

# 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 5th Sunday of Lent.

In Sunday's Gospel Jesus uses the image of a grain of wheat to talk about what is in store for him – death and resurrection. He says that one single grain of wheat can produce a rich harvest.



*God of life, we pray that all the seeds that we plant may bear much fruit, so that none of your people go hungry. Amen.*

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## Good Shepherd Appeal Monday 18 & Tuesday 19 March 2024

Once again this year we will be raising funds for the Good Shepherd Appeal which helps to look after people including children, disabled adults, people who have little or no money and homeless people.

On Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 March the children are invited to organise and run stalls at morning play with themes such as 'guess the name' games, raffles and cake sales. All children are welcome to take part in the event either by creating and running a fundraising game or by supporting the stalls.

Children may bring a small amount of money (maximum £2) on Monday to support these fundraising activities.



Infant parents please put any money in an envelope or purse with your child's name and class clearly visible.

## Special Easter Events 2024

### Tuesday 26 March

#### Easter Passion Play at 2pm

Our traditional Easter Passion Play will once again be performed by our Junior classes in the school hall. Parents, family and friends are all welcome.



### Wednesday 27 March

#### Easter Bonnets

KS1 at 9am/KS2 at 9.15am

Children can get creative at home and bring their Easter bonnets to school for a special parade in the school hall. All welcome to come along from 9am.



#### Easter Raffle

On the last day of term there will be a free Easter Raffle for the children. Eggs will be kindly donated by staff and Governors.

Finger crossed, the Easter Bunny might also pay a visit to our classes!



## Creme Egg Donations

Thank you to all who have already donated creme eggs to school for the children.

We are inviting all parents, carers and visitors to the school to donate a creme egg for the children. We hope that by the last day of term on

Wednesday 27 March, there will be enough donated eggs to give one to each child after our free Easter Egg Raffle in school.

Creme eggs can be left in the basket outside the school office.



Thank you in advance for your support which enables us to provide these treats for the children.

## "With One Voice" Schools Choir Concert

Good luck to our fabulous choir who will be singing at the Brindley Theatre in Runcorn on Monday 18 March. The choir are taking part in the "With One Voice" choir concert which is a wonderful opportunity for them and will be a great experience for them to perform on the professional stage at the beautiful Brindley Theatre.

The choir will perform a number of songs with other schools collectively and will also perform one song on their own.

We hope that parents and carers who have bought tickets for the performance on Monday evening, thoroughly enjoy the performance.

Thank you to Mrs Armitage for rehearsing the choir in preparation for this event. Thank you also to Janet Whittingham and the Accent Music Hub who organised this event.



### Easter Egg Design Competition!

The Friends of St Oswald's have organised an Easter Egg design competition for all children in school. There is still time for entries to be sent in therefore if your child would like to enter for their chance to win a prize, please return their entry to school with a 50p entry fee before **Tuesday 19 March.**

The Friends of St Oswald's have also organised an Easter Raffle for the chance to win an Easter Hamper. Tickets cost £1 each or £5 for a full strip. If you would like to enter the raffle, please return your tickets with payment in an envelope by Tuesday 19 March.

All parents and carers should have received a letter with the full details and a template on which the children should create their design - copies of this letter and additional raffle tickets are available from the school office if required.



### Reception Class Mystery Reader

Thank you to Miss Kati Porrino, Rosa's mum, who was this week's Mystery Reader in the Reception Class.

The children really enjoyed the story "The Colour Monster" by Anna Llenas.

Thank you Miss Porrino for sharing this book with the children.

Who will our next Mystery Reader be?.....



### 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:

#### Use charity shops

Charity shops provide many benefits. They provide an easy way of donating, and also provide a low-cost way of buying clothing and other items. Reusing goods is also environmentally friendly.



### Primary Arts Network Art Exhibition

A reminder that St Oswald's are once again this year taking part in the Warrington Primary Arts Network Art Exhibition at the Gateway. The children in all classes have produced some beautiful art work on this year's theme of 'Around the World in 80 Days'. The St Oswald's exhibition is displayed alongside work from 23 other Warrington primary schools.

Please visit the free exhibition if you are in Warrington. It runs until Friday 22 March.

### Warrington School Uniform Network

[Warrington School Uniform Network](#) is a not for profit community project committed to easing the financial burden of school uniform on Warrington families by providing quality items of pre-loved uniform free of charge. Based at their shop in Warrington Golden Square, they have thousands of quality checked items of uniform and P.E. kit in store, plus shoes, all of which have been donated ... BY the people of Warrington FOR the people of Warrington!!!

There is currently a particular need for school shoes - please do consider donating if you have any quality school shoes that no longer fit your child. More information can be found [here](#).

### LOCAL ELECTIONS

#### THURSDAY 2 MAY 2024

As in previous years St Oswald's school will be used as a Polling Station for the Local Elections on **Thursday 2 May 2024**. School will be closed on this day for children.



### Happy St Patrick's Day

Wishing everyone a happy **St Patrick's day** - or Lá Fhéile Pádraig sona duit - on **Sunday 17 March**, especially all those in our school community with links to Ireland.

May Christ be with us!  
May Christ be before us!  
May Christ be in us,  
Christ be over all!

*From the Prayer for the Faithful by St Patrick*



### 'Kids for a Quid'

**Warrington Wolves v Catalans Dragons**  
**Saturday 30 March - KO 15:00**

Warrington Wolves are once again offering their 'Kids for a Quid' offer for the Warrington Wolves v Catalans Dragons game on Saturday 30 March 2024. Tickets for children 16 years and under cost £1 with a paying adult at £5 (maximum of 2 x £1 tickets per full paying adult—West Stand only).

Tickets are available [here](#).



### Digital Excel Skills

This course is free for Warrington Borough residents, and are 19+

Learn how to make the most of Excel to save time, accurately keep records, improve efficiency and more!

#### Location:

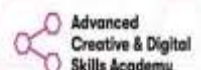
Warrington & Vale Royal College, Warrington Campus

#### Dates:

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 9:30am - 4pm  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March, 9:30am - 4pm

#### Contact us today!

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## Stars of the Week



|     |                 |
|-----|-----------------|
| Rec | Ava Armitage    |
| Y1  | Harry Sherwood  |
| Y2  | Lucas Court     |
| Y3  | Yovela Poon     |
| Y4  | Izabelle Piwiec |
| Y5  | George Dewis    |
| Y6  | Dax Leung       |



### Well done to all our stars!

Please join us on **Thursday 21 March** for our next  
Celebration Assembly at 9am.  
All welcome.

## Whole school Attendance

March 11– March 15 2024

| Class | Attendance Percentage |
|-------|-----------------------|
| Rec   | 91%                   |
| Y1    | 95.8%                 |
| Y2    | 93.7%                 |
| Y3    | 94.7%                 |
| Y4    | 89.3%                 |
| Y5    | 96.4%                 |
| Y6    | 96.5%                 |

98%+ Excellent

96 - 97% Good

95% Satisfactory

91-94% Unsatisfactory

<90% Poor

Whole School attendance this week 94%

CONGRATULATIONS TO Year 6 FOR THE BEST ATTENDANCE  
THIS WEEK.

The attendance figure is unsatisfactory this week due  
to a great amount of sickness throughout the school.



## Diary Dates



Friday 8 March–Friday 22 March  
Primary Arts Network Exhibition  
The Gateway, Warrington

Monday 18 March  
Choir Performance at the Brindley Theatre 7pm

Monday 18 & Tuesday 19 March  
Good Shepherd fundraising activities

Thursday 21 March  
World Poetry Day  
Celebration Assembly-9am in the school hall—all welcome

Tuesday 26 March  
Passion Play (KS2) 2pm in school hall

Wednesday 27 March  
Easter Bonnets—KS1 9am/KS2 915am, school hall—  
all welcome.  
Free raffle for the children with chocolate Easter Egg prizes  
donated by staff—afternoon in school.  
School closes for Easter

Monday 8 April  
School Opens for Summer Term

Thursday 11 April  
Celebration Assembly-9am in the school hall—all welcome

## School Meals Menu

18 - 22 March 2024

Monday 18 March

Tomato Pasta (v)

Macaroni and Cheese (v)

Tuesday 19 March

All day Breakfast

Vegetarian Breakfast (v)

Wednesday 20 March

Chicken Curry

Vegetable Curry (v)

Thursday 21 March

Chicken or Fish Goujons & Chips

Quorn Nuggets & Chips (v)

Friday 22 March

Pizza (v)



Jacket potato option also available daily.  
(All options are subject to change if needed).