

ST OSWALD'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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'Love Jesus, Love Learning, Love Each Other'



This week's Wednesday Word is: '*Happiness*'

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for showing us how to be truly happy. May our families be filled with the *happiness* which comes from following your ways, so that we can share it with others. Amen

"The goal of our life is to experience God's own happiness- a gift to every person." Adapted from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

In Deacon Paul's Homily, this week, he talked to the children about how Jesus in Matthew's Gospel, gave us 'guidelines' to keep us on track, so that we do not lose our way. Just like a train reaches its final destination, because it sticks to the track. These guidelines, such as being gentle, generous, merciful and a peacekeeper, are known as the 'Beatitudes'. May we spread *happiness* with the people we meet by being a follower of Jesus, being an example of the Beatitudes.



AWARD WINNERS



	Ozzie's Champ	Top-Table Winner
Reception	Gino B	Quinn W-F
Sparrows	Lucas V	Ava A
Robins	Leo K	Paris L
Starlings	Finn B	Joshua T
Magpies	Evie-Mae M	Dylan B
Seagulls	Ethan S	Martha R
Owls	Lewis A	Frankie B
Eagles	Emily-Rose T	

Y6 Robinwood Residential

Our Year 6's had the most wonderful time at Robin Wood, in Alston, in the Lake District- as always the children consistently showed the 'Ozzie's Way' and overcome their own personal challenges in lots of different ways- well done to all of you!

UPCOMING EVENTS



Date	Event
Monday 2nd February	Y6 Afterschool Homework Club begins
Thursday 5th - Friday 6th February	Reception and Y1 Balance Bike Course
Tuesday 10th - Thursday 12th February	School Book Fair
Wednesday 11th February 9:30am	Magpies Mass at church - parents are welcome
Friday 13th February	School closes for half-term
Monday 23rd February	School re-opens 8:50am



World Book Day Costume Donation

Our Eco-Council, in the interests of Living Simply, would like to set up a collection of donated costumes that children and families may be able to use for World Book Day in March. If you have any old book character costumes, please leave at the Main Office so that they can be re-used! Further information regarding a whole school event for World Book Day 2026 will follow shortly.



Extreme Reading Competition 2026

We are running a competition to find the most creative, weird and wonderful places you can read as part of our celebration of reading in what is the National Year of Reading.

We would like children to get a photo of themselves reading their books in unusual and out-of-the-ordinary places. An example could be up a climbing frame or on a trampoline (children have been asked to be mindful of being safe and to check with an adult first). The more creative – the better! We would love for families to get involved as well so please feel free to join in.

Please see the poster below or SeeSaw for further information.



Invitation to join St Oswald's PTFA

St Oswald's PTFA is looking to welcome new members who are able to contribute their time, ideas, and enthusiasm to help raise funds and enhance our school community through a range of events and activities.

The first meeting of the year will take place **online on Monday 9th February at 7:00pm**.

If you'd like to support the team or learn more about what we do, please email saintoswaldspta@gmail.com. Who will then send you further details and a link to join the meeting.

We would love to have you involved!

Support Newton-le-Willows U10 Cosmos' Journey to Barcelona!

This April, the Newton-le-Willows Cosmos under-10 team has been given a once-in-a-lifetime chance to travel to Barcelona!

As a grassroots team, we rely on community support to make this dream possible. Every donation will go directly toward travel costs—and as a thank you, each donation enters a prize draw to win either:

- **A signed football by Wigan Athletic FC**
- **A signed rugby ball by England Rugby League team**

Here's the link to donate and share: <https://gofund.me/7252bd05>

Mass Times

Saturday
St Wilfrid's
6pm

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





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Send in photographs of your extreme reading places and email them to enquiries@saintoswalds.wigan.sch.uk or through Seesaw.

Mr Goulding will be judging the more creative places you have been captured reading.

EYFS, KS1, Lower KS2 and Upper KS2 will have an opportunity to win book vouchers that can be spent when the Scholastic Book Fair comes to our school.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS TUESDAY 10th FEBRUARY.

Vouchers will be given out on Wednesday 11th February for you to spend on a book at the book fair.