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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 Summer Term Newsletter No.1– 23rd April 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

This Sunday is traditionally known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday'. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who leads us into the joys of eternal life.

Part of a shepherd's job is to look after the sheep and help them to stay safe, When we let Jesus lead us, just as a shepherd leads his sheep, he helps us to make the right choices and fills our lives with goodness and holiness. All we need to do is to follow him.

Welcome back to the Summer Term!

The children look very smart in their summer uniforms, lets hope for plenty of sunshine. On very warm days, please apply a high factor sunscreen to your child before they come to school as there is very little shade out on the playground and field.

Girls with long hair are to have it tied back, no nail varnish is to be worn to school and earrings are not permitted, thank-you.

Admissions to Reception September 2026:

All offer letters were sent out from the Local Authority. Letters from school have been sent by post on Tuesday to parents who have been offered a place for their child to start school here in September 2026. We are looking forward to meeting the children at their first 'Little Owls' session which will start Wednesday 3rd June.

Coming up:

Monday 27th April Y4 Sacramental Programme session 6.30pm in Church.

Wednesday 29th April Last football session.

Thursday 30th April Tag Rugby Tournament at Hutton 3.45-4.45pm (letters will be given to the Rugby Team today).

Thursday 30th April Brass Band Lessons to start 3.15pm – 4.15pm. The last session is Thursday 9th July. There are still some available spaces if your child wishes to join (Y3-Y6). The cost is £40.00 for 10 weeks which includes the hire of a brass instrument. Please contact the office for further information.

Monday 4th May Bank Holiday. School closed.

Thursday 7th May Tag Rugby Tournament at Hutton 3.45-4.45pm.

Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May Y6 End of Key Stage 2 Tests. The tests will start at 9am prompt so please ensure that your child is in on time.

Monday 11th – Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Test

Tuesday 12th- Reading Test

Wednesday 13th – Maths Test 1 (Arithmetic) Maths Paper Test 2 (Reasoning)

Thursday 14th – Maths Paper Test 3 (Reasoning)

Thursday 14th May Tag Rugby Tournament at Hutton 3.45-5pm.

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.

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

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 6.00pm. Come along if you would like to be involved in organising fundraising events and Summer Fair.

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

Right Start Child Pedestrian Training Programme:

Letters have been sent home for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents regarding the Right Start training sessions starting this term. The first session for Reception will start on Monday 27th April, Year 1 starts Tuesday 5th May and Year 2 starts after half term on Monday 15th June. Please return the permission slip in order for your child to attend these important road safety sessions. Thank you.

Online Safety Newsletter:

Please find attached the Online Safety Newsletter. Please take time to read through this information and share with your child.

Reminders:

Safeguarding – End of Day Arrangements:

If your child is in Year 5 or Year 6 and you wish for them to start walking home, please can you ensure that you update the 'End of School Day' Safeguarding Form or email the school office stating the end of day arrangements.

If your child is walking home or cycling home and you allow them to carry a phone for emergencies please follow the policy. The policy is that they hand their phone in at the office on arrival at school before going through the gate. Phones are kept safe in the office until home time when your child can collect their phone from the school office at the end of the school day.

Absence (Illness):

If your child is absent for any reason during the term, please telephone the school before 9.30 am on the first morning of your child's absence. If we do not receive a message from you, you will receive a telephone call from school to ascertain the reason for your child's absence. This is a "1st Day Contact" system and is part of our safeguarding procedure. On your child's return to school, please provide a letter or email explaining the absence. If no explanation is received in writing, the absence will be deemed as unauthorised.

Absence (Medical/Dental Appointments, etc.) with Appointment Card:

Where possible, please try to make appointments out of school time. However, should you need to take your child out of school for an appointment, please provide school with a copy of the appointment card or letter at least two days in advance of the appointment. If an appointment card is not available, please write a note or email the school with the details of the appointment. Pupils are collected from the Reception area near the school office. Please ensure that your child has been 'signed out' on collection. On your child's return to school, pupils must be brought to

the school office and be 'signed in' by a parent, carer or family member. This is for health and safety and fire regulation purposes to ensure that all pupils are accounted for.

ParentPay:

Please may I remind parents to check their ParentPay account regularly and ensure that it is topped up and in credit. Outstanding amounts should never accrue to more than two weeks of debt, i.e., £29.00 for school meals and £35.00 for Early Birds.

And finally....

The cake sale organised by Mrs Sheen and some of the Y5 girls raised a fantastic £250 for Alder Hey Children's Hospital. Thank you to everyone involved.

Congratulations to Mrs Robinson and Mrs Tiley who both welcomed baby boys over the Easter holidays. We send our best wishes to both families.

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

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