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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.2 – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

*This week, we return to the beginning of Jesus' mission. The humble witness of John the Baptist gave people a sense that something exciting was about to happen.*

*John the Baptist is one of the best-known saints. He never pushed himself forward. He encouraged his own followers to leave him and become followers of Jesus. His life (and death) witnessed to the truth about Jesus and, because of him. Many people came to know and follow Jesus.*

*"Example makes a much greater impression on the mind and heart than just words" St John Baptist de la Salle*

### Coming up this half term:

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January** – Y6 will attend Mass at 9.30am. Everyone welcome.

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January** – Sportshall Athletics Competition 2pm – 4.45pm at Priory Academy (letter to be issued to the team shortly).

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January** – Reception visit to Longton Library.

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February** – Y6 Robinwood Residential visit. Please can you ensure that both medical forms are returned to school asap. Full balance to be paid Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January. Thank you.

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February** – PTFA Annual General Meeting 6pm in school (see information below).

### **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February** - PTFA Valentine's Disco

Infants (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) from 6.15-7 pm and Juniors (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6) from 7.15-8.15pm. The theme is 'red and white'. Tickets are £3.50 before the event or £4.00 on the door. Tickets on sale from the school office from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January. Tuck Shop will be available. Playground will be open to help with parking on the night!

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February** – PTFA Cake Sale, 3.15pm on the playground.

### Reminders:

- Y6 SATS Revision Books are available to order from the school office, £10.00 for 3 books. The order will be placed Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January at the end of the school day. Payment can be made by cash or on ParentPay.
- St Oswald's School Calendars are still available to buy from the school office at £5.00 each.

### Parents Evening:

Parents evening will take place in your child's classroom on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February or Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February from 3.40pm – 6.00pm. Each slot lasts 5 minutes with your child's class teacher. Please arrive 5 minutes prior to your appointment time to allow you time to look at your child's work.

**Appointments will go live at 9am on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January.** Bookings must be made through the School Spider app. Parents will receive automatic reminders to their smartphone 7, 3 and 1 day before the parents evening to remind them to book or to remind them of the slot they have booked.

## **For parents who HAVE registered.**

1. Open School Spider (app).
2. Select parent dashboard (a blue banner at the top of the screen).
3. Select parents evening.
4. Choose your time and book!

## **For new registrations.**

1. Download the school spider from your app store.
2. Register using your email address and select a MEMORABLE password of your choosing. At this point please click FORGOT PASSWORD.
3. Select parent dashboard (a blue banner at the top of the screen).
4. Select parents evening.
5. Choose your time and book!

If you require any help, please contact the school office and we will be happy to help.

## **Online Safety Newsletter:**

The digital world offers amazing opportunities, but also challenges. The attached newsletter shares vital tips from our school and partners to help you navigate these with your child, ensuring they have a positive and safe online experience. We know it's tough keeping up with apps! The newsletter breaks down the latest online trends and gives you easy ways to set boundaries, check privacy settings, and talk to your children about what they're seeing and doing online. Please take 5 minutes to read this essential guide and discuss these points with your child today.

## **PTFA Annual General Meeting:**

We would like to give notice of the AGM of the St Oswald's Catholic Primary School PTFA will be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm in school.

The PTA plays a vital part in the school community and all parents, as members of the PTFA, are invited to support the AGM. This is your chance to hear and see how the funds you have helped to raise have been used for the benefit of the children at our school.

The AGM is also an opportunity for you to elect the PTFA Committee, who will represent the association throughout the forthcoming year. Nominations should be sent in advance of the AGM for anyone wishing to stand as a Committee Member, for the first time. Existing committee members wishing to stand for re-election do not have to be nominated again but should inform the PFTA of their intention to stay in their role.

If you would like any further information about being a Committee Member, please email us.

## **Lancashire County Council Parent/Carer Childcare Survey:**

We have been asked on behalf of Lancashire County Council to encourage parents/carers to complete this very short online survey regarding availability, quality and accessibility of childcare (please see poster attached).

Link for survey: <https://online1.snapsurveys.com/1e7570>

## **Lancashire SEND Roadshow:**

Please see attached information and dates regarding SEND Roadshows around Lancashire. The roadshows are for families to find out more about support and services available for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and their parents and carers.

And finally, good luck to the football team who are representing South Ribble in the Lancashire finals on Friday!

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

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