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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.4– 29th January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Out of his great love for us, God created us to be happy with him forever. This Sunday in the Gospel we hear Jesus' sermon on the Mount known as the beatitudes. Jesus' words turned upside down the thoughts that most of his listeners had about true happiness, and maybe they challenge our own ideas too.

Update since the last newsletter:

- Congratulations to the Athletics Team who came 2nd and are through to the South Ribble finals on Tuesday. Great teamwork!
- Reception had a lovely walk to the Library on Wednesday and enjoyed a story session. Visiting your local library opens up countless opportunities to build your child's language, develop storytelling skills and promote the love of reading.

Coming up:

Tuesday 3rd February

Y4 will attend Mass in Church at 9.30am. Parents/Grandparents invited to come along.

Tuesday 3rd February

Dance from the Heart leader training at Priory Academy 1-2.30pm (letter issued to the Dance Leaders on Tuesday).

Tuesday 3rd February

Sportshall Athletics Finals at Priory Academy 2pm – 4.30pm (letter issued to the team today).

Wednesday 4th February – Friday 6th February

Y6 Robinwood Residential visit. Children are to arrive at school at the normal time. The coach will depart at 9.30am on Wednesday morning and return back to school on Friday at 3pm approx. The children will come back in to school and be dismissed as normal. Children are NOT allowed to bring any mobile phones, cameras or any other electronic devices. If any children are on medication, please drop it off at the school office in a clear sealed bag with full instructions, dosage etc on Tuesday 3rd February at the latest. **Reminder that full payment is to be paid by Friday 30th January.**

Monday 9th February

PTFA Annual General Meeting 6pm in school. Everyone is invited to come along.

Tuesday 10th February

Y4 Mini Tennis Competition at South Ribble Tennis Centre 12.15pm – 3pm (letter issued to the Tennis team on Tuesday).

Wednesday 11th 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 26th January.

Tuck Shop will be available. Playground will be open to help with parking on the night!

Wednesday 11th February

PTFA Cake Sale 3.15pm on the playground.

Friday 13th February

School closes for Half Term and re-opens on Monday 23rd February.

**Tuesday 24th February or
Thursday 26th February**

Parents Evening or from 3.40pm – 6.00pm. **Don't forget to book your appointment on School Spider.**

Monday 2nd March

We welcome Professor, Yuichi Tansei from Shujitsu University in Okayama. Yuichi and four students will be joining us as part of their teacher training studies into methods of teaching reading and writing. The students will also be delivering cultural lessons to every class so the children can learn about life in Japan. It is always a very special two weeks for all the children.

Monday 2nd March

Y4 Sacramental Preparation meeting 6.30pm in church.

Tuesday 3rd March

Reception visit to Bring Yer Wellies as part of their Planting & Life Cycles studies (letter issued 21st January).

Thursday 5th March

World Book Day 2026. To celebrate the love of reading, the children are invited to come to School dressed as a book character. If you would like to share a story with a small group of children at the end of the day, please fill in the attached slip or email the office so we can plan the groups. Thank you.

Wednesday 11th March

Freddy Fit will be in school to promote healthy lifestyles with every class. This is being funded from our Sports Premium funding. Every child must have their PE Kit in school for this event.

Friday 13th March

Y1 Mother Day Assembly 2.40pm in the School Hall. Y1 Parents invited.

Reminder regarding Nut Allergies:

We do have several children in school who have an allergy to nuts so I do need to remind everyone that nuts are not to be brought to school by any child. Some children do have severe reactions which are potentially life threatening so we need to reduce the risk of anything happening. We are a nut -free school as it states in our prospectus:

St Oswald's is a Nut-Free School. Children who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. If someone has a nut allergy it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction, just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had nuts or a product containing nuts can trigger anaphylactic shock (which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties).

As a school we have a responsibility to keep all pupils, staff and visitors safe reducing any risk of harm. Pupils, staff and visitors must not bring products containing nuts in to school either in their lunch boxes or as a snack.

Our "Nut-Free Policy" means that the following items must not be brought into school:

- Packs of nuts
- Peanut butter sandwiches
- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
 - Chocolate bars, cakes or sweets that contain nuts
- Sesame seed rolls (children allergic to nuts may also have a severe reaction to sesame)

*This list is not exhaustive, so please check the packaging of products closely.
No items containing nuts are prepared in the school kitchen.*

Please note that if your child attends Breakfast Club, NO nuts or nut related products are to be brought into the hall. Do not be offended if any food items are returned to you if we are in any doubt as to the ingredients. I cannot stress how important it is to ensure the safety of every child in school; nut allergy is potentially life threatening. Toast, juice and milk are provided at Breakfast Club every day.

Vision Screening:

NHS Lancashire Vision Screening Service will carry out vision checks on Monday 30th March for children in Reception. This is an **OPT-OUT** system. All children will have vision screening in school unless a reply slip is returned (letter sent home today, 29th January).

Save the date!

PTFA Family Quiz Night **Tuesday 10th March** 6.30-8pm. Details to follow.

PTFA Family Easter Bingo on **Thursday 26th March** 6.30-8.00pm. Details to follow.

South Ribble Half Term Activities:

South Ribble Leisure has a range of activities available this February Half Term including Raquet Sports, Swimming and Intensive Swimming Lessons. For bookings and more information please see link below.

[School Holidays | South Ribble Leisure](#)

And finally....

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

C.J. Hough
Headteacher

ST OSWALD'S WORLD BOOK DAY STORYTIME – THURSDAY 5TH MARCH 2026

Yes I would love to come and share a story with a group on children on Thursday 5th March at 2.40pm.

Name of child: Name of Parent:

Preferred Year Group:
