



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 CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION

'WRIGGLY NATIVITY'



On Wednesday 6 December and Thursday 7 December our Reception Class children performed their Christmas production 'Wriggly Nativity.'

The children were fantastic and gave parents, family and friends a real treat with their confident performance. They spoke and sang beautifully and all looked lovely in their costumes. It is hard to believe they only joined us in September!

Thank you to all who came along to support the children on Wednesday and Thursday and to parents, grandparents, friends and family who provided costumes for the children to wear.

Thank you also to Miss Morris, Mrs Fox and Miss Ross for preparing the children so well for their very first St Oswald's Christmas performance ... and thanks to all staff who helped during the performances.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Christmas Fayre on Sunday 3 December.

Everyone's efforts and support for the event was very much appreciated.

Sadly as many in our community will now be aware the event was somewhat tarnished by the disappointing discovery that some of the takings from the day had been stolen during the event.

However, since the breaking of this news the support from parents, families, parishioners. and the wider community to cover the lost funds has been overwhelming .

The community has united to stand together for our children and our school.

After the approximate £400 loss, the takings on the day totalled £786.00. In response to the loss even though we have smashed our £400 target donations are still flooding into the school office and through the JustGiving page.

The response has touched us all and is a testament to the kindness and generosity of the community of St Oswald's.

We will confirm the total raised in the 'Stolen St Oswald's Fayre Fund' at the end of the term.



Advent Reflection—week 1

Courage: do not be afraid look your God is coming...he is coming to save you (Isaiah 35: 3-4)

Lord, for the gift of courage and inspiration; thank you. Help me to be an inspiration to others. Come, Lord Jesus Come.



STARS OF THE WEEK



Rec	Ria Robinson & Ted Buchanan
Year 1:	Tia Lavin & Harry Oakes
Year 2:	Tallulah Birchall & Clara Talbot
Year 3:	Lyla Cullen
Year 4:	Tosia Swidger & Emily Whittaker
Year 5:	Eva O'Brien
Year 6:	Jamie Warburton Taylor & Isabelle Byrne

Congratulations to all our stars!

There will be no star assemblies until after the Christmas holiday.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Tickets £1.00 per strip.

Raffle tickets are now on sale from the school office for our beautiful Christmas Hamper which was kindly donated by school Governor Mr Bernard Murray.

Tickets will also be on sale at our Christmas Productions. All proceeds will go towards purchasing new reading books.

Thank you for your support.



CROSS COUNTRY RUNNERS

We are delighted with the performance of our runners last Friday 1st December.

BOYS TEAM

Luke Armstrong, Zack Allen,

GIRLS TEAM

Hannah Beesley, Neve Oakes,
Nia Wharton and Imogen Wharton

All children achieved great positions and we were so proud of them all.

Zack Allen Yr 6 came in 1st boy and overall winner and Nia Wharton Yr 5 came in 3rd position out of the girls.

Both Zack and Nia will receive medals next week presented by Liam Anderson Head teacher of St Benedict's School who organised the event.

Well done to our girls team who finished in 3rd position out of the Catholic Schools.

We look forward to more running events in the new year.

CHRISTMAS DISCO

**TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER
2017**

3:30–5:30pm

On Tuesday 19th December we will be holding a Christmas disco for the children.

The children can come into school on the day in their own clothes. Tickets (£3.00) are still available and can be purchased from the school office or by returning the letter sent out earlier this week.



After School Clubs

Afterschool clubs have now finished and will restart w/c 15th January 2018.





Diary Dates

Tuesday 12 December

Year 1 & 2 Christmas Production 9:30am

Wednesday 13 December

Year 5 & 6 Christmas Production 2:00pm

Year 3 & 4 Christmas Production 6:00pm

Thursday 14 December

Year 3 & 4 Christmas Production 9:30am

Year 1 & 2 Christmas Production 2:00pm

Year 5 & 6 Christmas Production 6:00pm

Tuesday 19 December

Christmas Disco 3:30pm–5:30pm

Wednesday 20 December

Infant Christmas Lunch for Infants/Juniors

Thursday 21 December

Christmas lunch for staff and Governors

Friday 22 December

School closes for Christmas holiday at 3:30pm.

Thursday 4 January 2018

School Opens for Spring Term 2018–8:45 am



RAISING STANDARDS IN ATTENDANCE

LETS GO GREEN

Poor attendance can be a barrier to learning. We aim for all children to have good attendance of 96%+ (GREEN) each half term and over the school year.

Attendance which falls between 90–95% (YELLOW) needs to be watched and may be affecting learning.

CLASS	PERCENTAGE
RECEPTION	99.3% Outstanding
YEAR 1	98.7% Outstanding
YEAR 2	99.3% Outstanding
YEAR 3	100% Outstanding
YEAR 4	100% Outstanding
YEAR 5	96%
YEAR 6	98% Outstanding

Whole school attendance

98%+ Outstanding (Green)

96–97% Good (Green)

93-95% Satisfactory (Yellow)

90-92% Borderline (Yellow)

80-89% Unsatisfactory (Red)

Below 80% Poor (Red)

Whole School attendance is
98.7% OUTSTANDING!

CONGRATULATIONS TO YEAR
3 & YEAR 4 FOR THE
HIGHEST ATTENDANCE THIS
WEEK

