



# 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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### Advent Message

*This Sunday we light  
the fourth candle on the  
Advent Wreath.*

*Our preparations for  
Christmas are almost  
finished and we will  
soon welcome Christ  
into our world at Christ-  
mas . . . and into our  
hearts.*



Dear Parents,

Today we finally close our Autumn term. The children have worked hard over the last 13 weeks and are now ready for a good rest over the Christmas break.

Yesterday the whole school gathered together in church for Mass. We sang carols, reflected on the Advent wreath and the forthcoming birthday of Jesus. My thanks go to Fr Dave for celebrating this beautiful Mass with the school.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank parents and families for their support this term. And finally on behalf of the staff and Governors of the school I would most sincerely like to wish children, parents, families and parishioners the most wonderful, joyous, happy and holy Christmas.

Best Wishes,

Miss H T Lennon - Head Teacher

### The Stolen St Oswald's Christmas Fayre Fund

Dear all,

*Goodness and Goodwill wins out in the end!*

Since launching this fund following the Christmas Fayre, we have been overwhelmed by the goodness, kindness and generosity of all who have donated and passed on their kind thoughts and words to us. In addition to the JustGiving page, donations also came flooding into the school. Our school has been lifted by the response from the whole community—parents, families, friends of the school, staff and parishioners. Today I have officially closed this fund and can confirm a grand total of **£1,827** has been raised—**£545** from the JustGiving page and **£1,282** from donations direct to the school. This money will now be transferred into a playground fund for the Spring and Summer terms to help improve play times for the children.

The school cannot thank parents, grandparents, relatives, friends, members of the local community, parishioners, Governors and staff enough for coming together, uniting and supporting the children of St Oswald's. Together we united and made a stand! Congratulations to everyone involved.

Best wishes, peace and goodwill to all for Christmas.

Miss Lennon

### Christmas Hamper Raffle Winner

The grand Christmas Raffle was drawn at the end of the children's Christmas Lunch on Wednesday and the winner of the Christmas hamper is Mrs Julie Cartwright, Nan of Aaron (Y6) and Jacob (Y4) McKiernan.

Congratulations to Mrs Cartwright and thank you to all who bought tickets.

Many thanks to Mr Bernard Murray, school Governor, who kindly donated this lovely hamper.

The raffle raised £299 which will be used against the purchase of new reading books and dictionaries.



## DIARY DATES

### Thursday 4 January 2018

School opens for Spring Term 1 2018—8:45am

### Friday 5th January

KS1 Pantomime —Parr Hall

### Tuesday 16 January

SATs meeting for Y2 & Y6 Parents  
3:40pm and 5:00pm

### Thursday 25 January

Reception Rejoice Assembly at 9:00am

### Thursday 8 February

Movie Night 3:30—5:45pm

### Wednesday 14 February

Ash Wednesday Service  
Parents Evening 3:30—6:00pm

### Thursday 15 February

Parents Evening 5:30—8:00pm

### Friday 16th February

School Closes for half term 3:30pm

### Monday 26 February

School Opens for Spring Half term 2

## Christmas Mass Times

### Christmas Eve (Sunday 24 December)

4:00pm Slovak Mass at St Benedict's

6:00pm Christmas Vigil Mass at St Oswald's

8:00pm Polish Mass at St Oswald's

11.30pm Christmas Midnight Mass at St Benedict's

### Christmas Day (Monday 25 December)

8.30am Christmas Dawn Mass at St Oswald's

10.30am Christmas Children's Mass at St Benedict's

2.00pm Polish Mass at St Oswald's

## Clubbercise and Yoga Classes at St Oswald's



Next half term Clubbercise and Yoga classes will be taking place in the school hall. If you are keen to burn off your Christmas excesses in the new year then this could be for you!

### Clubbercise

(commencing Wednesday 10th January)

Wednesdays

6.30-7.30pm - Adult Class (check-in 6.15pm)

7.30-8.15pm - Family Class (check-in 7.15pm)

Children aged 7+ only must be with an adult

Classes will be led by instructor Dawn Bate—for more information contact Dawn on 07795621520

Website: [crystalbeautyandfitness.vistaprintdigital.com](http://crystalbeautyandfitness.vistaprintdigital.com)

Facebook: Clubbercise Warrington with Dawn

### Yoga

(commencing Thursday 11th January)

Thursdays 6.15-7.30pm - Beginners

7.45- 9.00pm - All levels

Classes will be led by Helen Fiddler—for more information contact Helen on 07525626709

Facebook page: Yoga Panacea

Twitter: @Yoga\_Panacea

## Christmas Lunches



This week the children, staff, and Governors have enjoyed a festive feast as Mrs Bradbury, Mrs Smith and Mrs Dore prepared us all a delicious Christmas Lunch.

Thank you also to our wonderful Midday Assistants who looked after our children so well during the festive fun!

There were 230 delicious Christmas lunches cooked and served this week which were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Wishing our families, parishioners and all within our school community a very happy, peaceful and holy Christmas and every best wish for 2018.



# Attendance

CLASS	PERCENTAGE
RECEPTION	95.3%
YEAR 1	95.4%
YEAR 2	96.6%
YEAR 3	98.6% Outstanding
YEAR 4	96.7%
YEAR 5	97.4%
YEAR 6	95.6%

### Whole school attendance

98%+ Outstanding

96—97% Good

95% Satisfactory

91-94% Unsatisfactory

<90% Poor

Whole School attendance is 96.5%

CONGRATULATIONS TO YEAR 3 FOR THE BEST ATTENDANCE  
THIS WEEK

