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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.9– 25th June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of two great saints who have helped to share faith throughout the world, St Peter and St Paul.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Peter professes his faith in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus then gives Peter the important task of leading the Church – a duty which is now undertaken by Pope Leo XIV, the current successor of St Peter.

Helping our children to grow in faith, to know and to love God, is one of the greatest gifts we can give them. Faith in God transforms how we see the world and helps us to keep growing in our love for each other too.

Update since last newsletter:

- Congratulations to Y6 on their final Sports Day. Huge thanks to all Y6 for being great sports throughout their time here; they should be very proud of themselves!
- PTFA Tough Kidder raised an amazing £741.00! Thank you.
- The PTFA Summer Fair made a £1845.00 profit! A huge thank you to everyone for your support and to all the members of the PTFA for their hard work!
- Huge Congratulations to everyone who entered the Talent Show. The winning band was JEF, a fantastic performance! Well done to Jo, Eddie and Freddie!
- Kam, a Ranger from Animal Club visited Reception on Monday. Kam brought a selection of her own pets which included a range of insects, geckos and a Hognose Snake! The children interacted with the animals and asked lots of interesting questions.
- Y6 had a great day at Lowe House, St Helens as part of their Faith in Action Award within the Archdiocese of Liverpool. The Award Ceremony took place in the morning and played games and had fun on the inflatables in the afternoon.
- What a turn out for Dance from the Heart 2026! The theme this year is 'Rhythms of Unity – Celebrating Sport, Culture and Creativity across the Globe!'. Thank you so much for coming along to support the children. The Y6 Dance Leaders were excellent and did a great job in teaching the children the dance routine.

Friday 26th June - LONGTON LIVE 2026:

St Oswald's is a venue for Longton Live on Friday night only. WRISTBANDS ARE ON SALE AT £6.00 each (free for children under 12). There are only 20 wristbands left and it will sell out. The wristband allows access to any of the 17 venues for both Friday and Saturday night. School receives all the proceeds from the wristbands. The school have a slot at 7pm where the guitar groups will play and the choir will sing. This will be followed with several performances throughout the night so come down and support the event; will be running a bar and tuck shop. Choir and guitarists to arrive at school at 6.30pm.

Dates:

- 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.
- Good Shepherd Appeal Mass 2026 at St Marys Catholic Church in Leyland. This year's Good Shepherd Appeal in aid of Nugent Care is themed "Love your Neighbour" inviting children to reflect on how we know, value, and care for those within our communities.
- Thursday 2nd July** Moving up morning across the school.
- Transition Day for children in Y6 attending All Hallows in September. Please return the permission slip **with £3.50 lunch money** (cash in a named envelope please).
- Friday 3rd July** Rock, Steady Band Concert. Children who have been participating in the Rock, Steady Band sessions over the term will be performing in school. Parents of the children in the bands are invited to come along and watch at 2.00pm. The concert will last approx 1 hour.
- Tuesday 7th July** Y5 will be attending Mass at 9.30am. Everyone welcome.
- Wednesday 8th July** Little Owls final session 9.15am-10.30am. Parents invited for a 'Stay & Play' session. A short meeting will be included to share tips on how to prepare your child to be ready for school.
- Reception Class will present their assembly 'Look at me Now' for parents at 1.45pm followed by a final Stay and Play! Please complete the slip attached if you can attend.
- Thursday 9th July** Y6 Production of 'Grease'. Performances at 10am, 2pm and 6.30pm. Letters issued 9th June regarding tickets and costume requirements. Tickets will be sent home w/c 29th June.
- Monday 13th July** Y6 Retreat Day to Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral and Crosby Beach.
- Reception 'Picnic in the Park'. Reception will walk to Longton Park for a play and picnic lunch (letter sent home w/c 29th June).
- Tuesday 14th July** Y6 Leavers Assembly 9.15 am in the school hall. Y6 parents invited.
- Y6 Leavers Mass at 6.00pm in church followed by Y6 Leavers Party on the school field from 6.45pm – 8.30pm (letter issued 15th May). **Reminder to send your fish & chip supper order in with payment by Friday 26th June.**
- Wednesday 15th July** Super Learning Day. A fun day for everyone!
- Thursday 16th July** PTFA Cake Sale 3.15pm on the playground.
- Friday 17th July** School will close at 1.30pm for the Summer Holidays and will re-open Tuesday 2nd September.

