

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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Together at St Oswald's, we love, learn, respect and appreciate

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Reflection

This Sunday is the 27th Sunday in Ordinary time.

In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus talks to us about a man who has trouble with the people, called tenants, who are looking after his vineyard. The man sends his people to collect the wine but the tenants do not want to share and they hurt those who have been sent. Like the man who gave the vineyard to his tenants to look after, God has given us the earth and all that is in it. God sent his son Jesus to show us how to live.



Creator God, may we listen to your word. Teach us to care for each other and for all creation so that all people may have what they need. Amen.

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Reception

Reception Class News

Reception

During the next few weeks there are some important events and meetings coming up for our Reception Class & Parents:

Monday 9 October

Warrington Guardian Photographer in school to take class photo

Tuesday 10 October

Reception Welcome Service at 2.30pm in Church - Parents, family and friends all welcome

Tuesday 17 October

Parents Phonics Information meeting at 9.00am in class
Parents are encouraged to attend this meeting where you will receive information that will be useful when reading with your child at home

Thursday 19 October

Reception to join Celebration Assembly at 9am in the hall - Parents, family and friends all welcome

Monday 23 & Tuesday 24 October

1-2-1 Parent Meetings with Miss Morris
These will be held in person or by video call and are bookable via School Cloud - details to follow.

Whole school Attendance

2-6 October 2023

Class	Attendance Percentage
Rec	99% - Excellent
Y1	95.3%
Y2	98% - Excellent
Y3	98.1% - Excellent
Y4	97%
Y5	99.4% - Excellent
Y6	100% - Excellent

98%+ Excellent

96 - 97% Good

95% Satisfactory

91-94% Unsatisfactory

<90% Poor

Whole School attendance this week is an amazing **98.1%**
CONGRATULATIONS TO Year 6 FOR THE BEST ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK.

Friends of St Oswald's

On **Friday 13 October** we will be holding an Own Clothes Day in support of the Friends of St Oswald's Christmas Fayre.

Children are invited to wear their own clothes to school that day and

can bring a bottle. Drop off point will be outside the presbytery. Please save the date for the Christmas Fayre:

Saturday 10 December 2023.





Stars of the Week



- Y1 Jacob Tyler
- Y2 Emili Green-Lavado
- Y3 Isobel Caswell
- Y4 Terry Tsang
- Y5 Kyra Lynch-Kearns
- Y6 Martha Caswell
- MFL Aiden Leung (Y3)

Music Esther Baiyekusi (Y3)

Well done to all our stars!

Join us for our *Celebration Assembly* next week on **Thursday 12 October 9am.**

Other Faith Week - 'Judaism'

Next week, as part of our 'Come and See' Religious Education curriculum, will be 'Other Faith Week' with a focus on Judaism.

The children in all classes will be learning about aspects of the Jewish faith and on Monday 9 October we will welcome visitor Ann Angel from the Jewish community in Manchester.

Learning about other faiths is part of our RE 'Come and See' scheme of work which all schools in the Archdiocese of Liverpool follow.



Foodbank Mondays

Thank you to parents who generously donated food items for the Foodbank on Monday this week.

We will be collecting items on the following three Mondays:

9th, 16th and 23rd October.

Your support is very much appreciated.



EAL Coffee Afternoon

Following our successful SEND coffee morning for parents earlier this term, we will be holding a coffee afternoon for parents/carers of children of dual language or with English as an Addition Language (EAL) on **Monday 23 October** at 2.15pm.

This is an opportunity for parents and carers to meet informally to chat, share ideas and develop a supportive network.

If any language other than English is spoken within your home, please do come along to meet other parents.



Diary Dates



Monday 9 October

Judaism Day

Warrington Guardian-Reception Class Photo

Monday 9, 16 & 23 October

Foodbank Mondays

Thursday 12 October

Celebration Assembly 9am—all welcome

Friday 13 October

Own Clothes Day—bring a bottle

Tuesday 17 October

Reception Parent Information Meeting—Phonics 9am in the Reception Classroom

Thursday 19 October

Celebration Assembly 9am—all welcome

Monday 23 & Tuesday 24 October

Reception parent 1:1 meetings with Miss Morris

Monday 23 October

Class photographs for Y3, Y4 & Y6

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EAL Coffee Afternoon at 2.15pm—school hall

Tuesday 24 October

Reception Hearing Tests

Tuesday 24 - Friday 27 October

Y6 Residential to Condover Hall

Wednesday 25 October

Reception Vision Screening

Thursday 26 October

Y5 Class Rejoice Assembly—all welcome

Friday 27 October

Celebration Assembly 9am—all welcome

School Closes for October Half Term

FOSO Halloween Disco—St Oswald's Parish Club

Monday 6 November

School reopens for Autumn 2 Term

Please note that Celebration Assemblies will take place on either a Thursday OR a Friday—please check on the newsletter for dates.

Parking Reminder

Could we please remind all car park users to please be considerate when parking at the start and end of the school day.



Please only park in designated spaces and avoid blocking in other cars.



Could we please also remind those who travel to school on bikes and scooters to walk with them when you approach/leave the school premises. It is very busy with pedestrians around the school entrances and exits and therefore we ask that you please take extra care.

Class Photographs - Y3, Y4 & Y6

Due to unforeseen circumstances, unfortunately the school photographers were delayed yesterday morning when they came to take class photographs and were unable to work with all classes.

They will be in school again on

Monday 23 October

to take photos of Y3, Y4 and Y6. Once all class photographs have been taken, parents will be able to view/order the photos.



Warrington Guardian—Reception Class Photo

Next Monday 9 October 2023, a photographer from the Warrington Guardian will be in school to take a photograph of the reception class for their 'New Starters 2023' feature.

Thank you to all parents who have already completed a consent form. If you haven't already done so, please complete this short [form](#) before Monday morning. We must have your consent for your child to be included on the photo.

Please note, children's names will not be published.

School Meals 9-13 October 2023



Monday 9 October

Tomato Pasta (v)

Assorted Panini (v)

Tuesday 10 October

Chicken Curry

Fish Stars & Potatoes (v)

Wednesday 11 October

Sausage & Mash

Quorn Sausage (v)

Thursday 12 October

Chicken or Fish Goujons & Chips

Quorn Nuggets (v)

Friday 13 October

Lasagne

Cheese Flan (v)

Sandwich and jacket potato options are also available daily.

(All options are subject to change if needed).

After-School Clubs

After school clubs will start from next week w/c 9 October until w/c 23 October (3 Weeks) and w/c 6 November until w/c 20 November (3 weeks)

All clubs are 3.30-4.15pm

Key Stage 1

Mondays: KS1 Club (Y1 & Y2) 3.30-4.15pm
Different activity each week including Arts & Crafts, Computing and games.

Miss Morris & Mrs Furness

Tuesdays: Active Club (Y1 & Y2)
Mrs Brady

Key Stage 2

Mondays: Art Club (Y3 to Y6)
Mrs Gambles
Young Writers Workshop Club (Y5 & Y6)

Mrs Thomason

Choir Club (Y3 to Y6)

Mrs Armitage

Tuesdays: Football
Matty (Progressive Sports)

Wednesdays: Run Club (Y3 to Y6)
Miss Lennon & Mrs Thomason
Design & Technology Club (Y3 to Y6)

Mrs Foy & Mrs Neiland

Thursdays: Young Environmentalists (Y3 to Y6)

Ms Lennon & Mrs Thomason

If your child would like to join any of the clubs, please sign them up by making payment on ParentPay. Places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis following payment of subs on ParentPay.



Cutting the cost of keeping warm

We understand how difficult it can be when energy bills start to rise. By making some small, simple changes we can all save money while staying safe and well.

Save money when cooking

When cooking, put a lid on your pan as this can save you money on your energy bill. Putting a lid on your pan allows water to boil faster and the lid keeps the heat in the pan, rather than letting it escape, speeding up cooking time and helping you use less energy.

Slow cookers save money! Slow cookers are an extremely efficient way to cook, you can batch cook meals. Likewise, microwaves and air fryers are also great alternatives to using ovens.

Switch off your appliances

Turning off lights and switching appliances off standby when not in use can save **£85¹** a year on energy bills.



Do not over fill

Only boil as much as you need, overfilling your kettle wastes energy.



Turn down your thermostat



By turning down your thermostat from 22°C to 21°C, you could save **£115²** on your energy bills.

Wash on eco or 30°C or cooler cycles when you can. Washing at 30°C rather than higher temperatures could save **£15³** a year

LED lights

Switch your lights to energy-friendly LED light bulbs. Replacing all the light bulbs in your home with LEDs can save around **£65⁴** a year, lasting five times longer.



Full load

Only wash with a full load, cutting back on just one washing cycle a week can save you an additional **£15** a year and further savings on metered water bills.



Use a washing bowl

Using a bowl to wash up rather than a running tap can save you money on your energy and water bills if you have a water meter. You only need to run a typical tap for 95 seconds before you would have filled a washing up bowl.⁵

Take shorter showers

Spending just one minute less in the shower can save **£20** a year in a typical household and uses far less energy than taking a bath. Sticking to 4-minute showers could save a typical household **£75** on energy bills and around **£65** on metered water bills every year.⁶

Replacing an inefficient shower head with a water-efficient one can reduce your yearly gas bill by **£45**. If you have a water meter as well, you can save another **£25** – that's a total saving of **£70** each year.⁷



Maximise your income

Every year, millions of households miss out on thousands of pounds worth of benefits, that they are entitled to. Turn2us's benefit calculator easily and quickly identifies any benefits you are entitled to claim to increase your income: [Turn2us Benefits Calculator](#).

We're committed to helping our customers keep safe and well. We work with a number of services and organisations that can provide help and support on energy fuel efficiency.



07486 124414

You are invited to the
ADHD Support Group Meeting
on
Wednesday, 11th October 2023
7:30-9:00pm

St Oswald's Social Club, Padgate Lane, WA1 3LB

Our Aim

The aim of the group is to provide help and support to anyone affected by ADHD/ADD and associated conditions.

We don't claim to be experts, just families that have come together to support each other.

You do not need to have a confirmed diagnosis, and this is NOT something we can help with, but we are here to listen and share our experiences.

Working Together

The group is predominately led by parents. Members can be involved as little or as much as they would like.

Confidentiality is paramount so parents and carers can share their problems - this is sometimes half the battle. Being understood is the other.

We also encourage you to tell us what is missing within your support network.

Our October Meeting

This month we shall be holding a session on:

'SEND Support'

If your child or young person has SEND but does not have an Education Health & Care Plan (EHCP), what should you expect from school.

We look forward to seeing you.

Your friendly support group

Join the group and.....

- *Meet your Committee*
- *Meet new friends*
- *We can listen and support you*
- *Meet professionals and gain valuable knowledge*



There is a small charge of £1 to cover the cost of refreshments.

Facebook: @AdhdWarrington

The ADHD Support Group is adults only (for now) and we look forward to seeing you at our meetings. If you would like to contact us, please call 07486 124414

HALLOWEEN DISCO

Friday 27th October 2023

Wear your Halloween Costumes!

Disco Times:

Reception - 3:45pm -4:30pm

Year 1 Year 2 and Year 3 - 4:45pm-5:45pm

Year 4 Year 5 and Year 6 - 6:15pm-7:15pm

St Oswald Club, Padgate Lane WA1 3LB

Tickets £3.50

Including DJ, Drinks Available & Sweet Treat to take home.

If any child would like to attend, please complete and return the form with payment by the 20th October.

Parents for reception children are welcome to stay during their disco. For all other years, St Oswalds Club will be open on the bar side, for those who wish to wait while their child attends the disco.

