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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.11 – 9th July 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Update since last newsletter:

- Congratulations to our Y6 Netball Team who came 4th in the Lancashire finals at Blackpool on Friday. Brilliant teamwork!
- Well done to the Y5 Cricket Team who played at Vernons on Monday.
- Little Owls had their final session on Wednesday. We look forward to welcoming the children in September!
- Thank you to all the parents who came along to the Reception 'Look at me now' Assembly. The children are now ready for Y1!

School Reports for the end of the Academic year will be sent electronically via School Spider/email. A letter will be sent home on Friday with information about your child's report and attendance.

Y6 SAT results will be sent home on Thursday 16th July. This is due to the delay with the results being issued from the DFE.

The final week:

Monday 13th July

Y6 Retreat Day to Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral and Crosby Beach. Your child is to wear summer school uniform, sun hat and have a refillable water bottle.

Reception 'Picnic in the Park'. Reception will walk to Longton Park for a play and picnic lunch. The school kitchen will provide the picnic lunch. Please can you ensure your child has a sun hat.

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. Tickets for Fish & Chip supper have been sent home this week. You must bring the tickets on the night in order to swap this for your food. Bring your own picnic chairs, blankets, drinks and enjoy the evening!

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 for pupils on Wednesday 2nd September.

Sun Safe Policy Reminder:

The forecast has predicted hot weather next week. Please can we ask that you apply a high factor sun cream to your child before they come to school and provide your child with a sunhat or school cap (labelled with your child's name). Water bottles are essential every day so make sure your child brings one! Thank you.

Reminders for next year:

- Thank you to those parents who informed the school office in advance of changes from school meals to packed lunches commencing September, or vice versa, it is very much appreciated. Please could I remind all our parents that at least one week's notice must be given to the school office to facilitate lunch changes – thank you for your co-operation.
- **End of Year Admin / Finance - ParentPay accounts MUST be cleared before the end of the summer term as a deficit balance MUST NOT be carried forward to the next academic year.**
- We return in WINTER uniform in September (page 28 of the School Prospectus). Black school shoes only, no trainers to be worn.
- Jewellery must not be worn at school. It is important that ear-piercing is ONLY carried out at the beginning of the summer holidays, as earrings are not permitted to be worn at school. It is extremely annoying to find children returning with pierced ears and having to put plasters on during PE. Please note nail varnish is not to be worn in school. Thank you for your support in this matter.
- Phones – Please note only children in Y6 who walk / cycle to school may bring a phone into school. The phone is to be switched off and handed in every morning to the school office and collected at the end of the school from the school office. Phones are not permitted to be used in the school building or grounds. Please talk to your child about safe use of their phone and ensure you check their phone regularly and that settings are appropriate.
- Green School Bags are to be used by Reception, Y1 and Y2 for school, not rucksacks or other bags (space is very limited). Children in Y3 Y4 Y5 and Y6 are to try as far as possible to use a **small** rucksack that will fit the limited space available in cloakrooms and lockers. Green School Bags and P.E Bags are available to buy from the school office.
- All medication and inhalers will be sent home on the last day of term. It is parent's responsibility to return any long-term medication or inhalers on Wednesday 2nd September to the school office.

PUNCTUALITY:

Punctuality is considered the direct responsibility of the parents or carers. It is important that children learn the importance of punctuality and also observe it in their daily school life. Lateness causes delay in the start of lessons. The child who is late is often upset and embarrassed and the rest of the class is disrupted and delayed in starting the important part of the school day. The school day starts at 8.50am. If your child arrives after 8.50am, a late mark will be given. Please aim to arrive for 8.40am when the gates open. Thank you.

E-SAFETY INFORMATION:

Please find attached a parental controls booklet. This guide will help you set up parental controls and adjust privacy settings to provide your child with a safer online environment. Parental controls can help to protect your child from seeing something that they shouldn't — although it is important to emphasise that no system is effective all of the time, so it is important to engage with your child and talk to them about their online life regularly.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE:

Over the summer, please encourage and make time for your child to read. The Library have launched their Summer Reading Challenge 'Reading Heroes' which sounds great fun! See details from Longton Library below:

Comic story

This year's antagonist is a rogue AI who takes on the appearance of a pirate, Captain A. Eye, with his parrot Polygon. Together they hack and hijack computers looking for treasure, with our comic beginning with them doing so during a library's coding club.

As such this summer's Reading Heroes has a piratey theme to it, complete with prizes of an [inflatable parrot](#) and [treasure dig kit](#), and a new piratey name generator.

Here's our dastardly duo:



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We will be challenging children:

- to read 5 books and tell us their favourite to be a READING HERO – 2 books earns a sticker and inflatable parrot, completing earns a sticker, certificate and treasure dig kit
- to also complete 3 tasks to become a READING SUPERHERO – this enters them into a prize draw for 12 winners to receive a £50 Lego kit of their choice, one winner per district

Reading Heroes will officially run from 1st July to 30th September.

There are also events linked to becoming a reading superhero I have attached a poster for the events at Longton Library. They are great fun and completely free of charge.

And finally....

We welcome back Miss Dineen next week who returns from her maternity leave.

Please contact us if you have any concerns or queries.

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