

# St Oswald's Newsletter 16.10.26



'Love Jesus, Love Learning, Love Each Other'

## This week's Wednesday Word is: 'Invitation'

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for blessing us in so many ways. Help us to be always **grateful** to you and show our **gratitude** by loving those around us. Amen.

"The heart that knows how to say 'thank you' is a good heart, it is a heart that is content!"

Pope Francis (2013-2025)

This week in school, we have tried particularly hard to show our gratitude for the important things in our lives. This has included showing our **gratitude** to Deacon Paul for the years of service and ministry to the children of St Oswald's. We know that it is good for us to be **grateful** to God for such blessings of his love.



### AWARD WINNERS



|           | Ozzie's Champ | Top-Table Winner |
|-----------|---------------|------------------|
| Reception | Lottie C      | Ronnie R         |
| Sparrows  | Maxwell J     | Anja D           |
| Robins    | Lucas V       | Ivy K            |
| Starlings | Lyla-Grace M  | Callum P         |
| Magpies   | Leo D         | Lucas McC        |
| Seagulls  | Ella H        | Lara M           |
| Owls      | Bella G       | Freddie F        |
| Eagles    | Ivy K         | Tobi H           |

## Mass Times

**Saturday**  
St Wilfrid's 6pm

**Sunday**  
Our Lady's  
9:30am & 6:30pm  
St Oswald's  
11am



## Attendance Matters

Every school day is an opportunity for children to learn, grow and make happy memories with their friends. Regular attendance helps children feel confident, settled and able to make the most of every learning opportunity. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child attends school every day and arrives on time. Together, we can help every child thrive at St Oswald's.

|           | Attendance |
|-----------|------------|
| Reception | 94.9%      |
| Sparrows  | 95.3%      |
| Robins    | 95.3%      |
| Starlings | 95.2%      |
| Magpies   | 95.1%      |
| Seagulls  | 96.6%      |
| Owls      | 97.9%      |
| Eagles    | 96.6%      |



## Deacon Paul

This week, we have sadly said goodbye to Deacon Paul. He will now continue his ministry in the parish of Holy Family in Platt Bridge where the Holy Spirit has guided him to. We thank Deacon Paul for his ministry within our school many years which has included leading our Wednesday Word Celebration of the Word, leading our Y6's through their Faith in Action Programme and introducing us to Deacon Justin and the children in Malawi. May God bless you, Deacon Paul.

## Parent Governor

We are delighted to welcome Mr Paul Masheder as our newly elected Parent Governor. We look forward to working with him as he supports the continued growth and success of our school. Thank you to all parents who participated in the election and for your ongoing support of our school community.

## Holy Communion Meeting

The next Holy Communion preparation session is due to take place on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm in St Oswald's Church**. This meeting is for parents and children.

## Girls Football

On Monday, some of our Year 6 girls represented our school in a football event at William Fosters. Please see the pictures below from the event which are also on Bluesky.



## PFTA

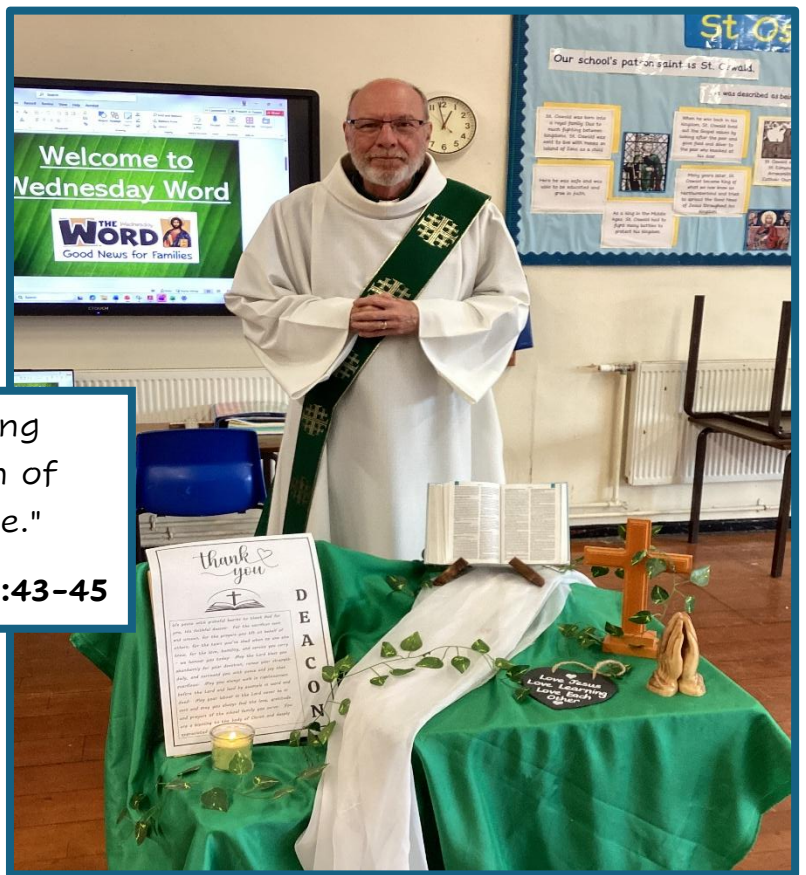
A big thank you to the PFTA for the beautiful flowerpots for our Main Entrance in our school colours. What a lovely way for parents/carers and visitors to be greeted into our school at the Main Entrance.



## Royal British Legion



From Monday 19th October, we will be selling Royal British Legion poppies and remembrance items in school. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to remember and honour those who have served and sacrificed for our country. Items will be available to purchase each day, with suggested donations of 50p to £1.50. Thank you for your support in helping us mark this important act of remembrance.



"Whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant... For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve."

**Mark 10:43-45**



# Online Safety

## Looking after wellbeing online

A happier  
brighter  
safer online  
world

PLAY

LEARN

CONNECT

BE KIND



Following **World Mental Health Day** last weekend, this week's online safety focus is on how children feel when using technology.

### The positives

Games, videos and online chats can bring enjoyment and connection.



Fun • Friendship • Belonging

### It's not always easy

Some online experiences can leave children feeling worried, frustrated or left out.



### Have a conversation

A simple conversation about what they enjoy online and whether anything has upset them can offer a helpful insight into their digital world.

What do you enjoy online?

Has anything upset you recently?

### Take regular breaks

At home, regular breaks can help make space for sleep, play and family time.



Rest • Play • Family time

### Switch off before bed

Time away from devices before bed can help children get a better night's sleep.



A better night's sleep for a brighter tomorrow

### You can always come to us

It is reassuring for children to know they can leave a game or chat that makes them uncomfortable and come to you for support.



- Listen
- Support
- Be kind
- Help



For practical ideas on finding a balance that suits your family, visit **Internet Matters.**

Small changes make a big difference

HAPPIER CHILDREN

SAFER ONLINE

BRIGHTER TOMORROWS

# AUTUMN TERM DATES

## St Oswald's Catholic Primary School

### SEPTEMBER

22<sup>nd</sup>  
September



Before school judo Club Y1-Y6

24<sup>th</sup>  
September



Open morning for prospective new starters  
5pm – Open evening for prospective new starters

25<sup>th</sup>  
September



Wear green for  
McMillan Cancer  
Research Charity

### OCTOBER

9<sup>th</sup>  
October



Eaglets – Stay and Play –  
further details to follow

16<sup>th</sup>  
October



Tempest School  
photographer in school

23<sup>rd</sup>  
October



School closes for  
half-term

### NOVEMBER

6<sup>th</sup>  
November



PTFA – wear bright colours for a £1 donation

6<sup>th</sup>  
November



Christmas Card designs to go home today

10<sup>th</sup>  
November



Christmas Card designs back to school today

11<sup>th</sup>  
November



Remembrance Garden Visit  
Children who belong to a uniformed  
organisation e.g. Brownies, cubs, can  
wear their uniform to school

13<sup>th</sup>  
November



Children in Need – more details to follow

16<sup>th</sup>  
November



Donations for food and toiletries  
hamper for senior citizens

23<sup>rd</sup>  
November



EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 –  
Parent Interviews – PM

24<sup>th</sup>  
November



Year 3-6 Parent Interviews – PM

26<sup>th</sup>  
November



Rock Kidz – Anti-Bullying

27<sup>th</sup>  
November



Bring a Christmas decoration in  
for the Christmas tree – Peace theme

### DECEMBER

4<sup>th</sup>  
December



PTFA Own clothes day – bring in  
chocolate or tombola donation  
1.30-3.30pm – Sing a long bingo

W/C  
7<sup>th</sup>  
December



Christmas Performance Dress  
Rehearsals week – Costumes  
to be in school

8<sup>th</sup>  
December



Christmas Fair

10<sup>th</sup>  
December



Christmas Jumper Day  
Christmas Lunch – whole school

11<sup>th</sup>  
December



Eaglets Christmas Performance –  
Doors open 2.15pm

14<sup>th</sup>  
December



KS1 Christmas Performance –  
Doors open 1.45pm

15<sup>th</sup>  
December



Y3 and Y4 Christmas Performance –  
Doors open 1.45pm

16<sup>th</sup>  
December



Y5 Christmas Performance –  
Doors open 1.45pm

17<sup>th</sup>  
December



Y6 Christmas Performance –  
Doors open 1.45pm

17<sup>th</sup>  
December



Y5 and Y6 Choir performing at the  
St Edmund Arrowsmith High School  
Christmas Carol Concert – more  
details to follow

18<sup>th</sup>  
December



Christmas Party Day – Own clothes –  
more details to follow

18<sup>th</sup>  
December



Schools closes for Christmas

# FREE TICKETS!



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WOMEN

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SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER, 2:00PM  
EDGE HALL ROAD COMMUNITY STADIUM



SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER YOUR DETAILS TO  
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