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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 **Autumn term no. 6– 8th October 2026**

Dear Parents/Carers,

At different times throughout our lives, we and our children will receive various invitations – some more important than others. However, the most important invitation is the one that is offered to us in the Gospel below.

Throughout the Bible the joyful images of weddings are often used to describe how much God loves us. When Jesus told this story he was thinking of the Chosen People, the people of Israel, but many of their leaders did not respond to God's invitation when Jesus came.

God's invitation is not just for certain people but for all of us, regardless of our past or present situation. God's banquet starts here on earth and continues right into heaven.

Update since the last newsletter:

- Year 5 enjoyed a fantastic morning at Longton Library on Thursday, where they met the wonderful children's author, Jen Carney. Longton Library have passed a message from Jen Carney:
"Thank you so much for attending and to Year 5 for participating with such focus and enthusiasm. It was wonderful to work with your super class at Longton Library! I thoroughly enjoyed myself and thought your pupils were superstars. In case of interest, there are resources that accompany each of my titles available for free on this page of my website: <https://jen-carney.com/free-resources-for-ks2/>
Best wishes, Jen Carney www.jen-carney.com
- Well done to Y5/Y6 Football Team who played their final match at Priory on Thursday. The team played four matches, winning two, drawing one and losing one. We finished second in the league and now qualify for the South Ribble finals. We will share details of these when they have been confirmed by the South Ribble team.
- Y6 did a great job in leading the 'Harvest Festival' service on Friday. Penwortham Foodbank will be collecting the donations this Friday morning. Any last minute donations would be greatly appreciated. Every contribution, however small, will help us to put our faith into action by supporting people in our local community who are in need. Please drop donations off in the school entrance. Thank you, as always, for your kindness and generosity.
- Thank you to everyone who attended the Reception Phonics Workshop on Monday. We hope you found the information really useful. There is still chance for you to attend on Friday, if you have not yet put your name down from 2pm-3pm.
- Apologies for the restriction to access Sumdog over the last few days. Sumdog have now rectified the error with our subscription and it is now up and running.

Coming up:

Monday 12th October:

The Lancashire Evening Post photographer will be coming into school to take a photograph of the Reception pupils. This photograph will appear in the 'School Starters 2026' supplement of the newspaper. **IF YOU DO NOT WISH FOR YOUR CHILD TO BE IN THIS PHOTOGRAPH, PLEASE LET US KNOW IN WRITING BY EMAIL OR LETTER.** Thank you.

Right Start Road Safety Programme for Reception. Please return the slip asap for your child to take part (letters sent home Tuesday 6th October).

Tuesday 13th October

'Helping my Child to Thrive' Parent Workshop with Christina Mitchell 6pm – 7pm in school.

If you wish to attend this parent workshop, please complete the slip on the letter and return to school (we do need the slip back so know the numbers). Thank you.

Thursday 15th October

2nd match of Y5/Y6 Girls football tournament at Penwortham Priory Academy, 2.15pm–3.30pm.

Monday 19th October

Right Start Road Safety Programme for Reception. Please return the slip asap for your child to take part.

Last Netball session until Spring.

Tuesday 20th October

Reception visit to Longton Library (letter sent home Monday 6th October).

Tuesday 20th October

PTFA Cake Sale on 3.15pm on the school playground.

Wednesday 21st October

Last Football session until Spring.

Thursday 22nd October

Open Morning 9.15am – 10.15am for any prospective parents who have a child wishing to start school in September 2027. If you are unable to make this and wish to have a tour around the school with Mr Hough, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

Final match of Y5/Y6 Girls football tournament at Penwortham Priory Academy, 2.15pm –3.30pm

PTFA 'Autumn Pumpkin Disco'

INSET Day **Friday 23rd October** – school closed.

Primary Admissions 2027:

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2027 then you MUST apply on-line at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools The CLOSING DATE FOR PRIMARY APPLICATIONS IS 15th JANUARY 2027.