Guitar/Ukulele lessons with Miss Galea:

There will be a beginners ukulele/guitar group starting in September on Mondays at 9.00am. The lessons will be provided by Carmel Galea who teaches at many local Primary and High Schools. A letter has been sent home with children in Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y5 regarding beginners guitar/ukulele lessons. Any further information, please email carmel@cmg-guitars.co.uk.

Wind/Brass Lessons with Mrs Campbell:

From September 2026, we are hoping to offer an after-school wind band on a Thursday from 3:15-4:15pm. This is for children who would like to play a brass or wind instrument. This includes cornet, baritone, flute, clarinet and

saxophone. The club is open to all key stage two children. Mrs Campbell will run this club. A letter of interest was sent home on Wednesday 24th June.

Class Photographs:

The closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Monday 29th June 2026**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link that was emailed to you, or if you have received paper order forms

visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (**option 5**).

Lancashire County Council Transport and Admissions:

We have been asked to share the following information sent from Lancashire County Council.

Dear Parents/Kinship Carers of Current Year 5 pupils

Before the summer holidays begin, we wanted to get in touch with you about next term's prospective secondary school application, and how important it is to consider home to transport prior to making your final decision.

You must consider carefully how your child will get to and from your preferred secondary schools before submitting your application for a school place. Pupils will only be eligible for free travel if they have an entitlement under the County Council's Home to School Transport Policy. It is important, when selecting your preferences for a school place, that you have read and understood the information available on the website regarding school admissions and travel assistance.

It is essential to remember - for transport purposes - the 'nearest suitable school' is the nearest school to the family home – and - in some cases, the nearest school will be located within another local authority area. If you choose to send your child to a school that Lancashire County Council does not consider to be the nearest suitable school, there is no duty to provide free transport. You will need to make your own transport arrangements. Assistance with home to school travel will not be needed for most children as they will attend their local school which will be within a reasonable walking distance when accompanied by a parent/carer as necessary. However, if transport costs are a concern to you, please contact your Area Education Office before submitting your application:

NORTH AREA SOUTH AREA EAST AREA Lancaster, Morecambe, Wyre and Fylde Preston (01524) 581148

South Ribble, West Lancashire and Chorley Hyndburn (01772) 532109

Ribble V Pendle and Rossen (01254) 220747

If your child is not eligible for free travel assistance but you would like your child to travel to school by bus, you may be able to buy a season travel pass from us. The County Council will not provide extra services for non-statutory pupils and you will need to plan how your child will get to school if space on the bus is not available.

Please call 0300-123-6738 or visit School bus season tickets - Lancashire County Council to make an application. It is important to plan ahead. Please make sure that appropriate transport is available, should a place be allocated at your preferred school

Reminders:-

School Meals Increase:

As from September 2026, we will have to increase the cost of a school meal cost to £3.00/meal which is still great value for money. The school kitchen staff do a fantastic job serving healthy lunches every day so we do hope you continue to want your child to have a school meal.

Universal Free School Meals – end of entitlement for current Year 2 pupils:

A letter has been sent to all Y2 parents (issued 3rd June) regarding the end of your child's Universal Free School Meals entitlement. Please return the slip by **Friday 26th June** stating your child's lunchtime arrangements from September 2025. **If you do not return the slip, it will be assumed that your child will continue to have school meals and you will be charged accordingly.** Copies of the letter are available from the school office.

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.

And finally....

A huge thank you for your support this week – the children have coped well with the very hot weather. Next week's weather looks set to return to normal, so school uniform will be required as usual from Monday. Have a lovely weekend.

Please contact us if you have any concerns or queries.

C.J. Hough
Headteacher

RECEPTION 'LOOK AT ME NOW' ASSEMBLY AND 'STAY & PLAY' – WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY 2026 1.45PM – 3.00PM

I would like to attend the Stay & Play session on Wednesday 8th July.

Name of Child: Signed:
