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St Oswald's Catholic Community:
With Christ at the centre of our
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The Newsletter **Spring Term Newsletter No.6– 12th February 2026**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not imagine that I have come to destroy what the Law or the Prophets taught. No, I have come to make them complete – to show you what they meant. I tell you truly, until heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, not one little stroke of a pen, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practises and teaches these commands, will be called great in kingdom of heaven."

Update since the last newsletter:

- Y6 had a great 3 days at Robinwood in Todmorden despite the cold weather! Everyone tried everything with super enthusiasm. Well done Y6!
- Reception children have enjoyed the police and paramedic visits this week. They had the wonderful opportunity to explore a police car and ambulance, hear sirens and see flashing lights! Thank you to Mrs. Mahon and Mr. Brown for making this possible.
- Well done to the Y4 Tennis Team who took part in a tennis tournament on Tuesday at South Ribble Tennis Centre.
- Thank you to Fr. Michael for coming into school to give blessings to children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 on Wednesday.

There is an Ash Wednesday Mass on **Wednesday 18th February** in church at 9.30am, all welcome.

School closes for Half Term **Friday 13th February** at 3.15pm and re-opens on Monday 23rd February.

PTFA News:

The PTFA Valentine's Disco raised £785.00 profit. Thank you for all your support.

Thank you to the PTFA and Mrs Nowak for raising an amazing £117 from the PTFA Cake Sale on Wednesday 17th February.

Mothers' day pop-up shop and a cake sale on **Wednesday 4th March**. Details to follow.

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

Coming up after half-term:

Tuesday 24th February - Y1 visit to Longton Library for a story session.

Tuesday 24th February or **Thursday 26th February** - Parents Evening from 3.40pm – 6.00pm.

Monday 2nd March – We look forward to welcoming the Japanese students at St Oswald's for 2 weeks.

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.

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. All children will be given a book token that they can exchange at a participating retailer for one of 12 specially produced titles. Titles for 2026 include: *Unicorn Academy: My Secret Unicorn Diary*, *Funny FACTopia!*, *Pablo and Splash: The Castle Quest*, *Pia's Pet Club: Iguana Escape*, *Bear Rescue*, *Bunny vs Monkey: Total Chaos!*, *Skandar and the Secret Element*, *Chaos at the Chocolate Factory*, and *Unbelievable Football*. The participating retailers include Sainsburys, Asda, Tesco, The Works, Waterstones and local independent booksellers from Thursday 12th February until Sunday 15th March. Let's celebrate the National Year of Reading at St Oswald's!

Thursday 5th March - School Meal Promotion– 'We love Reading'. If your child is normally on packed lunches and would like to have a school meal on this date, please complete the slip overleaf and return to school no later than Tuesday 3rd March. Pupils who normally have a school meal will be automatically included in the promotion. Payment of £2.90 should be made through ParentPay please. The menu is Treasure Island Mild Chilli Chicken or Quorn with Cheese Tortilla Wraps, Cannon Ball Potato Puffs & Ruby Pepper Medley or Hogwarts House Pasta Spirals & Tomato Sauce with Gryffindor Garlic Bread followed by Charlie's Chocolate Factory Cupcake or Matilda's Magical Strawberry Jelly with Cream & Sprinkles.

Friday 6th March - Whole school Wellbeing Festival Day in school on. Each class will have wellbeing session Throughout the day which includes yoga, learning breathing techniques and practicing calming movements. PE kits are needed for this event.

Monday 9th March - Y4 Sacramental Programme session 6.30pm in Church.

Wednesday 11th March - We welcome Freddy Fit back to school. 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.

Monday 16th March – Reception walk to the Park (letter to follow after half term).

Monday 16th March - Y4 Sacramental Programme session 6.30pm in Church.

Wednesday 18th March - Y4 visit to Southport Eco Centre as part of their Geography Studies 'Rainforests'.

Friday 20th March - Rock, Steady Band Showcase 2.15pm. Parents invited.

Friday 20th March – Stations of the Cross Service in Church at 7pm. Everyone invited to come along.

Monday 23rd March - Y4 Sacramental Programme session 6.30pm in Church.

Wednesday 25th March - Y5 visit to Judges Lodgings, Lancaster Centre as part of their History Studies on 'Victorians'.

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

Wednesday 25th March – Reception 'Spring Stay & Play' 2-3pm. If you have a child in Reception and would like to come along, please complete the slip below and send it in so we know numbers for the session.

Tuesday 31st March - Y1 visit to Martin Mere as part of their Geography studies on 'Animals & Plants.'

Forest School:

Year 4 will take part in Forest School each Monday after half term. Please can you ensure that your child has a pair of wellies to keep in school until Easter. Thank you.

Reminders:

Uniform and Appearance (See **Appendix C** in the School Prospectus for full uniform list):

Jewellery including smart phone watches must not be worn at school It is important that ear-piercing is **ONLY** carried out in the summer holidays as earrings are **not** permitted to be worn at school. Equally, children are not allowed to wear make-up of any sort to school and nail varnish must be removed. The school encourages pupils to have a smart overall appearance.

Hair must be left its natural colour and severe haircuts are not allowed, no tram lines please. Long hair is to be tied back and hair ornaments are not considered uniform, e.g. large clips, large bows, ornamental headbands, etc. and children will be asked to remove them. **No** number 1 or number 2 haircuts are permitted! No trainers, black school shoes only. Thank you.

Car Park and Parking:

- The one-way system must be adhered to.
- Only park in the designated parking bays.
- The disabled bays are only to be used by registered disabled badge holders. The badge **MUST** be on view.
- No parking on designated walk ways or **yellow gridded areas**.
- Supervise your child when using the car park.
- Engines to be switched off once you have parked in the car park.
- Do not park inconsiderately across local driveways.
- Fixed Penalty Charge Notices will be issued to anybody parking on the zigzags- it's dangerous and illegal.

Fr Michael allows the school to have use of the car park; the car park does not belong to school. A log is kept and shared with the police of any near misses, abusive behaviour on the car park, dangerous/inconsiderate parking.

Thank you for your co-operation in keeping every child safe. Please share the above with whoever picks your child up from school so everyone is clear about car parking at the end of the school day.

Admin Reminders:

- A week's notice **must** be given in writing (preferably by email) if you wish your child to change from packed lunches to school meals, or vice-versa. This is normal school policy – thank you for your co-operation.
- **It is essential that your child's Parent Pay account is in credit for school meals and Early Bird's. Please may I remind you to check your child's Parent Pay account on a regular basis and top-up as necessary. The account MUST stay in credit at all times.** Thank you for your co-operation.
- 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.

And finally....

If any parents or grandparents has some available time, we are looking for volunteers to help us on school trips, walks etc. School trips provide an opportunity for children to learn outside the classroom and we do need a few more helpers in order for these trips to continue. If anyone is interested, please contact the school office for further information. An enhanced DBS will need to be done prior to any trips which school will be able to provide.

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

Wishing you all a happy and safe half term.

C.J. Hough
Headteacher

THURSDAY 5TH MARCH – SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION 'WE LOVE READING'

I would like my child to have a school meal on Thursday 5th March. I will ensure payment of £2.90 is made in advance through ParentPay.

Name of child: Year Signed.....

RECEPTION STAY & PLAY SESSION 'STEP INTO SPRING' – WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH 2026

I would like to attend the Stay & Play session on Wednesday 25th March 2026 2-3pm.

Name of Child Signature
