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St Oswald's Catholic Community:
With Christ at the centre of our
community, our mission is to live,
love and learn as Jesus taught us.

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The Newsletter Summer Term Newsletter No.4– 13th May 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is telling his Father in heaven that he has now completed what was asked of him. Then, Jesus prays for his friends. This reminds us that Jesus prays for all his friends, which includes you and me too. This takes place after the last supper and, very soon, Jesus will be arrested. So before leaving his friends he is preparing them for the difficult time to come. Jesus wants his friends to stay united with one another and with God - forever.

Friendship is one of life's great blessings and Jesus' friendship is also offered to each one of us. When we have good friendships, we can support each other, have fun together, and share our joys and challenges. We can also learn from each other and grow in our faith.

Coming up:

- Monday 18th May** Y4 will be attending the Parish Mass at 9.30am as a whole class. Parents/Grandparents invited.
- Monday 18th May** Sports Day for Y2 at 2.15pm. Parents/Grandparents can come along to spectate.
- Tuesday 19th May** School photographer in school to take class photographs.
- Tuesday 19th May** Sports Day for Y1 at 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 planning the Summer Fair.
- Wednesday 20th May** Sports Day for Reception at 2.15pm. Parents/Grandparents can come along to spectate.
- Wednesday 20th May** New Parents Induction Meeting in the school hall at 6.15pm. This meeting is for parents who have a child starting school in September 2026. Little Owl uniforms will be issued at this meeting.
- Thursday 21st May** School Meal Promotion – 'National Dinosaur Day' Lunch. The menu is: British Beef Burger or Vegetarian Burger & Onion Ring or Loaded Vegetable & Cheese Quesadilla with Fries or Jacket Potato with a choice of filling followed by Homemade Chocolate Brownie Traybake or Jelly & Ice Cream. If your child does not normally have school meals, but would like to have a school lunch on 21st May, please complete the attached slip and return to school no later than Wednesday 20th May. Payment of £2.90 should be made in advance through ParentPay. Thank you.
- Wednesday 3rd June** Little Owls' 6-week programme starts for our 2026 intake! 9-15am-11.30am.
- Thursday 4th June** PTFA Sponsored Tough Kidder **2.15pm start to 3pm** on the school field for all children; parents can come along to support. Sponsor forms have been sent home with your child on Monday 11th May.
- Monday 8th June** Drumming Assembly for parents of children who have drumming lessons in school with Adam. This will start at 1.15pm in the school hall and parents are invited to see their child perform.

- Tuesday 9th June** Sports Day for Y3 2.15pm. Parents/Grandparents can come along to spectate.
- Wednesday 10th June** Y4 Sports Day 2.15pm. Parents/ Grandparents can come along to spectate.
- Wednesday 10th June** Y3 visit to Bolton Museum.
- Thursday 11th June.** Last netball session.
- Friday 12th June** Y1 visit to Longton Library. Children will leave after lunch and return before the end of the school day.
- Monday 15th June** Y5 Sports Day 2.15pm. Parents/Grandparents can come along to spectate.
- Tuesday 16th June** Y5 Taster Day at All Hallows (letter will be issued shortly).
- Tuesday 16th June.** Y2 visit to Skipton Castle.
- Thursday 18th June** Y2 Parent Assembly at 2.40pm in the hall. The theme is 'God's Wonderful World'.
- Thursday 18th June** **St Oswald's Talent Show 2026:** The Talent Show will take place at 6.30pm in the School Hall. Plenty of time to rehearse! If your child would like to enter the Talent Show, just return the slip below by Monday 8th June to secure a place in the show. The children can sing, dance, play instruments, perform magic tricks etc. any talent that your child has can be showcased! The top 6 acts go forward to the Finals at the Summer Fair on Saturday 20th June.
- Friday 19th June** Y6 Sports Day 2.15pm. Parents / Grandparents can come along to spectate.
- Saturday 20th June** **PTFA Summer Fair 12pm – 2.30pm.** Full details in next week's newsletter.
- Tuesday 23rd June** Y6 trip to Lowe House, St Helens. A fun day of activities as part of their Faith in Action Award. (More details to follow).
- Friday 26th June** **Longton Live at St Oswalds! Further information to follow.**
- Tuesday 30th June** Open Morning 9.15am – 10.30 am. Everyone welcome to come along and see the school in action! The School Choir will be singing at 10.20am in the hall. Refreshments available.

