

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 Palm Sunday

On Palm Sunday we remember how Jesus was welcomed into Jerusalem by crowds of people who waved palms and shouted "hosanna". We also hear how Jesus was arrested and crucified. In church this Sunday we will receive palm crosses to remind us of Jesus' journey.

We reflect on how we can welcome Jesus into our lives.



Christ Jesus, show us how to welcome you into our lives as you were welcomed into Jerusalem. May we never turn away from those who need our help. Amen.

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Head Teacher's News

Now that Miss Lennon has shared news this week with all parents/carers of the school, a copy of her letter is now attached to this newsletter for all grandparents, extended family members and parishioners.

Having made her First communion as a pupil of the school and her Confirmation as a teenager also in St Oswald's Church, as a lifelong parishioner she extends her thanks to the parish for their continuous support during her 27 years at the school, and at the end of this academic year, 25 of those years as Head Teacher.

For now, it's business as usual as Miss Lennon leads the school through the remaining half of the academic year.

Please find attached her letter [here](#) and attached to this newsletter.

"With One Voice" Schools Choir Concert

Congratulations to our fabulous choir who performed at the Brindley Theatre in Runcorn on Monday evening, 18 March.

The choir took part in the "With One Voice" choir concert which was a wonderful opportunity for them to perform on the professional stage at the beautiful Brindley Theatre.

The choir performed a number of songs with other schools collectively and also performed 'Firework' by Katy Perry on their own.

Congratulations and well done to Poppy Heywood and Lydia Cartwright (Y6) who both performed a solo - Poppy opened the show and Lydia closed it.

Thank you to Mrs Armitage for rehearsing the choir in preparation for this event and to Miss Lennon, Mrs Foy and Mrs Brady for accompanying the children to the Brindley. Thank you also to Janet Whittingham and the Accent Music Hub who organised this event.

We hope that parents, carers, family and friends who bought tickets for the performance thoroughly enjoyed it.



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.

It's not too late - creme eggs can be left in the basket outside the school office for a last day treat for all the children.

Thank you for your generosity



Holy Week Masses at St Oswald's & St Benedict's

Palm Sunday - 24 March

Saturday 4.30pm Vigil Mass, St Oswald's
Sunday 8.30am Mass, St Oswald's
10.30am Mass, St Benedict's

Tuesday of Holy Week - 26 March

11.00am Mass, St Oswald's
7.30pm Penance Service, St Oswald's (Service of Reconciliation)

Wednesday of Holy Week - 27 March

11.00am Mass, St Benedict's

Holy Thursday - 28 March

7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, St Benedict's
(with 'Watching' until 9.30 pm)

Good Friday - 29 March

11.00am Stations of the Cross for Children, St Benedict's
12.00pm Stations of the Cross, St Oswald's
3.00pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord, St Oswald's

Holy Saturday - 30 March

8.00 pm The Easter Vigil, St Oswald's
(Please note: No 4.30pm Vigil Mass)

Easter Sunday - 31 March

8.30am Mass, St Oswald's
10.30am Mass, St Benedict's

Reception Class Mystery Reader

Thank you to Miss Warburton, Penelope's mum, who was this week's Mystery Reader in the Reception Class.

The children really enjoyed the story "Monkey Puzzle".

Thank you to Nicola Warburton for sharing this book with the children.

Good Shepherd Appeal

Well done to the children who have been busy this week 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.

The children were very creative running cake stalls, games and raffles at morning play on Monday, Tuesday and then again on Wednesday.

Thank you to the children who ran stalls and to parents and carers at home for supporting the children and supplying cakes and prizes.

Thanks to your kindness and generosity, the grand total raised will be announced in the newsletter after the Easter holiday.



Children Leaving School within the School Day

Could we please remind parents and carers wherever possible to arrange medical and dental appointments etc outside of the school day. An increasing number of children are being collected early (after 2.45pm) which can be disruptive for the classroom end of day routines.

Please notify the office in advance if children are to be taken out of school early/within the school day and arrive in time to allow plenty of time for office staff to collect your child from class as they could be in an assembly, PE lesson or outside running the Daily Mile. We cannot guarantee that we can have children ready for you at a specific time.

Thank you for your support.

Easter Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

School holidays can be difficult for some families. The cost of extra food, childcare, and activities to keep children active and entertained can be challenging. The [Holiday Activities and Food \(HAF\) programme](#) is a scheme funded by the Department for Education. It gives children who are eligible for free school meals the opportunity to take part in fun, enriching activities and receive a healthy meal. It runs during Easter, summer and the Christmas school holidays.

Warrington Borough Council have announced the launch of their Easter Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme. If your child qualifies for Free School Meals, please take a look at the Easter 2024 information [here](#) to find suitable sessions for your child.

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.



Woolston Rovers Girls are currently on the lookout for girls in Reception and Year 1 who would like to play football.

All girls will be welcomed regardless of experience.

For more information please email:

woolston.rovers.ifc.girls@gmail.com

ParentPay Accounts

Please can we ask Parents & Carers to ensure that all monies owing for school meals and snacks are paid by 25th March (Financial Year End).

If accounts are not brought up to date by 25th March, any monies still owing by parents will be charged to school by the council and will have to be paid from the school's budget.

If you are having issues with making these payments please contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.



Stars of the Week





Rec Rosa Riley
Y1 Emelia Vuong
Y2 Esmé Embury
Y3 Lili-Bella Lintin
Y4 Freddie Walker
Y5 Charlie McKillop
Y6 Lydia Cartwright & Poppy Heywood
Music Jessica Armstrong (Y4)
MFL Reyan Chow (Y3)

Well done to all our stars!

Please join us on **Thursday 11 April** for our next Celebration Assembly at 9am.

Whole school Attendance


March 18— March 22 2024

Class	Attendance Percentage
Rec	98.5% - Excellent
Y1	98.1% - Excellent
Y2	100% - Excellent
Y3	98.2% - Excellent
Y4	97.1%
Y5	98% - Excellent
Y6	96.8%

98%+ Excellent
 96 - 97% Good
 95% Satisfactory
 91-94% Unsatisfactory
 <90% Poor

Whole School attendance this week 98.1%
CONGRATULATIONS TO Year 2 FOR THE BEST ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK—100%!

The attendance figure this week is a brilliant result, a great final full week of our Spring term. Individual attendance letters will be sent home next week.



Diary Dates




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


Wednesday 27 March
 Easter Bonnets—KS1 9am/KS2 9.15am, school hall— all welcome.
 Free raffle for the children with chocolate Easter Egg prizes donated by staff—afternoon in school.
 School closes for Easter 3.15pm/3.25pm

Monday 8 April
 School Opens for Summer Term 8.45am (Reading and Number Club from 8.00am)

Thursday 11 April
 Celebration Assembly-9am in the school hall—all welcome
 Y4 Service of Reconciliation 5.45pm in church

Prayer for Holy Week

Lord God, as we go through Holy Week, grant us humility to see our sins. Grant us a grateful heart for the redemption that Your Son has won for us. Bestow on us the grace to remember the goodness You have shown us by redeeming us. Through Christ our Lord.




Amen.

Wishing all our children, families, parishioners and friends a very Happy and Holy Easter.

School Meals Menu

25 - 27 March 2024



Monday 18 March
 Sausage Rolls (v)

Tuesday 19 March
 Assorted Toasties (v)

Wednesday 20 March
 Chicken or Fish Goujons & Chips
 Quorn Nuggets & Chips (v)

Monday 8 April
 Tomato Pasta (v)
 Macaroni Cheese (v)

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