



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

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Reflection

This Sunday is the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary time. In this week's Gospel we hear that we must make the best use of the talents we have been given by God. By sharing our talents and using our skills to help others, we are serving God.



Generous God, we give you thanks for the gifts and talents that you have given us. Help us to make the best use of them that we can and to serve you in all that we do. Amen.

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ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 13-17 November 2023

This year's theme for Anti-Bullying Week is '**Make a Noise About Bullying**'

This week the children have been taking part in activities to raise awareness of bullying and to help us think about how to respect and care for each other.

To support our Anti-Bullying work, the children have been wearing odd socks to school to remind us that we are all unique and special in our own individual way - **the same, but different** - just like odd socks!

On Monday afternoon the whole school joined together to hold hands and make a friendship circle on the school playground to demonstrate that we are all friends at St Oswald's. In keeping with this year's theme, the children all shouted and screamed while they were holding hands...they were so loud they really did make a noise about bullying!



The Anti-Bullying Alliance have worked with Kidscape to develop resources to help you support your child. These can be found here: <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/parents-and-carers>

House Points Winners - Autumn 1

All the children at St Oswald's are a member of a school house. We have four houses named after the values in our school mission - Love, Learn, Respect and Appreciate - and all children can earn house points by displaying behaviour reflecting the four values.

Last half term, the house with the most points was Respect and on Friday 10 November the children from Respect enjoyed a reward of hot chocolate and marshmallows and extra play time with Miss Lennon. Each house is keen to earn the reward for the most points for this half term and points will be counted up right up to the last day of the term. The reward will be celebrated in the new term, first week back. Will it be Respect again or will Love, Learn or Appreciate win the reward next time?

Keep working hard to earn those house points children!

Friends of St Oswald's Christmas Fayre

The Friends of St Oswald's NEED YOUR HELP!

The FOSO are hoping to recruit some volunteers / helpers for the Christmas Fayre to help with setting up in the morning, running a stall or clearing away, if you are able to help in any way, please email friendsofstoswaldsprimary@yahoo.com

The date for the Christmas Fayre:

Sunday
10 December 2023.



Own Clothes Day

Thank you to parents/carers who donated items/ small gifts today for our Own Clothes Day. Donated gifts will be used as prizes or on sold on stalls at our Christmas Fayre.

Thank you all so much for your support and generosity.

It is very much appreciated.

There will be another Own Clothes Day on **Friday 24 November** when donations of chocolate would be very much appreciated.

Fire Safety

On Thursday 9 November Year 5 were visited by firefighters from Birchwood fire station to learn about fire safety.

The children learned about how quickly fire spreads, what to do in the case of a fire and how to find a safe place .

Some children got to try on firefighter uniform and after the session the children went into the smoke tent to experience what it is like to be in a burning building .

The children were very sensible and responded thoughtfully to questions asked, coming up with some really great answers and suggestions.



Thank you so much to the Birchwood Fire and Rescue team. We are very grateful to you all for the wonderful service you offer to our community.

Levy Reminder

Further to the letter sent home before half term, thank you to parents and carers who have contributed to the Archdiocese school levy for this academic year. If you have not already made your contribution please make this via ParentPay.

The letter sent home last half term is available [here](#).

Thank you for your support.

Primary Maths Challenge

This week, 19 children from KS2 have taken part in the Primary Maths Challenge.

Created by The Mathematical Association, the Primary Mathematics Challenge (PMC) is a fun and exciting mathematical challenge which is designed to **encourage enthusiasm**, in mathematics and show the different ways questions can be asked. demonstrates the importance of **problem solving** as a means of helping pupils develop their **reasoning skills**.

This tricky challenge was taken on by Year 5 & Year 6 and they will receive a Gold, Silver or Bronze certificate.

Gold: Joseph Boardman, Yumi Lennon.

Silver: Zoe Leung, Maya Celik, Cheryl Ma.

Bronze: Kriti Sen, Sana Naveen Karthick, Cruz Chiu, Harry Cullen, Noah Poon, Colette Chung, Mia Cripps, Martha Caswell, Jackson Sin, Duncan Chan, Leo Gent, Lidya Celik, Charlie O'Connor and Nina Bortlik.

The children worked really hard and will receive their Gold, Silver and Bronze certificates next Monday in our whole school assembly.

We are very proud and impressed with them all for taking on this very difficult Maths Challenge!



Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to families who have already sent in shoe boxes filled with toys, school items and hygiene items to help to make Christmas happy for the children in need around the world.

For more information on how to pack your shoe box please visit the

[Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child](#) website.

(Please note, sweets and toothpaste are no longer allowed in the shoe boxes due to customs regulations).

There is still time to fill a shoe box as they will be collected from school on

Monday 20 November 2023

If you are unable to donate a filled box but would like to donate an item or two, please send these into school and we will make up additional boxes with the items we receive.



Thank you for your support!

Foodbank

Thank you to parents/carers who kindly donated food items on our 'Foodbank Mondays' throughout October.