REMINDER ParentPay Accounts:

Please note that all ParentPay accounts must be cleared completely by the end of the summer term as debts must not be carried forward to the next academic year. Please ensure, therefore, that your child's account has a zero or positive balance. ParentPay accounts for Year 6 pupils must not have a negative balance and must stay in credit before the end of term when the account will be closed (letter issued 11th May). Thank you.

CLUBS AFTER HALF TERM:

STEM Club - Mrs Armstrong will be running a STEM Club (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) for Year 5 and Year 6 pupils which will start on Monday 1st June for 5 weeks from 3.15pm – 4.30pm. The cost is £30.00 for 5 sessions and places are limited to 12 on a first come, first served basis. Letter will be sent home today with your child regarding details of this club.

Cricket Club – Mr Hough will be running a cricket club for Year 5 and Year 6 pupils which will start on Wednesday 3rd June from 3.15-4.15 pm. Please complete and return the attached slip if you wish your child to join. Please note that this club WILL run every Wednesday for 4 weeks with the last session on Wednesday 24th June.

Football Club - Mr Campbell will be running a football club for Year 4 which will also start on Wednesday 3rd June from 3.15-4.15 pm. Please complete and return the attached slip if you wish your child to join. Please note that this club WILL run every Wednesday for 4 weeks with the last session on Wednesday 24th June.

Players in Education Drama Club - The next Players in Education course will begin Friday 5th June until Friday 10th July and is open for all children. The course will run for 6 weeks. If you wish to book your child on this course, please visit www.playersdramaschool.co.uk or contact 07359 835521 (flyer attached).

Safeguarding Advice for Parents and Carers: Viral "Squishy Toy" Trend

Message from Lancashire County Council:

We are aware of a viral trend circulating online where children are encouraged to heat soft "squishy" toys (sometimes called NeeDoh or jelly cube toys) in a microwave. This is extremely dangerous. When heated, these toys can burst and release hot contents, which may cause serious burns to the hands, face and skin.

What you can do:

- Talk to your child about the risks of copying online challenges or trends
- Remind them that not everything seen online is safe or accurate
- Ensure squishy toys or similar items are never heated or microwaved
- Encourage your child to come to you if they see something online that concerns them.

If you would like more information and practical advice, please see the safeguarding alert here:

<https://ineqe.com/2026/05/07/safeguarding-alert-viral-trend-causing-burns/>

Community News:

Longton Carnival – Saturday 16th May: Please see flyer attached regarding road closures in Longton due to the carnival.

And finally....

Well done to Y6 who have completed their SATs this week. They have all tried their very best!

We send prayers to the Y4 pupils and their families as they make their First Holy Communion on Saturday; wishing you all a memorable and special day.

As always, get in touch if you have any queries.

C.J. Hough
Headteacher

SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION – ‘DINOSAUR DAY’ – THURSDAY 21ST MAY

I would like my child to have a school meal on Thursday 21st May. I will ensure payment of £2.90 is made in advance through ParentPay.

Name of child: Year group:

Signature of parent/carer:

TALENT SHOW 2026 - slip to be returned by Monday 8th June

My child would like to enter the talent show on **THURSDAY 18TH JUNE** AT 6.30 pm. I will ensure that my child has rehearsed. The act/performance will be:

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Name of child/children in act:

Signature of parent:

YEAR 4 FOOTBALL CLUB with Mr Campbell– WEDNESDAY 3rd JUNE – WEDNESDAY 24th JUNE 2026

I would like my child to join the Football Club. I will collect my child from school at 4.15pm.
Other home time arrangements, i.e. After School Club:

Name of child: Signed:
Emergency contact nos.:

YEAR 5 and YEAR 6 CRICKET CLUB with Mr Hough – WEDNESDAY 3rd JUNE – WEDNESDAY 24th JUNE 2026

I would like my child to join the Cricket Club. I will collect my child from school at 4.15pm.
Other home time arrangements, i.e. After School Club:

Name of child: Signed:
Emergency contact nos.:
