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St Oswald's Catholic Community:
With Christ at the centre of our
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The Newsletter

Autumn term no. 10– 13th November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Up-date since the last newsletter:

- Congratulations to Miss Dineen and her family as they welcomed their baby girl, Phoebe Raye Cameron on 10th November!
- Huge congratulations to the Y5/Y6 football team for winning the South Ribble Finals last week! They will now go through to the Lancashire Finals which will be held in January. Well done team!
- Y5 had a great day at Rock and River on Friday. The children took part in a variety of outdoor activities and thoroughly enjoyed the day!
- Fr Michael would like to thank Tommy, Holly, Alexander, Jonah & Lydia for laying the Remembrance Wreath at the Service of Remembrance on Sunday. Thank you children!
- Freddy Fit enjoyed his day in school on Tuesday. The children fully participated in every fitness challenge! Don't forget your child needs their PE Kit in school every day.

Coming up:

Friday 14th November

Children in Need Fundraising Day 2025. The children can come to school either in pyjamas or wearing something spotty in return of a donation of £1. Buckets will be on the gate!

Friday 14th November

Y5 Parent Assembly in the hall at 2.40pm. Y5 will be presenting their assembly on the theme of 'It's Good to be Me' as part of National Anti -Bullying Week. Parents are welcome at 2.40pm.

Monday 17th November

Y4 Sacramental Programme meeting for parents at 6.30pm **in church** to discuss the programme and the commitment that it will mean over the coming months until your child makes their First Holy Communion in May. **It is important that you attend the meeting. If you are unable to attend, please contact Fr. Michael on 01772 612136.**

Tuesday 18th November

Reception, Y1 and Y2 Mass in school at 2pm. Parents welcome.

Wednesday 19th November

EYFS Maths Workshop 2-3pm. Parents invited to come along to find out how to support your child with Maths in the Early Years. Please complete the slip attached.

Thursday 20th November

Scholastic Book Fair 3.15-3.45 pm in the Green Room. Payments can be made by cash, cheque or debit/credit card using the QR code printed on the stall. Books start from £2.99 so feel free to pop in and support the love of reading.

Friday 21st November

Reception visit to British Commercial Vehicle Museum, Leyland as part of their 'Past & Present Vehicles' topic.

Sunday 23rd November	Y4 Sacramental Programme Enrolment Mass 10.30am
Monday 24th November	Scholastic Book Fair 3.15-3.45 pm in the Green Room.
Tuesday 25th November	Y4 Dodgeball Competition at Priory Academy 3.45pm – 5.15pm (letter issued to the Dodgeball Team Tuesday 11 th November).
Wednesday 26th November	Y2 will visit Longton Library for a Christmas story & crafts session.
Thursday 27th November	School Meal Promotion 'Lancashire Day' for anyone who doesn't normally have a school lunch. The meal served is Corned Beef Hash with Crusty Bread or Lancashire Cheese & Potato Pie with Garden Peas or Baked Beans followed by Sticky Parkin & Toffee Sauce or Fruit Jelly. If your child is normally on packed lunches and would like a school meal on this date, please complete the attached slip and return to school by Tuesday 25 th November and make the payment of £2.90 on ParentPay (Years 3-6).
Friday 28th November	Y3 will be presenting their assembly for parents on the theme of Advent at 2.40pm in the school hall.

Parental Survey:

Your child will come home with a Catholic life, Religious Education and Collective Worship Survey today. We would be very grateful if you can take the time to complete the survey and return back to school by **Friday 28th November**. Thank you.

WOW – Walk to School Programme:

Starting from Monday 17th November, our school will be taking part in an exciting nationwide challenge to encourage more children and their families to walk to school. WOW – the year-round walk to school challenge is delivered by Living Streets, the UK charity for everyday walking, to help as many children as possible experience the benefits of walking to school. WOW is a pupil-led initiative where children self-report how they get to school every day. If they travel sustainably (walk, cycle or scoot) once a week for a month, they get rewarded with a badge. It's that easy!

What are the benefits of walking to school? Walking to school helps children feel happier and healthier and they arrive refreshed, fit and ready to learn. More families walking means fewer cars on the road during the school run, helping to reduce congestion and pollution at the school gates.

What if you can't walk to school? If you live too far away or don't have time to walk the whole way to school, you can Park and Stride to help your child earn their WOW badge. Park or hop off public transport at least ten minutes away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Is walking to school safe at this time? Walking to school remains an effective way to reduce congestion and improve road safety at the school gates, while increasing physical activity and benefitting pupil wellbeing. The government is actively working with schools and local authorities to encourage families to walk to school whenever they can during this time. However, it is important that measures in place to protect everyone's health are always observed. Living Streets understands that schools face unique challenges at present, which create uncertainty for staff, pupils and families. We are committed to helping schools adapt to changing circumstances, ensuring that everyone involved in our walk to school initiative stays safe.

Did you know? The WOW badges are made using excess yoghurt-pot material previously destined for landfill and are produced in the UK, minimising our carbon footprint. The packaging we use is 100% biodegradable. Living Streets is proud to have found a brilliant use for landfill material. Thousands of schools and around one million pupils are enjoying the benefits of walking to school across the UK. Will you join us? If you have any questions about the programme, please contact your class teacher, or for more information visit livingstreets.org.uk/WOW

Let's swap those school runs for school walks.

My Happy Mind:

Please find attached a letter regarding accessing the Parent App 'My Happy Mind' which was launched in school last year. 'My Happy Mind' is a science-backed scheme for schools to help children develop resilient, balanced and happy minds. The programme is endorsed by the NHS. By addressing the social and emotional development of every child

we hope that this will help children develop good habits and strategies to build their self-esteem, confidence and resilience over time. In the 'Parent' section of the school website we have posted information about the programme for you to read.

Reminder- Primary School Admissions 2026:

The closing date for Primary School Admissions for September 2026 is Thursday 15th January 2026. Please remember to return the Supplementary Faith Form with a copy of your child's baptism certificate. Don't forget!

School Meal Vouchers:

We will be processing School Meal Vouchers for the Christmas holidays in the next few weeks for families who are in receipt of the following benefits.

For each eligible pupil, a supermarket voucher for £30.00 will be issued to cover the two-week Christmas holiday period.

If your own circumstances have changed and you think you are entitled to free school meals, please contact Pupil Access Team at Lancashire County Council on 01772 531809 with your Name, Date of Birth and National Insurance Number. Alternatively complete the slip attached and we can carry the check out for you! Even if you think you may not qualify, it is worth a try!

Qualifying benefits:

If you or your partner receive any of the following benefits you can apply for free school meals:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Road Safety Week:

The theme this year is safe vehicles. We have been asked by Lancashire County to share the following information:

- Five people die on UK roads every day.
- Every day, six children are killed or seriously injured on UK roads.
- Last year, 1,671 people died on UK roads.
- Another 28,804 suffered serious, life-changing injuries.

Please also think about the valuable road safety work done by our School Crossing Patrols across the county. Please see the attached PDF to parents and carers.

Community News:

Chorley Fire Service Fun Run: Please find attached a flyer advertising the Charity Fun Run at Chorley Fire Station on Sunday 14th December.

SEND Drop-in sessions: Please see flyer attached regarding drop-in sessions for parents/carers of children with SEND.

HAF Food & Winter Activities: Please find attached information regarding winter activities with a meal included for vulnerable families and/or in receipt of benefits.

And finally....

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

C.J. Hough
Headteacher

RECEPTION MATHS WORKSHOP – WEDNESDAY 19th NOVEMBER 2025

I am able to come along to the Maths Workshop on Wednesday 19th November.

Name of child: Signature of parent/carer:

SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION – 'LANCASHIRE DAY' – THURSDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2025

I would like my child to have a school meal on Thursday 27th November. I will ensure payment of £2.90 is made in advance through ParentPay (Year 3 – Year 6 children).

Name of child: Year..... Signed.....