School Council handed over the collected items to representatives from the Warrington foodbank and helped them to load up the van.

We thank you all for your support - your kindness and generosity will help people in our community.



Ferguson O'Neill, Katie Fisher, Raphe Ng, Aimee Wong, Sana Naveenkarthick, Raphael Chung, Avaya Wooding and Peter Sherwen.

Bikeability—Year 5 & Year 6

We are excited to be working with BikeRight to offer Bikeability Level 1/2 combined—these start on Monday 27 November. Please click on the link below for more information about the course and to provide consent for your child to participate.

[Course Details & Booking](#)

For more detailed information about this training click <https://bikeright.co.uk/events/12c26e94-6b01-451f-b5d7-3343a9e4c89b/>

Road Safety Week

20-24 November

Next week the children in all classes will be learning about road safety and in particular will be talking about this year's Road Safety Week theme of 'Let's Talk About Speed'.

Our Road Safety Officers in school are

Ronnie Hillen, Finley Cottam, George Dewis and Nina Bortlik



On Thursday 23 November, Reception will be visited by a police officer who will be talking to them about keeping themselves safe while they are out near the roads.

PE Days - Autumn Term 2023

PE days for this half term are as follows:

Reception - **Tuesday & Friday**
Y1 - **Tuesday & Thursday**
Y2 - **Tuesday & Thursday**
Y3 - **Tuesday & Thursday**
Y4 - **Wednesday & Friday**
Y5 **Tuesday & Thursday**
Y6 - **Monday & Friday**

Please note: Y6 PE days have changed again to Monday & Friday from next Monday 20 November.

Children should wear the correct PE uniform to school on their PE days.

Plain white T-shirt, royal blue shorts, plain navy sweatshirt (no hood or zips) and plain navy joggers. No sports gear please!

WARRINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL SCHOOL MEALS

HOURS OF WORK:-

**Starting from 10 Hours per Week
Term Time Only**

Warrington School Meals Catering Service are currently looking to recruit **Kitchen Assistants** working during the lunch service in various schools across the Warrington Area.

Working in a **busy** kitchen environment

Duties include basic food preparation, food service and associated cleaning duties.

Catering experience is not essential, as full training will be given.

Full Enhanced DBS will be provided.

For more information please contact the

School Meals Helpdesk on 01925 443082

Email: schoolmealsmanagement@warrington.gov.uk

Stars of the Week

Rec Flo Gibbons
 Y1 Frankie Braddock
 Y2 Yannie Lam
 Y3 Jayden Cheung
 Y4 Yumi Lam
 Y5 Tia Whitfield
 Y6 Winky Lam & Violet Kavanagh
 MFL Connie Simpson (Y4)
 Music Adam James (Y4)

Well done to all our stars!
 Next Celebration assembly will be
 Thursday 23 November at 9am—all are
 welcome.

Whole school Attendance

13–17 November 2023

Class	Attendance Percentage
Rec	95.3%
Y1	92.8%
Y2	99.7% - Excellent
Y3	98.4% - Excellent
Y4	96.1%
Y5	98.8% - Excellent
Y6	99.4% - Excellent

98%+ Excellent

96 - 97% Good

95% Satisfactory

91-94% Unsatisfactory

<90% Poor

Whole School attendance this week is 97.4%

CONGRATULATIONS TO YEAR 2 FOR THE BEST ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK.

Diary Dates

Monday 20–Friday 24 November

Road Safety Week

Thursday 23 November

Celebration Assembly 9am—all welcome

Friday 24 November

Own Clothes Day—bring some chocolate

Thursday 30 November

Y4 Rejoice Assembly 9am—all welcome

Friday 1 December

Celebration Assembly 9am—all welcome

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

Live Simply Award

St Oswald's School is aiming to achieve the Live Simply Award which is about 'Living Simply, Living Sustainably and Living in Solidarity' in a local, global and school level.

There are lots of things we can do at home to help us to live more simply:

Nativity Costume Swap Shop

This term we are holding a Christmas Nativity Swap Shop. If you would like to donate an old Nativity costume back to school, we can hold our swap shop and pass them on to children who need them. In support of our Live Simply commitment this will help to recycle, save money and prevent parents having to shop for new.



Curriculum Meeting for Reception Class Parents

Thank you to the parents and carers of children in Reception who attended the Physical Development Workshop in school on Tuesday 15 November with Miss Morris.

We hope parents found the session useful for helping you support your child at home.

The next Curriculum meeting for Reception parents will take place next term on Tuesday 9 January 2024.



School Meals 20-24 November 2023

Monday 20 November

Tomato Pasta (v)

Cheese Toastie (v)

Tuesday 21 November

Cottage Pie

Quorn Burger in Bun (v)

Wednesday 22 November

Chicken Curry & Rice

Pizza (v)

Thursday 23 November

Chicken Goujons or Fish Fingers and Chips

Quorn Nuggets and Chips (v)

Friday 24 November

Sausage Roll (v)

Sausage Wraps

Sandwich and jacket potato options are also available daily.

(All options are subject to change if needed).