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St Oswald's Catholic Community:
With Christ at the centre of our
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The Newsletter Summer Term Newsletter No.5– 21st May 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

In the evening, the disciples were gathered in a room. They had locked the doors because they were afraid of the people who had crucified Jesus. Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said to them. He showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord. "Peace be with you," Jesus said to them again. "As the Father has sent to me, so I now send you." When he had said this to them, he breathed on them. "Receive the Holy Spirit," he said to them. "If you forgive the sins of anyone, then they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Update since last newsletter:

- Thank you to Fr. Michael and the catechists for making the First Holy Communion so special for Year 4 on Saturday.
- Year 2 and Reception did exceptionally well in their Sports Day events this week. Lovely to see so many supporters cheering the children on! Year 1 has been postponed to **Tuesday 2nd June** at 2.15pm.
- The PTFA Cake Sale raised over £103.00! A big thank you to Mrs Nowak for all your help.
- Well done to the Y6 Rugby Team who are now through the South Ribble Finals which is taking part today at Hutton Grammar. We wish them good luck!

Reminders:

- If you wish for your child to take part in the Talent Show on Thursday 18th June, please return your slip by Monday 8th June (Register of Interest Slip attached).

Coming up:

Wednesday 3rd June -Little Owls' 6-week programme starts for our 2026 intake! 9-15am-11.30am.

Wednesday 3rd June- Y4 Football Club (run by Mr Campbell) starts for 4 weeks (last session Wednesday 24th June).

Wednesday 3rd June- Y5/6 Cricket Club (run by Mr Hough) starts for 4 weeks (last session Wednesday 24th June).

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.

Monday 8th June- STEM Club (run by Mrs Armstrong) starts for 5 weeks (last session Monday 6th July). This club is now full.

Tuesday 9th June- Y5/Y6 Girls Cricket Tournament 9.15am – 2.30pm at New Lancashire Cricket Ground, Farington (letter will be issued to the team w/c 1st June)

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 which links in with their History topic, Ancient Egypt.

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 – Right Start Training for Y2. Please ensure that the permission slip has been returned if you wish for your child to take part.

Monday 15th June -Y5 Sports Day 2.15pm. Parents/Grandparents can come along to spectate.

Tuesday 16th June -Y5 Taster Day at All Hallows. Please ensure that you return the permission slip **with £3.50 cash** for your child's lunch on the day (letter issued 11th May). Lunch money must be sent in advance and not taken on the day.

Tuesday 16th June - Y2 visit to Skipton Castle which links in with their History topic of Castles.

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 will take place at 6.30pm in the School Hall. 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 (letter sent home with your child today).

Wednesday 24th June - Dance from the Heart 2026. Every year we have joined in the roadshow organised by South Ribble Sports Partnership. The children have to learn a dance and perform it! This year the theme is 'Finding yourself through music & movement'. We always like to invite parents to come along and this year the gate will open at 9.30am ready for the roadshow which starts at 9.35am to 10am. Come and join us!

Friday 26th June - Longton Live at St Oswalds! Further information regarding wristbands/programmes etc 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.

Online Safety Newsletter:

Please find attached the Online Safety Newsletter for June. Please take time to read and share with your child. Thank you.

Crisis and Resilience Fund:

If your family is going through a hard time or facing an unexpected crisis, your local district council may be able to help. From 1 April, the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) introduced the Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF) to support local welfare services. The fund will run until 31 March 2029 and is paid for by the UK Government.

The CRF replaces the Household Support Fund (HSF), which ran from October 2021 until 31 March 2026. Because of this change, **free school meal vouchers will no longer be available during school holidays**.

District councils can help with urgent needs such as food, essential household items and other practical support.

You may want to contact your district council if you are dealing with things like:

- sudden money problems
- a family emergency that makes it hard to cover basic needs
- trouble getting food or essential household items
- a change at home that leaves you without immediate support
- extra pressure on your household budget, for example during the school holidays

Each district has a team that can talk to you about your situation and explain what help is available in your area. This support may come directly from the council or through local community organisations. To get help, visit your district council's website or contact them by phone. If you are not sure which district council covers your area, you can check by entering your postcode at www.lancashire.gov.uk/district-council

The Crisis and Resilience Fund will be available locally from late June 2026. Residents will be able to check availability and apply via: <https://southribble.gov.uk/crisis-and-resilience-fund>

If you are already getting support from a professional, for example through a Family Hub, school, health visitor or Early Years practitioner, then they can help you to contact your district council.

Active Camps Holiday Provision:

Active Camps is school holiday provision designed to support families with funded or low-cost provision for their children. The Council is offering activities in Bamber Bridge and Penwortham. The activities offer at least 2 hours of fun and physical activity, as well as the children receiving a healthy lunch. To access the funded provision, children must be in receipt of benefit-related free school meals, or family be able to evidence the need for the funded support.

Families can book via the following links:

South Ribble Tennis Centre. Tues - Fri from 1pm - 3pm

<https://www.letsreg.com/uk/register/gymnasticsandactivitycampmay>

Kingsfold Primary School. Tues-Fri from 8:30am - 5pm

<https://www.letsreg.com/uk/register/KingsfoldMayHalfTerm>

Cuerden Church School. Tues - Fri from 8:30am - 5pm

<https://www.letsreg.com/uk/register/MayHalfTermCuerdenChurch>

If there are no spaces left on our holiday provision you can contact sports@southribble.gov.uk to obtain further information.

If you are struggling financially, other help is still available.

You can access support through our Cost-of-Living support page, which includes:

- Emergency food provision
- Food clubs
- Advice and guidance services
- Local support to help manage and stabilise finances

Visit: [Cost of living support – South Ribble](#)

Parking:

Concerns have been raised regarding cars being parked on the zig-zags outside of school and also on pavements. Parking or stopping on school zig-zags creates a major safety hazard. It obstructs visibility of both children and approaching drivers.

Do not park on pavements. Inconsiderate drivers who park their vehicles wholly or partially on the pavement not only cause danger - but also commit an offence of obstruction. They cause danger to pedestrians, especially children and parents with prams and pushchairs.

Community News:

Annual Family Fun Day: Longton VM Club would like to invite you to their Fun Day on Saturday 6th June 1pm – 4pm. Free fun and games for all the family at Longton VM, Victory Road (off School Lane), Longton, PR4 5DL

And finally....

Have a lovely half-term break and see you on Monday 1st June for the final half term!

C.J. Hough
Headteacher

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:

Name of child/children in act:

Signature of parent:
