrows | Ivy D | Ada T |
| Robins | Hallie C | Jacques W-R |
| Starlings | Ada F | Louis F |
| Magpies | Oliver S | Sophia H |
| Seagulls | Jaxon K | Toby P |
| Owls | Rose H | Ellis W |
| Eagles | Isaac S | Ivy K |

## Anti-Bullying Week Monday 16th November

We are asking children to come to school wearing odd socks!




| | Attendance |
|---|---|
| Reception | 94.6% |
| Sparrows | 95.5% |
| Robins | 95.6% |
| Starlings | 95.3% |
| Magpies | 95.0% |
| Seagulls | 95.8% |
| Owls | 96.8% |
| Eagles | 92.8% |

## Illness Related Absences

Illness is the biggest single reason for school absence. The NHS advises that most mild illnesses such as:

- Runny nose
- Sore Throat
- Mild cough

Do not require children to stay off school unless they have a temperature or are otherwise too unwell to attend.

## Father Brian Newns

Please pray for the soul of Father Brian Newns. Father Brian's Requiem Mass was held on Tuesday and the children have been remembering him in our prayers this week. Father Brian ministered faithfully within our parish for 28 years from 1991. He loved the Saint Oswald's Parish and served it in faith.

May he rest in peace.

## Paul Tushingham

On Wednesday, we welcomed Paul Tushingham into school to speak to the children. He told us about the Remembrance Garden and the work of Friends of Ashton. Paul also shared stories about his dad, who served in the war. Both children and staff were captivated by his stories. The children loved discovering more about Ashton's past and looking at photographs of the town in years gone by.









## Lacrosse

On Wednesday, six of our children took part in a Lacrosse skills session which means that we can now apply for equipment and have a Lacrosse professional to deliver some sessions in school to the other children. We continue to try to vary the activities and competitions that we offer to the children.







## Uniformed Organisation

The children who belonged to a uniformed organisation came to school proudly wearing their uniforms. It was a joy to see so many of our children taking part in the Remembrance Day parade through Ashton on Sunday

## Mass Times

**Saturday**

St Wilfrid's 6pm

**Sunday**

Our Lady's

9:30am & 6:30pm

St Oswald's

11am

## Sing a long Bingo

We are heading towards that time of year, where we invite the citizens of Ashton to our annual Christmas Sing a long Bingo. We are asking our families to send in donations of food – tinned and packets, and toiletries. Your kind donations will be made into hampers for the bingo winners. Please start to send any donations into school from Monday 16th November. Thank you as always for your support.

## Parent Interviews

We will be sending an email next week for parents/carers to book a time to speak to your child's class teacher. It is an opportunity to talk about how your child has settled into the new school year, celebrate their achievements so far and discuss targets. We are not sending home an interim report.

## Year 4 – Holy Communion Preparation

The next meeting for the children making their first Holy Communion is **MONDAY 16th NOVEMBER at 6.30pm in St Oswald's Church**. The Sacramental Preparation Team are looking forward to working with the children and their parents/carers.






LEST WE FORGET

# Remembrance Day





















# Children in Need

Today, the children wore their spotty clothes to raise money for Children in Need. Linked to this year's theme, everyone has made an extra, special effort to be even more kind through displaying a random act of kindness. Some of these Acts of Kindness have been lovely to see around school today. We raised a total of **£216.82**, thank you for your kind donations.














CARE LOVE LEARN CHILDCARE

AT ST OSWALD'S WIGAN

# Christmas Party

Join us for a fun filled day of festive cheer!

**Sunday 29th November**

**Stubshaw Cross Labor Club**

**1pm – 4pm**

Tickets for children attending with a adult

**£2.50**

Tickets for children 8 or over attending without a adult

**£5**

Food for children will be provided!

Santa will also be paying us a visit!

- Tombola
- Cake Stall
- Raffle Prizes
- Lots of Party Games




# KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

## A PARENT'S RESPONSIBILITY

Would you know what your child is seeing, sharing or receiving online?

SAFE CHILDREN BRIGHTER FUTURES

Be aware
Be involved
Make a difference

As parents and carers, it is essential that we regularly check our children's devices, apps and online activity. **Children** are increasingly exposed to inappropriate content, online grooming, cyberbullying, scams and harmful messages through social media, gaming platforms and **messaging apps**.

Children need trusted adults.

## WHAT CAN PARENTS DO?

- **Check** phones, tablets and gaming devices regularly
- **Know** your child's passwords and privacy settings
- **Talk** openly about online safety
- **Monitor** who your child is communicating with
- **Check** shared photos, videos and messages
- **Set** parental controls and screen time limits
- **Report** and **block** inappropriate content
- **Encourage** your child to tell you if something online makes them uncomfortable

Be involved. Be curious. Keep the conversation going.

## SOCIAL MEDIA AGE RESTRICTIONS

| Platform | Minimum Age |
|---|---|
| TikTok | 13+ |
| Snapchat | 13+ |
| Instagram | 13+ |
| Facebook | 13+ |
| WhatsApp | 13+ |
| YouTube | 13+ (supervised access available for younger children) |
| Discord | 13+ |
| X (formerly Twitter) | 13+ |

Most social media platforms are not designed for primary-aged children.

Age restrictions exist for a reason.

Check the terms and conditions – they matter!

## BEFORE YOUR CHILD SHARES...

**Ask them:**

- Would you be happy for a teacher, parent or grandparent to see it?
- Does it contain personal information?
- Could it embarrass or upset someone?
- Once it is shared, could it be copied or saved by others?

Remember: Once an image or message is sent online, it can be very difficult to remove permanently.

## IMPORTANT CONVERSATIONS TO HAVE

**Talk regularly about:**

- Online strangers
- Group chats
- Peer pressure
- Bullying and unkind messages
- Sharing photos and videos
- Fake accounts
- Inappropriate content
- Reporting concerns

Open conversations help build trust and keep children safe.

## THINK BEFORE YOU POST

**STOP • THINK • CHECK**

- Is it **Kind**?
- Is it **True**?
- Is it **Safe**?
- Would I be happy for everyone to see it?

A POSITIVE ONLINE WORLD STARTS WITH THOUGHTFUL CHOICES.

Safer Children Happier Futures

## Together We Can Keep Children Safe Online

**Monitor. Talk. Support. Protect.**

Children need trusted adults to help them navigate the online world safely.

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