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St Oswald's Catholic Community:  
With Christ at the centre of our  
community, our mission is to live,  
love and learn as Jesus taught us.

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## **The Newsletter** **Spring Term Newsletter No.1 – 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

Dear Parents/Carers,

*January is traditionally a month of beginnings – a time for making a new start. In Church this Sunday we celebrate a special feast – The Baptism of the Lord.  
John the Baptist didn't need to baptise Jesus, because Jesus was sinless. But Jesus insisted because he wanted to stand alongside the community – to help them make a new start and give them an example to follow.*

Wishing you all a very 'Happy New Year' and welcome back to the Spring Term.

### **Coming up:**

- Meeting for Year 6 parents re 'End of Key Stage 2 Assessments and Tests', **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January** at 3.30pm in school. Revision guides will be available on the evening or from the office at the cost of £10/set. Payment can be made by cash or on ParentPay.  
We will also discuss any final arrangements for Robinwood. Please ensure that all payments for Robinwood are made by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January. An envelope will come home with your child today containing important information, clothing lists and medical forms which are to be returned back to school before Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January.
- PTFA Meeting **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January** 6pm to plan the Spring Term events. Everyone welcome!
- Spar Lancashire School Games Football Finals at Cleveleys on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January**. Good luck to St Oswald's Football Team!

### **Primary School Admissions 2026**

The closing date is **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026** for your application for a Primary School place for September 2026. Please remember to return the Supplementary Faith Form with a copy of your child's baptism certificate.

### **Free School Meals and Pupil Premium:**

Free school meals are provided for all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 as part of the Government initiative, please may I remind you that for those pupils who have a **STATUTORY** entitlement to free school meals (those pupils whose parents are in receipt of benefits, such as Income Support, etc.) of the importance to still register for Pupil Premium. School can benefit from additional funding through the Pupil Premium which is worth over £1300 per pupil for the school once registration has been completed, so please check if you are entitled as school benefits greatly! **Application forms are available via the link:** <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/?page=3>

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Universal Credit with a household income of less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Income-Based Jobseekers' Allowance

- Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, **not** entitled to Working Tax Credit and household income less than £16,190
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Income Support
- Working Tax Credit 'run on' – the payment you receive for a further four weeks after you finish work

### **Talamo executive functioning and ADHD research:**

We're helping Talamo (the company that school use to carry out dyslexia screenings) to do some research for a new screener that's being developed for ADHD. Please see information attached.

If you do not wish for your child to take part in the tasks, please contact school before Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January. Thank you.

### **School Meal Promotion – 'Winnie the Pooh Day':**

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January we will be holding our next school meal promotion. If your child is normally on packed lunches and would like to have a school meal on this date, please complete the attached slip and return to school no later than Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January. Pupils who normally have a school meal will be automatically included in the promotion. Payment should be made through ParentPay please (Y3-Y6).

Christopher Robin's Hundred Acre Feast will be **Pooh Bear's BBQ Meatball Slider with Rabbit's Crispy Ridge Fries & Piglet's Garden Peas & Sweetcorn or Tigger's Bouncing Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake with Wise Old Owl's Garlic Slice followed by Eeyore's Cheerful Cinnamon Churros with Kanga & Roo's Chocolate Sauce.**

### **Community News:**

**South Ribble Family Hub:** Please find attached a copy of the latest 'What's On' guide for South Ribble Family Hub including the Targeted Youth Service offer.

**Brass Day:** Please find attached a poster regarding Brass Day at St Michael's CE High School.

And finally....

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

C.J. Hough  
Headteacher

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### **SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION – 'WINNIE THE POO DAY' – THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026**

I would like my child to have a school meal on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January. I will ensure payment of £2.90 is made in advance through ParentPay (Y3-Y6).

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