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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.10– 19th March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

As well as showing the power given to Jesus by his Father, this Sunday's Gospel reminds us of Jesus' humanity. Jesus was upset by Lazarus' death and wept for him.

His compassion for Lazarus and Lazarus' family mirrors his compassion for each one of us when we are upset. We too can experience Jesus' compassion through other people and through spending time with God in prayer.

Update since last newsletter:

- Y1 presented the most thoughtful assembly for Parents on Friday. All the children took part and did so well with their speaking and singing. Well done Y1!
- Y4 had a great day on Wednesday at Southport ECO Centre. They took part in 4 different activities about rainforests and staff from the Centre commented how impressed they were with the children on their knowledge and excellent behaviour. Well done Y4!

Coming up:

PTFA Easter Egg Raffle tickets go on sale on **Monday 23rd March**. Each class will be able to buy raffle tickets for the chance to win an Easter Egg in the final Golden Assembly of the term on Thursday 2nd April. Raffle tickets are 50p each. Please send in raffle ticket money in an envelope marked with your child's name.

Height & Weight checks for children in Reception & Year 6 on **Tuesday 24th March**. 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.

'This Girl Can' Sporting Event at Lostock Hall Academy 3.45pm – 5.30pm on **Tuesday 24th March** (letter has been issued to the team on 4th March).

Y5 visit to Judges Lodgings, Lancaster on **Wednesday 25th March** as part of their History Studies on 'Victorians'. Please ensure that the permission slip has been returned and the payment of £16.50 has been made on ParentPay. Thank you.

Reception 'Spring Stay & Play' 2-3pm on **Wednesday 25th March**. Please can you complete the slip or send an email if you are attending so we know numbers for the session.

PTFA Family Easter Bingo 6.30-8.00pm on **Thursday 26th March**. 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!

Parents/Grandparents are invited to join us in CAFOD's Big Lent Walk on **Friday 27th March** at 2.45pm. The school gate will be opened at 2.40pm. Sponsor forms have been sent home with your child (Thursday 12th March). To raise money for CAFOD, each class will pledge to walk an amount of kilometres a week around the school grounds.

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.

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

Y2 visit to Longton Library on **Wednesday 1st April**.

School Meal Promotion 'Easter Lunch' on **Wednesday 1st April**. 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.

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 closes Thursday 2nd April at 3.15pm (afterschool club running as normal). We return on Monday 20th April for the Summer Term in Summer Uniform.

St Oswald's Easter Services:



28th March Palm Sunday. The Passion of the Lord: Vigil Mass 5pm
29th March Sunday Mass The Passion of the Lord: 8.30am
Maundy Thursday 2nd April. Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7pm
Good Friday 3rd April The Lord's Passion: 3pm
Holy Saturday 4th April. The Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter: 7.00pm
Easter Sunday 5th April Mass of the Lord's Resurrection. 8.30am

Coming up in the first part of the Summer term:

Thursday 23rd April - Netball Club (run by school staff) for Year 5 and Year 6 pupils will start from 3.15-4.15 pm. Please complete and return the attached slip if you wish your child to join. Mrs Cookson and Miss Gravili will be coaching the teams. The club will run every Thursday and the last club night will be Thursday 11th June. Please note that this club WILL run every week until it closes. If the weather is wet, Mrs Cookson and Miss Gravili will be providing an alternative session indoors.

Thursday 30th April -Tag Rugby Tournament at Hutton 3.45-5pm (letters will be given to the Rugby Team next week).

Thursday 7th May -Rugby Tournament at Hutton 3.45-5pm

Monday 11th-

Thursday 14th May -Y6 End of Key Stage 2 Tests all week.

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Friday 15th May - Y4 Parent Assembly 2.40pm in school. The theme is 'First Holy Communion'.

Saturday 16th May – First Holy Communion 10.30am or 12.30pm (details to follow).

Monday 18th May – Y4 will be attending the 9.30am Parish Mass as a whole class.

Monday 18th May – Sports Day for Y2 2.15pm. Parents can come along to spectate.

Tuesday 19th May – Class photographs to be taken.

Tuesday 19th May – Sports Day for Y1 2.15pm. Parents can come along to spectate.

Tuesday 19th May – PTFA Meeting at 6.30pm. Come along if you would like to be involved in organising fundraising events.

Wednesday 20th May – Sports Day for Reception 2.15pm. Parents can come along to spectate.

Sports Days next Half Term:

Y3 Sports Day	Tuesday 9th June 2.15pm
Y4 Sports Day	Wednesday 10th June 2.15pm
Y5 Sports Day	Monday 15th June 2.15pm
Y6 Sports Day	Friday 19th June 2.15pm

Keeping your child safe as they start school:

Keeping your child safe as they start school The NW Screening & Immunisations team have asked for the attached letter to be cascaded to all parents & carers with regards to the MMR (Measles, Mumps & Rubella) vaccine. They are recommending that all children have their two doses of the MMR vaccine and the pre-school booster to ensure they are fully protected, as the complications of measles can be severe and life changing.

Playstop After School Club Job Vacancy:

Playstop have an exciting vacancy for a motivated, conscientious, enthusiastic Play Worker who has a passion for creating fun for 4- to 11-year-olds. This position is for 10 hours per week with extra hours as required at our after-school club, St Oswald's Catholic Primary School.

Hours: 3 pm to 5.30pm - Monday to Thursday term time only

- Qualified is an advantage but not essential as full training will be given.
- There must be a willingness to complete short CPD courses as required.
- Driving license and car owner is essential as cover may be require at our other settings.

More details can be found on Indeed. If you are interested in this position, please send your CV to: theplaystop123@gmail.com

Community News:

St Teresa's Holiday Club: St Teresa's Catholic Primary School have the same 2-week Easter holidays as St Oswald's. Please find attached a flyer regarding this.

Easter Fun event: Please find attached a flyer regarding an Easter fun event at Longton Library on Saturday 28th March.

Easter Coaching Camp: Penwortham Football Academy are running a football Camp at Priory over the Easter holidays. Please see flyer attached.

HAF Easter Activities: Please see information attached regarding free Easter activities organised by Lancashire County Council.

And finally....

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

C.J. Hough
Headteacher

SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION – ‘EASTER LUNCH’ – WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL 2026

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.....

YEAR 5/YEAR 6 NETBALL CLUB – THURSDAY 23RD APRIL – THURSDAY 11TH JUNE 2026

I would like my child to join the Netball Club. I will collect my child from school at 4.15pm.

Other home time arrangements, i.e. After School Club:
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Name of child: Signed:

Emergency contact nos.:
