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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
Autumn term no. 8– 22nd October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Some of the leaders gathered together. One of the leaders was an expert in the Law and he asked Jesus a question to try and catch him out. "Teacher," he said, "which is the greatest commandment in God's Law?" Jesus replied, "'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and the first commandment. But there is a second commandment like it, that is: 'You must love your neighbour as yourself.' All the teaching of the Law and the Prophets follows from these two commandments.

Update since the last newsletter:

- Reception class had a lovely story session at Longton Library. The staff commented how well the children behaved.
- A big thank you to Lancashire Fire & Rescue for kindly coming into school to deliver safety talks to Y2 and Y6 on Tuesday. Y2 increased their knowledge about fire risks and awareness of what to do in the event of a fire. Y6 looked at road safety, planning safe routes, safe cycling practices (e.g. wearing helmets, "be safe to be seen") and the importance of wearing seatbelts.
- A big thank you to Mrs Nowak who raised over £107 from selling her home-made cakes at the PTFA Cake Sale on Tuesday.
- Thank you to everyone who attended Open Morning today. Lots of families came along to look round our school. Well done to Y6 for being great tour guides!

Reminders:

The British Legion have asked if we will sell poppies on their behalf throughout the week commencing **Monday 2nd November**. If you would like your child to bring a donation into school, please send it in an envelope with your child's name and marked 'Poppy Appeal'. Other poppy items available are: Zip Pull – 50p, Reflectors – 50p, Silicon Wristband - £1.00, Snap Band - £1.50. Each class has an allocated time slot to come along and purchase their poppies.
Tuesday 3rd November – R/Y1/Y2
Wednesday 4th November– Y5/Y6
Thursday 5th November – Y3/Y4

Y6 visit to Museum of Lancashire, Preston on **Monday 2nd November.** Children will have an earlier lunch and leave for an afternoon 'WW2' workshop and return back to school by the end of the day.

Y6 to attend Mass **Tuesday 3rd November** 9.30am in church – everyone invited to come along.

Parents Evening **Wednesday 4th November or Wednesday 11th November**: 3.40pm -6pm in the school classrooms from 3.40pm – 6.00pm. If you haven't had chance yet, please secure your slot as soon as possible. Cut off is Monday 2nd November 12 noon, no more appointments will be available after then. Thank you.

School Meal Promotion 'Bonfire Lunch' **Thursday 5th November** for anyone who doesn't normally have a school lunch. The menu is Firecracker Sausage in a Bun or Catherine Wheel Pizza Whirl served with Smokey Ridge Fries, Garden Peas or Baked Beans or Oven Baked Jacket Potato served with Choice of filling & Salad Selection followed by Sparkling Toffee Cake. If your child would like a school meal on this date, please complete the attached slip and return to school by Tuesday 3rd November and make the payment of £3.00 on ParentPay (Years 3-6).

Y5 visit to Rock & River Centre, Mawdesley **Friday 6th November** for a day of outdoor adventure. Please ensure that Personal Information Forms and medical 3B Forms are returned asap. Full balance to be paid by Friday 30th October. Thank you.

Freddy Fit will be in school all day **Tuesday 10th November** to work with every class promoting fitness and healthy eating. The day is funded from the Sport Premium budget.

Children in Need Fundraising Day **Friday 13th November**. The School Council are busy organising the day. They have asked if all the children could come to school either in their pyjamas or wearing something spotty in return for a donation of £1.

Y5 Parent Assembly **Friday 13th November** in the hall at 2.40pm. Y5 will be presenting their assembly on the theme of 'Friendship' as part of National Anti -Bullying Week. Parents are welcome at 2.40pm.

Y4 Sacramental Programme meeting for parents **Monday 16th November** at 6.30pm **in church** to discuss the programme and the commitment that it will mean over the coming months until your child makes their First Holy Communion in May. **It is important that you attend the meeting. If you are unable to attend, please contact Fr. Michael on 01772 612136.**

Flu Immunisation Vaccination Programme by Intrahealth for children **Wednesday 18th November.**

Y4 visit to Lancaster City Museum **Wednesday 25th November**

Reception visit to British Commercial Vehicle Museum **Friday 27th November**

Y3 will be presenting their assembly for parents on the theme of Advent **Friday 27th November** at 2.40pm in the school hall

Reminder: 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.**

Reminder: 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.

Right Start Road Safety Programme –:
Unit 2 – Safer Places & Stop

This week, Reception children have taken part in the first session of Lancashire County Councils' Unit 2 and Unit 3 Right Start Child Pedestrian Training Programme.

The areas discussed and observed were:

- Quiet and busy roads;
- Driveways/alleyways (vehicles might enter or emerge from these);
- Grass verges (these are not safe to play on as they are usually next to the road);
- Places where vehicles might stop or park by the road;
- Places where vehicles might go to deliver;
- Places to play way from traffic (parks, gardens).
- The importance of stopping at the kerb before crossing the road, to give ourselves time to make sure it is safe;
- The need to stand behind the line of the kerb and to wait sensibly and quietly.

Young children should always be accompanied by an adult when out near roads and it is requested that you reinforce the above when out with your own children. Certificates will be handed w/c 2nd November.

Parking:

Just a reminder about parking again. Please can everyone be considerate to the residents in the area.

- Keep to the parking restrictions – zig zag and double yellow lines
- Keep the pathways clear for pedestrians – a double buggy's width
- Keep the roads clear – refrain from parking on both sides of the road
- Keep neighbouring driveways clear

Community News:

Gentle Friday Movement & Reset: Starting Friday 6th November, Gentle Friday Movement & Reset. Shake off the week and ease yourself into your weekend with this accessible, gentle-paced class. We combine soft movement, mindful breathing and yoga inspired postures to help you unwind. Contact Donatella on 07542017953 for more information or to book on. Please see flyer attached.

And finally…

Queen Camilla is gifting every Year 6 pupil in England, Wales and Northern Ireland a free special edition of 'Impossible Creatures' by Katherine Rundell as part of the Queen's Christmas Present initiative for the National Year of Reading 2026. Your child will come home with this book today which features a special royal stamp on the cover and a printed personal message from Queen Camillia.

Mrs Dean finishes work today to go on maternity leave to prepare for the arrival of their baby girl which is due in a few weeks. We would like to wish Mr/s Dean all the very best and they begin this exciting new chapter!

Wishing everyone a safe half term, thank you for the continued support you give to your child with their reading and home practice. It really does make a difference. A special mention to all the children in Reception who have had such a busy first eight weeks in school; a brilliant start to school life!

As always, get in touch if you have a concern or query. We will try to help as best we can.

Yours sincerely

J. Campbell
Assistant Headteacher

SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION – BONFIRE LUNCH – THURSDAY 5th NOVEMBER 2026

I would like my child to have a school meal on Thursday 5th November. I will ensure payment of £3.00 is made in advance through ParentPay (Year 3 – Year 6 children).

Name of child: ……Year……. Signed……
