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With Christ at the centre of our  
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## The Newsletter Spring Term Newsletter No.7– 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

*Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, turn these stones into loaves." But Jesus replied with God's word saying, "Scripture says: 'Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" The tempter then took him to the top of the Temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down; for scripture says: 'He will put you in his angels' charge and they will come to save you.'" Jesus said to him, "Scripture also says: 'You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Next, the tempter showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. "I will give you all these," he said, "if you fall at my feet and worship me." Then Jesus replied, "Be off, Satan! For scripture says: 'You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'" Then the tempter left him, and angels appeared and looked after Jesus.*

Hope you all had a great half term. We are now in the season of Lent, the children have all made their Lenten Promises following our special collective worships this week.

Thank you for attending your child's, Parents Evening. Over 98% parents attended which is amazing!

Don't forget every Friday your child's Class Teacher writes a blog covering all the learning that has been done throughout the week and the practice that needs to be done at home to help consolidate the learning. We now have 78% of all the children reading regularly at home and this is making a huge difference so thank you for your support.

### Coming up:

#### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March

Over the years we have developed a great partnership with Shujitsu University in Okayama, Japan and this year four Japanese students and their Professor, Yuichi Tansei, 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.

#### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Y4 Sacramental Preparation meeting 6.30pm in church.

#### Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Reception visit to Bring Yer' Wellies as part of their Planting & Life Cycles studies.

#### Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Cross Country Competition at Hutton Grammar 3.45pm – 4.30pm (letter issued to the Y5/Y6 Cross Country Team on Wednesday).

#### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

World Book Day 2026. We love reading at St Oswald's and that's why World Book Day means so much to us. The children are invited to come to school dressed as a book character for the day. All the children will be given a special World Book Day token to take home.

#### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

Brass Progression event at Penwortham Girls High School 12.45pm – 3.00pm (letter issued today).

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

Phonics Meeting for Y1 Parents 3.15pm. This meeting is to inform parents about the phonic screening tests that will take place in June. The meeting will last around 30 minutes. Please complete the slip below if you are able to attend the meeting.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

Whole school Wellbeing Festival Day. Each class will have a wellbeing session throughout the day which includes yoga, learning breathing techniques and practicing calming movements. PE kits are needed for this event.

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

Y4 Sacramental Programme session 6.30pm in Church.

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

We welcome Freddy Fit back to school. Every child must have their PE Kit in school for this event.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

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

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

Reception walk to the Park (letter issued Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February).

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

Y4 Sacramental Programme session 6.30pm in Church.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

Y4 visit to Southport Eco Centre as part of their Geography Studies 'Rainforests'.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

Rock, Steady Band Showcase 2.15pm. Parents invited.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

Stations of the Cross Service in Church at 7pm. Everyone invited to come along.

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

Y4 Sacramental Programme session 6.30pm in Church.

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

Height & Weight checks for children in Reception & Year 6. This is an **OPT-OUT** process.

If you wish to withdraw your child from the National Child Measurement Programme, please contact the NHS team on 0300 247 0040 before the date of the measure. Children will not be made to take part on the day if they do not want to.

Y6 will take part in the health needs assessment questionnaire. This is an **OPT-OUT** process. If you wish to withdraw your child from completing the questionnaire, please contact the NHS team on 0300 247 0040 before the date of the measure (letters have been sent home today).

**Save the date:**

PTFA Family Easter Bingo on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March** 6.30-8.00pm. Tickets are available from the school office w/c 9<sup>th</sup> March.

**Parent Governors:**

I am very pleased to inform you that Linda Massey and Tilly Cottom have been appointed as Parent Governors and will join our Governing Body Team in the Summer Term. We look forward to welcoming them to the team.

**School Routines and Car Parking:**

As you are aware the school operates a 'Drop and Go' system in the school car park. This means that parents may drop off their child without needing to park in the car park or on Chapel Lane. Please note, however, that parents may, if they wish, still park their cars and escort their child to the main gate by using the pedestrian walkway.

Children then go straight to class where staff will be present in the classroom from 8.40 am. **Please do not let your child arrive at school unsupervised before 8.40 am.** The main gate will be locked from 8.50 am, therefore, anyone arriving after this time must report to the school office; a late mark will be given.

DO NOT use the middle lane to drive through to drop off your child. Only use this lane if you are parking in one of the parking bays. Using the middle lane of the school car park for drop-offs creates a massive back up of traffic which filters to Chapel Lane causing significant congestion, frustration, and safety hazards.

At home time, the school gate will open at 3.10 pm. Children are dismissed at 3.15 pm. **Please note that the children are not to use the school grounds as a park after school, so the wildlife area, etc. are not for general use. Children MUST NOT enter the car park to wait for parents to collect them; children must be collected from the playground.** If there are any changes to the "normal" collection routines for your child, please let us know in writing on our "End of Day Arrangements" form which is available from the office or the school website. We cannot allow a child to leave school with another adult unless we have had prior notification. We take our duty of care and safeguarding procedures very seriously.

Please note that **dogs are not permitted on the playground or in the school entrance area due to Health and Safety reasons.** Please also note that St Oswald's school buildings and grounds are no-smoking areas, this includes the use of vaping. Thank you for helping to keep St Oswald's a safe place to be.

And finally....

Congratulations to Mrs Robinson who is expecting a baby boy in May and to Mrs Sheen who is expecting her baby in June!

Mrs Robinson will start her maternity leave at the end of March. Mrs Hannant will be covering Mrs Robinson's maternity leave working with Mrs Stone in Reception.

Mrs Sheen will start her maternity leave at the end of May. Mr Horan will start with us after Easter and will be covering Mrs Sheen maternity leave working with Miss Fisher in Year 1.

This will ensure a smooth transition for all the children. We welcome Mrs Hannant and Mr Horan to the team!

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

C.J. Hough  
Headteacher

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### **SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION 'WE LOVE READING' - THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

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

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

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### **Y1 PHONICS MEETING – THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026**

I would like to attend the Y1 Phonics Meeting on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 3.15pm – 3.45pm.

Name of Child ..... Signature .....

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