Please ensure that you also complete the ST OSWALD'S SUPPLEMENTARY FAITH FORM which is available on the school website or from school. The Supplementary Faith Form must then be forwarded to SCHOOL together with a copy of your child's BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE! Please note: If your child was baptised at St Oswald's and you do not have a copy of your child's baptismal certificate, please complete a 'Baptismal Certificate request slip', available from school and post this through the St Oswald's presbytery post-box for Fr Michael.

Secondary Admissions 2027:

If your child is due to transfer to High School in September 2027, then please apply on-line at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools. The CLOSING DATE FOR SECONDARY APPLICATIONS IS 31st OCTOBER 2026.

PTFA update:

We had a really positive and productive PTFA meeting this week, with lots of enthusiasm and great ideas for the year

ahead. We discussed our fundraising aims for the year, which we'll be sharing with families in full very soon.

The first PTFA event is on **Thursday 22nd October**

PTFA 'Autumn Pumpkin' Disco

6.15pm-7pm for Reception, Y1 and Y2 (a parent needs to accompany their Reception child)

7.15pm-8.15pm for Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6.

Tickets are on sale from the school office, £3.50 (cash please) or you can send the money in an envelope and we will send the ticket home with your child. Tuck shop available on the night. Children can wear festive autumn colours, pumpkin motifs/tops, costumes etc or party wear, whatever they want but no scary costumes or props please.

A huge thank you to everyone involved with the PTFA. We're really looking forward to an exciting year of events, while raising valuable funds to benefit all our children.

Health Checks in School:

Nasal Flu Vaccinations: This will take place in school on Wednesday 18th November. Information about the vaccine and how to give consent will be sent out soon.

School Meal Menu:

We are pleased to attach the new Autumn/Winter 2026-27 Menu that will start on Monday 2nd November, which is Week 2 on the school meals calendar. Please find leaflet attached.

Players in Education:

Players will run a seven week Christmas course: 6th November - 18th December. It's called "The Elves Who Wouldn't Mix". A festive fun magical performance! Flyers will be sent home tomorrow, Friday.

If you wish for your child to attend Players, you can sign up at <https://www.playersdramaschool.co.uk/players-in-education/>

Reminders:

Little Church: All our children are invited to come along to Church during Vigil service on Saturday at 5pm where they are welcome to join in the Children's Liturgy at "Little Church". This is a really lovely opportunity to become part of the wider St Oswald's family and support your family's journey of faith.

Community News:

Longton Library half-term performance: Longton Library in conjunction with Spot On Lancashire are holding performances over October half-term. The performances are subsidised by the Arts Council and provide an opportunity for children to watch a live theatre performance: **Is That A Yeti Hetty? – presented by Spot On Lancashire, Tuesday 27/10/2026 (Two performances available 10:00am and 11:00am)**

When your windows need a clean, you cover them in soap and squeegee them. But these window cleaners know the soap suds have more to say! Every window tells a story and this window has an exciting snowy adventure written all over it.

Is That A Yeti Hetty? is a live-illustrated storytelling show for families about a child on a quest to convince her nay-sayers that yetis really do exist. Will Hetty's Himalayan efforts prove that this abominable stranger is just like the rest of us – and might this just be a window on a more tolerant world?

Suitable for ages 3+ Tickets: £2 children (Adults free)

[Book online here](#) **Booking required.** Tickets can also be purchased in Longton Library if you wish to pay with cash.

And finally...

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch with school if you have any queries; please drop us an email or call the school office. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

C.J. Hough
Headteacher

RECEPTION PHONICS WORKSHOP

Please tick which day you can attend. Sessions are from 2pm – 3pm.

I would like to attend the 'Phonics Workshop' session on **Monday 5th October**

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I would like to attend the 'Phonics Workshop' session on **Friday 9th October**

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Name of child: Signed by parent/carer:.....
