



# ST OSWALD'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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The weekly newsletter aimed at keeping you up to date with life at St Oswald's school.

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### Reception Class Service of Welcome

On Thursday 12 October our Reception class children headed over to church for a special service to officially welcome them into our school family.

Father Dave talked to the children about starting school and Jesus being their friend. They all put the special heart that they made in class on the altar and Father Dave will be asking all parishioners to say a prayer for our Reception children.

The children behaved beautifully and sang 'The whole world in his hands and Incy, Wincy Spider' confidently.

After the service the children and their parents enjoyed refreshments in church before returning to school for home time.

Thank you to all parents, grandparents, friends and parishioners who came along to join our Reception children for their first Class Mass.



### Operation Christmas Child

This year we are again supporting Operation Christmas Child by collecting shoe boxes filled with gifts for children around the world.

Please keep hold of any empty shoeboxes you may have and look out for more information later this term.



### Pedestrian Safety - Car Park

Could we please remind all children and families who walk to school to please follow the designated footpath to school at the beginning and end of the school day. The foot path route starts at the large tree in front of church, round the side of church to the zebra crossing and from there either to the infant door or junior gate.

For everyone's safety please avoid cutting across the car park or walking up the drive as these areas are very busy with traffic at these times of day.



### Year 1 & Year 6 Mass

On Tuesday 17 October the Year 1 and Year 6 children will be joining the parish for Mass in church at 9.30am.

Parents and family are most welcome to attend.



### Praying the Rosary

On 18 October 2017 there is a worldwide project of 'One Million children Praying the Rosary'.

The children will be praying the Rosary in school on this day.



Thank you so much to everyone who donated to the Warrington Foodbank over the last two weeks. Your generosity is very much appreciated and your donations will be a great help to those in our community who are in need.

### Online Newsletter Reminder

We would like to remind parents that following the half term holiday we will no longer routinely send paper copies of the newsletter home unless you have specifically requested them.

We will continue to leave copies outside the school office, in St Oswald's church and the pre-school.

The newsletter will still be published every Friday and will be available online via our school website and the school app.

## STARS OF THE WEEK

- ★ Year 1: Lilia Dohoney & William Catterall
- ★ Year 2: Sophia Norman
- ★ Year 3: Jacob Wooding & Lucas McKillop
- ★ Year 4: Jessica Sykes & Jacob McKiernan
- ★ Year 5: Holly Jackson & Freya Farrell
- ★ Year 6: Jamie Warburton-Taylor & Lauren Talbot

Congratulations to all our stars!

**Well done to all our stars, Thank you to everyone who came along to support the children.**

Our new Reception children will join us for assembly later in the term once they are settled in to school life.

Keep your eye on the newsletter for the date of their first assembly.

### Health & Safety—Nut Free

Please be aware when choosing your child's snack and lunches that we have children in school who have severe nut allergies.

Please go Nut Free!



### Diary Dates

**Monday 16/Tuesday 17 October**

Reception parent meetings

**Friday 20 October**

School closes for half term 3.30pm

**Monday 30 October**

School opens for Autumn 2 8.45am

Flu Vaccinations (Rec to Y4)

### Policy Reminder

Sickness Absence and Medical Appointments

If your child is absent from school please telephone the school before 9.30am on the first day of absence to notify us of the reason and keep us updated throughout the period of absence. On the first day of returning to school please send in a letter to the class teacher.

Wherever possible, please try to keep medical/dental appointments outside of the school day. We appreciate that hospital and specialist appointments cannot always be made outside of the school day in which case we ask that you provide a copy of the appointment letter for our records. With your co-operation we aim to keep any absences from school to an absolute minimum.



# Attendance

CLASS	PERCENTAGE
RECEPTION	97.3%
YEAR 1	99.3% Outstanding
YEAR 2	100% Outstanding
YEAR 3	98% Outstanding
YEAR 4	100% Outstanding
YEAR 5	97.4%
YEAR 6	98.6% Outstanding

### Whole school attendance

98%+ Outstanding

96—97% Good

95% Satisfactory

91-94% Unsatisfactory

<90% Poor

Whole School attendance is

98.6% Outstanding

**CONGRATULATIONS TO YEAR 2 & YEAR 4 FOR THE HIGHEST ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK**



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