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St Oswald's Catholic Community:
With Christ at the centre of our
community, our mission is to live,
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The Newsletter

Autumn term no. 11– 20th November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Up-date since the last newsletter:

- We raised £265 for the Children in Need Appeal. The School Council did a great job organising and judging the colouring competition. Thank you for all your support.
- A big thank you to Alice in Year 5 for raising £72 by selling bracelets which will be donated to school to go towards new picnic benches next spring!
- Y5 performed brilliantly at their 'Friendship' Assembly last Friday. Thank you to everyone who came along.
- Each class took part in a Dance Festival on Monday organised by Active Sports, South Ribble Borough Council. The children thoroughly enjoyed this and demonstrated their fabulous moves!
- Fr. Michael would like to thank everyone who came along to the EYFS & KS1 Mass on Tuesday.
- Thank you to everyone who has returned the Catholic Life Survey. Reminder for anyone who has not returned it yet, please do so by Friday 28th November.

Reminders:

Friday 21st November

Y6 are providing the cakes for the Caritas Lunch as part of the 'Faith in Action' award. Any donation of cakes would be greatly appreciated. Please drop these off at the office on Friday morning. Thank you!

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. Unfortunately, parents are unable to spectate at this event.

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 (newsletter no.9) and return to school by Tuesday 25th 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.

Coming up in December:

Monday 1st December

Y4 Reconciliation Day with Fr Michael. Y4 Parents invited to church at **2.15pm** for the Service of Reconciliation.

Tuesday 2nd December

'Elf Behaving Badly' School Meal Promotion for anyone who doesn't normally have a school lunch. The meal served is Cheeky BBQ Chicken or Quorn Pizza with Trouble Maker Tater Balls & Sneaky Sweetcorn or Prankster Creamy

Tomato Pasta with Daring Dough Balls followed by Rascally Doughnut Rings with Sassy Chocolate Sauce. 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 Monday 1st December and make the payment of £2.90 on ParentPay (Years 3-6).

Tuesday 2nd December

We will be doing the annual PTFA Sponsored Santa Dash at 2.45pm; all the children and staff will be joining in. The children can bring a Christmas hat, Santa beard or the full Santa outfit to wear for the event if they wish to. Sponsor forms have been sent home with your child on Monday 17th November. The event is always great fun, gets us fit and raises some money! Parents can come along to spectate or even join in. There will be a cake sale after the event.

Wednesday 3rd December

The School Choir have been invited to St Andrew's Church in Longton to sing at the Longton Christmas Lights Switch On! Children will need to wear school uniform and a Christmas hat. We will meet in St Andrew's Church at 5.50pm; the celebration starts at 6pm.

Tuesday 9th December

Infant Nativity 'Born in a Barn' starring Reception, Y1 and Y2 in church at 2pm and 6.30pm. School will provide every child with a costume.

Wednesday 10th December

Christmas Stay and Play for Reception parents 2-3pm. Wear your Christmas jumper if you are coming along! Please return the slip below to indicate if you are attending. **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE ATTENDING IN ADVANCE (by Tuesday 9th December) as the staff need to plan for this event.**

Thursday 11th December

Y4 Visit to Lancaster City Museum as part of their 'Romans' topic (letter issued 5th November).

Friday 12th December

'Rock Steady Band' Christmas Performance 2pm in the school hall. Parents of children who take part in the sessions are invited to come along and watch the children perform in their bands! This will finish by 3pm.

Sunday 14th December

Advent Christmas Carol Service in Church at 3pm. The School Choir have been invited to attend. If your child is in the choir, please arrange for your child to be at church at 2.45pm in full school uniform. Everyone is welcome to come along to share this meaningful journey towards Christmas.

Monday 15th December

Final swimming session for Y3.

Wednesday 17th December

Christmas Jumper Day! Children can replace their school jumper or cardigan for a Christmas jumper or make their school jumper look Christmassy! A donation of £1 will be collected at the gate on the day by the School Council. The proceeds will be sent to Alder Hey Children's Hospital.

Wednesday 17th December

Grand Christmas Post Day! Today is the day that children can bring their Christmas cards to school for their friends if they wish.

Wednesday 17th December

The choir will be singing carols to the residents of Ashwood Court in Longton then moving on to sing Christmas carols at Booths at 11am. Parents are invited to pop along to watch them sing!

Wednesday 17th December

Christmas Lunch Day! For anyone who doesn't normally have a school lunch. The meal served will be Festive Roast with Chipolata Sausage or Cranberry & Cheese Swirl served with Roast & Creamed Mashed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy followed by Festive Dessert.

If you would like your child to have a school meal on this day, please complete the slip below and return to school by **WEDNESDAY 3rd DECEMBER** as the kitchen needs to place their order 2 weeks before (no late orders will be

taken). If your child is already having school meals, they will automatically be included in this event. Payment of £2.90 should be made through ParentPay for children in Y3-Y6.

If your child is on a packed lunch, please make it a festive one. Every child in the school will be given a Christmas cracker!

Thursday 18th December Y6 will be leading the Christingle Service in church 2pm. Everyone invited to come along.

Friday 19th December School closes 1.30pm for Christmas.

HOLIDAY LIST 2026/2027:

The holiday list has now been approved by Governors and LCC and is attached. Please note that holidays during term time are not authorised and may carry the risk of a penalty notice or prosecution.

SCHOOL NURSE DROP-IN SESSIONS:

As part of a new provision, School Health are offering a monthly drop-in session to each primary school in Central Lancashire. This will be a monthly session, in school, where parents can drop in and speak to the School Link Nurse about any health topics including emotional health, diet, healthy lifestyles, sleep, bed-wetting & constipation, head lice and behaviour.

The first session at St Oswald's is **Tuesday 25th November 2pm** for approx. 1 hour which will be in the meeting room in the school entrance area.

SEND ROADSHOW:

Please see attached information regarding SEND Roadshows for families to find out more about support and services available for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). The Roadshows are happening around Lancashire over the next few weeks.

FLU VACCINATIONS BY INTRAHEALTH:

If your child did not have the flu vaccination in school and you wish for them to have it, please click on the link below to give your permission. The nursing team will be back in school w/c 8th December for a catch-up session.

<https://nhsimms.azurewebsites.net/session/a8d5aa1a>

Admin Reminders:

- **School Lunches:** A week's notice **must** be given if you wish your child to change from packed lunches to school meals, or vice-versa. This is school policy – thank you for your co-operation.
- **Letters:** Check your child's bag on a regular basis to make sure you are not missing out on anything! Any letters issued are also put on the school website. The older your child, the more responsibility they should take for making sure they remember to take letters home.
- **Absence (Illness):** If your child is absent for any reason during the term, please telephone the school **before** 9.30 am on the first morning of your child's absence. If we do not receive a message from you, you will receive a telephone call from school to ascertain the reason for your child's absence. This is a "1st Day Contact" system and is part of our safeguarding procedure. On your child's return to school, please provide an email or letter explaining the absence.
- **Absence (Medical/Dental Appointments, etc.) with Appointment Card:** We ask that you make appointments out of school time. However, should you need to take your child out of school for an appointment, please provide school with a copy of the appointment card or letter at least two days in advance of the appointment. If an appointment card is not available, please write a note or email the school with the details of the appointment. Pupils should be collected from the Reception area near the school office. Please ensure that your child has been 'signed out.' On your child's return to school, please sign your child back in. This is for health and safety and fire regulation purposes to ensure that all pupils are accounted for.
- Please make sure we have your most up to date details including contact numbers, address and e-mail. If you are unsure that we have the correct details for you, please get in touch.

Community News:

Active Sports Christmas Camp: Please find details attached.

Festive Fun Run: South Ribble Borough Council are arranging a Festive Fun Run 'Mental Elf' at Worden Park on Saturday 29th November to raise money for vital mental health services across Lancashire. Please find details attached.

And finally....

Booths are running a competition to decorate some paper baubles that they would like to display in their cafe to create a festive tree. A printed bauble sheet will be sent home with your child tomorrow (Friday 21st November). If your child would like to take part, please return the decorated bauble sheet to school by **Friday 5th December** with your child's name and year group on the back of the picture. Two winners from each key stage group will be picked before the end of term. Good luck!

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

Yours sincerely

C.J. Hough
Headteacher

RECEPTION CHRISTMAS 'STAY & PLAY' – WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2025

I am able to come along to the 'Stay and Play' session on Wednesday 10th December.

Name of child: **Signature of parent/carers:**

'ELF BEHAVING BADLY' LUNCH – SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION – TUESDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2025

I would like my child to have a school meal on Tuesday 2nd December and will make the payment of £2.90 through ParentPay (children in Y3-Y6).

Name of child: **Year group:**

Signature of parent/carers:

CHRISTMAS LUNCH– SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION – WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2025

I would like my child to have a school meal on Wednesday 17th December and will make the payment of £2.90 through ParentPay (children in Y3-Y6).

My child would like:

Festive Roast

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Cranberry Root Roast

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Name of child: **Year group:**

Signature of parent/carers:
