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St Oswald's Catholic Community:
With Christ at the centre of our
community, our mission is to live,
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The Newsletter Spring Term Newsletter No.9– 12th March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

In this Sunday's Gospel, we read about how Jesus brought healing and light into the life of the man who was born blind. The man could then see the world around him, but the most important thing he saw was who Jesus really was – the Son of God.

Difficulties, worries and sickness can sometimes be part of our lives. Yet, when we believe in Jesus and we pray and the world and ourselves, and about how Jesus is always there for us. Jesus is the light of the world. Believing in him brings light to our lives; it changes how we see the world and it can bring healing to us too.

Update since last newsletter:

- Children and staff had a great World Book Day! Thank you to Mrs Massey (Genevieve's mum) who came in to read stories to Year 1 and Year 2.
- Brass Band Event at Penwortham Girls- The children in the band thoroughly enjoyed joining other school bands in a large orchestra. Thank you to Mrs. Campbell for organising.
- A fantastic Wellbeing Day on Friday. Thank you to Beth from South Ribble Borough Council for delivering yoga and meditation sessions to each class.
- Children thoroughly enjoyed the Freddy Fit sessions in school yesterday. Every class took part in a range of physical challenges and quizzes to inspire keeping active, eating well and staying

Coming up:

Friday 13th March	Y5 and Y6 will attend Mass at Church at 9.30am. All welcome to attend. Y1 Mother Day Assembly 2.40pm in the School Hall. Y1 Parents invited.
Sunday 15th March	Y4 Sacramental Mass 10.30am in Church
Monday 16th March	Reception walk to Longton Park in the afternoon. Please ensure your child has a waterproof coat. Y4 Sacramental Programme session 6.30pm in Church.
Wednesday 18th March	Y4 visit to Southport Eco Centre as part of their Geography Studies 'Rainforests'. Please ensure that the permission slip has been returned and payment of £18.00 has been made on ParentPay. Thank you.
Wednesday 18th March	Football Club returns for Y5 and Y6 3.15-4.15pm. Please return the slip below if you wish to enrol your child. The Club runs until Wednesday 29 th April. Cricket Club will start after Football Club and Netball Club will start after Easter, details to follow.
Friday 20th March	Rock, Steady Band Showcase 2.15pm. Parents of children who have drumming lessons are invited to come along to watch the performance.
Friday 20th March	Stations of the Cross Service in Church at 7pm. Everyone invited to come along.
Sunday 22nd March	Y4 Sacramental Mass 10.30am in Church.
Monday 23rd March	Y4 Sacramental Programme session 6.30pm in Church.

- Tuesday 24th 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.
- Tuesday 24th March** 'This Girl Can' Sporting Event at Lostock Hall Academy 3.45pm – 5.30pm.
- Wednesday 25th March** Y5 visit to Judges Lodgings, Lancaster Centre as part of their History Studies on 'Victorians'.
Reception 'Spring Stay & Play' 2-3pm. If you have a child in Reception and would like to come along, please complete the slip (newsletter no.8) and send it in so we know numbers for the session.
- Thursday 26th March** Last Brass Band lesson.
PTFA Family Easter Bingo 6.30-8.00pm. Free tickets are available from the school office. Bingo Books available on the night for £2. Prizes to be won, tuck shop open, tea and coffee available. Come along for a fun night with the family!
- Friday 27th March** Parents/Grandparents invited to join us in CAFOD's Big Lent Walk at 2.45pm. The school gate will be opened at 2.40pm. See information below.
- 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.
- Tuesday 31st March** Y1 visit to Martin Mere as part of their Geography studies on 'Animals & Plants.'
- Wednesday 1st April** Y2 visit to Longton Library (letter sent home today).
School Meal Promotion 'Easter Lunch'. 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 Monday 30th 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 Roast Chicken or Vegetarian Sausage with Roast & Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy or Cheese & Onion Lattice Pie followed by Easter Treat Desserts.

School closes Thursday 2nd April at 3.15pm (afterschool club running as normal) and re-opens on Monday 20th April.

CAFOD's Big Lent Walk!

This Lent our school is supporting CAFOD and joining other schools around the country to help fight poverty around the world.



To raise money, each class will pledge to walk an amount of kilometres a week around the school grounds.

How our fundraising will help

CAFOD is the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, working together with communities all over the world for an end to extreme poverty and global injustice. Our fundraising will help people like Bayezid and his community in Bangladesh to create floating gardens that are immune to the effects of flooding caused by climate change. You can find out more by watching CAFOD's film on their website: cafod.org.uk/blwschools

We have chosen to support CAFOD as a way for our pupils to put their faith into action. By raising money together, we will be supporting our brothers and sisters around the world and living out our school mission.

Join as a family! You can join the final leg of the Big Lent Walk too! Parents/Grandparents are invited to come along on Friday 27th March at 2.45pm to walk a kilometre around the school grounds with the children!

Your child will come home with a sponsor form today. We really appreciate your support and hope that everyone has fun helping us raise money for CAFOD.

School Nurse Drop-in session:

The School Nurse will be available in school to talk about various health topics regarding your child including emotional health, diet, healthy lifestyles, sleep, bed-wetting & constipation, head lice and behaviour. No appointments needed, just call in to the office on Thursday 2nd April 9am – 10am.

School Kitchen Job Vacancy:

Lancashire County Council Catering are looking for a General Assistant to work at St Oswald’s school kitchen, 10am – 1.45pm (18.75 hrs/wk), term time only. If you are interested in joining our fantastic kitchen team, please contact Bev on 07854 184207 for an informal chat.

Community News:

Longton Carnival: Do you have a primary school aged child who would like to have a special role in Longton Carnival? Longton Carnival Committee are looking for our first Carnival royal family to take part in the Carnival Parade on 16th May 2026 (Reception - Year 7). See below for details about how to apply - deadline for applications is 16th March and auditions will be held in the afternoon of 21st March. Click here to apply: forms.gle/dHpYh31Kn8g4DJPX8 (Flyer attached)

Active Camps: South Ribble are running holiday Active Camps over the Easter holidays. Please see flyer attached.

Active Sports Camp: Active Sports are running a Multi-Sport Holiday Club at Howick Primary School during the Easter holidays. See flyer attached.

Family Advice: Family Advice are running an online talk by FACE family advice Lead Facilitator on ‘Decreasing Depression’ – see flyer attached.

And finally....

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

C.J. Hough
Headteacher

**YEAR 5/YEAR 6 FOOTBALL CLUB – WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH - WEDNESDAY 29TH APRIL 2026
3.15 pm– 4.15 pm**

I would like my child to join the Football Club. I will collect my child at 4.15 pm.

Other home time arrangements, i.e. After School Club, walking home with permission, etc.:

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Name of child: Signed:

Emergency contact nos.:

SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION – ‘EASTER LUNCH’ – WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL 2025

I would like my child to have a school meal on Wednesday 1st April. I will ensure payment of £2.90 is made in advance through ParentPay.

Name of child: Year Signed.....