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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. 9– 5th November 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The sensible girls took extra oil so they would be able to refill their lamps, but the foolish ones did not. The bridegroom was late, and they all fell asleep. When the bridegroom arrived, they woke up and the wise bridesmaids refilled and lit their lamps and went to the wedding hall with the bridegroom, and the door was closed. But the lamps of the other bridesmaids were almost empty, so they went off to try and get some more oil. They arrived much later but couldn't get in to the wedding because the door was already locked.

Update since the last newsletter:

- Year 6 had a fantastic trip to the war museum on Monday, learning all about D-Day, reconnaissance, espionage and codebreaking. Everyone had a brilliant time exploring the museum and discovering more about life during the Second World War. The children represented our school wonderfully, showing excellent behaviour, enthusiasm and curiosity throughout the visit.

- Thank you to PC Adam and PCSO Barry who came in to school to talk to Y6 about firework safety and law. Lancashire Police, Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service and North West Ambulance Service have teamed up to launch a safety campaign ahead of Bonfire Night. Their aim is to educate young people about the dangers of fireworks and the importance of behaving responsibly during the festivities.

Coming up:

Tuesday 10th November - Freddy Fit will be in school all day to work with every class promoting fitness and Healthy eating. Children will need their PE kit in school.

Tuesday 10th November – Y5 will be joining in with the Parish Mass at 9.30am. Parents welcome.

Thursday 12th November - Scholastic Book Fair 3.15-3.45 pm in the Green Room. Payments can be made by cash, cheque or debit/credit card using the QR code printed on the stall. Books start from £2.99 so feel free to pop in and support the love of reading.
OR
Friday 13th November

Friday 13th November - Children in Need Fundraising Day. The School Council 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.

Friday 13th November - Y5 Parent Assembly 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.

Monday 16th November - Y4 Sacramental Programme meeting for parents 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.**

Tuesday 17th November – Y2 walk to Longton Library.

Wednesday 18th November - Flu Immunisation Vaccination Programme by Intrahealth for children**.** Please use the link below to give consent or not to give consent for your child to have the nasal flu vaccination.

https://www.manage-vaccinations-in-schools.nhs.uk/consents/Y85AYWBg7X/flu/start

Friday 20th November – Reception Maths Workshop 2-3pm. Parents invited to come along to find out how to support your child with Maths in the Early Years. Please complete the slip attached.

Wednesday 25th November -Y4 visit to Lancaster City Museum as part of their History studies. Please ensure that the permission slip is returned back to school and payment is made on ParentPay.

Thursday 26th November – Y5 PE Day at All Hallows (letter sent home yesterday, Thursday 5th November, with further information).

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and Friday 27th November – Y6 Bikeability. 2 day cycle-based training programme run by South Ribble Borough Council. If you would like your child to take part, please complete the form using the QR code on the letter sent home before half term. If your child needs to loan a bicycle and helmet, please let the school office know.

Thursday 26th November - School Meal Promotion 'Lancashire Day' for anyone who doesn't normally have a school lunch. The meal served is Corned Beef Hash with Crusty Bread or Lancashire Cheese & Potato Pie with Garden Peas or Baked Beans followed by Sticky Parkin & Toffee Sauce. If your child is normally on packed lunches and would like a school meal on this date, please complete the attached slip and return to school by Tuesday 24th November and make the payment of £3.00 on ParentPay (Years 3-6).

Thursday 26th November - Final brass/wind lesson for this term. Brass lessons to start for the Spring Term on Thursday 14th January (details to be issued shortly).

Friday 27th November – Reception visit to British Commercial Vehicle Museum as part of their History studies. Please ensure that the permission slip is returned back to school and payment is made on ParentPay.

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

Monday 30th November -Y4 Reconciliation Day with Fr Michael. Y4 Parents invited to church at 2pm for the Service of Reconciliation**.**

Some December dates for your diary…

Tuesday 1st December – Y1 walk to Longton Library in the morning for a Christmas story session.

Tuesday 1st December - We will be doing the annual PTFA Sponsored Santa Dash today at 2.45pm; all the children and staff will be joining in. The children can bring a Christmas hat, Santa beard or the full Santa outfit to wear for the event if they wish to. Sponsor forms will be sent home w/c 16th November with your child. The event is always great fun, gets us fit and raises some money! Parents can come along to spectate or even join in. There will be carols and a cake sale too after the event.

Tuesday 8th December - Infant Nativity starring Reception, Y1 and Y2 in church at 2pm and 6.00pm. School will provide every child with a costume.

Wednesday 9th December – Reception Christmas 'Stay & Play' 2-3pm. Wear your Christmas jumper if you are coming along! Please return the slip below to indicate if you are attending. **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE ATTENDING IN ADVANCE (by Tuesday 8th December) as the staff need to plan for this event.**

Friday 11th December – 'Rock Steady Band' Christmas Performance 2.00pm in the school hall. Parents of children who take part in the sessions are invited to come along and watch the children perform in their bands! This will finish by 3pm.

Admin Reminders:

- **School Lunches**: A week's notice **must** be given if you wish your child to change from packed lunches to school meals, or vice-versa. This is school policy – thank you for your co-operation.
- **Letters:** Check your child's bag on a regular basis to make sure you are not missing out on anything! Any letters issued are also put on the school website. The older your child, the more responsibility they should take for making sure they remember to take letters home.
- **Absence (Illness):** If your child is absent for any reason during the term, please telephone the school **before** 9.30 am on the first morning of your child's absence. If we do not receive a message from, you will receive a telephone call from school to ascertain the reason for your child's absence. This is a "1st Day Contact" system and is part of our safeguarding procedure. On your child's return to school, please provide an email or letter explaining the absence.
- **Absence (Medical/Dental Appointments, etc.) with Appointment Card:** We ask that you make appointments out of school time. However, should you need to take your child out of school for an appointment, please provide school with a copy of the appointment card or letter at least two days in advance of the appointment. If an appointment card is not available, please write a note or email the school with the details of the appointment. Pupils should be collected from the Reception area near the school office. Please ensure that your child has been 'signed out." On your child's return to school, please sign your child back in. This is for health and safety and fire regulation purposes to ensure that all pupils are accounted for.
- Please make sure we have your most up to date details including contact numbers, address and e-mail. If you are unsure that we have the correct details for you, please get in touch.

St Oswald's Parking Parent Pledge:

Parking for any school is always an issue and St. Oswald's is no exception. We would like to try something new to highlight the importance of safe and courteous parking outside our school at drop off and collection times.

We have been working with the local community police and have created a 'Parking Pledge' with the main aim of keeping our children safe. As adults, we are role models to all children and should behave in a courteous and respectful manner to fellow drivers, pedestrians, local residents, staff and visitors. We hope you will support our commitment to reducing congestion around the school gates, improving road safety and to increase the number of children travelling actively and safely to school.

Whilst the pledge is purely to encourage safe and considerate parking, we hope you will follow our suggestions to keep our children safe on their journeys to and from school.

Our Parking Pledge

- Keep to the parking restrictions – do not park on zig zag or 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 and remember to be mindful of our residents when parking in the local area
- Keep junctions clear
- Walk a little further if that is what it takes
- Consider trying alternative ways to travel which will help reduce congestion around school and
- When cycling and scotting dismount before approaching the front gate

Parking Pledge letters will be sent home with your child today.

If you have nay further questions about the parking pledge, please contact the school office or alternatively PC Adam on the email 7560@lancashire.police.uk

Thank you.

Online Safety Newsletter:

Please find attached November's Online Safety Newsletter. Please take the time to read the newsletter. Thank you.

Winter Protection and Flu Vaccinations:

Lancashire County Council have asked if we can share the attached flyer regarding key messages relating to winter protection and viruses.

Community News:

Made Here in Lancashire event: Please find attached flyers regarding Made Here in Lancashire festival happening on Saturday 28th November in New Longton. It is an event to celebrate Lancashire Day with Lancashire businesses showcasing what they do including a drop in craft session 1-2pm for children and also Father Christmas telling a story to the children with each one getting a gift.

And finally…

You may have noticed some wonderful new green additions appearing around our school grounds recently. We are delighted that our school has been partnering with United Utilities on an exciting rainwater management project designed to transform our playground, protect our local environment, and give our children a hands-on way to learn about nature.
As we know, our school has large roofs and hard playground surfaces. During heavy downpours, a massive amount of rainwater rushes off these spaces and straight into the local drainage system all at once, which can overwhelm the network and cause surface flooding.
We have installed brand-new rain gardens, specially designed planters, and deep tree pits. These beautiful new features act like giant natural sponges. Instead of water rushing into the drains, it is captured, stored, and allowed to soak slowly and safely back into the ground.
We are incredibly proud of how our school is helping to build a greener, more climate-resilient future. Be sure to take a look at our fantastic new rain gardens and planters the next time you are dropping off or picking up your children!

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

RECEPTION MATHS WORKSHOP – FRIDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2026

I am able to come along to the Maths Workshop on Friday 20th November.

Name of child: ……. Signature of parent/carer: …….

SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION – 'LANCASHIRE DAY' – THURSDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2026

I would like my child to have a school meal on Thursday 26th November. I will ensure payment of £3.00 is made in advance through ParentPay (Year 3 – Year 6 children).

Name of child: ……Year……. Signed……


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St Oswalds
PTFA
We are asking parents if they are able to help by providing a TOP PRIZE for the
CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
Whether it's personally or through your business/ place of work, we'd be very grateful for your support!
Top Prize Needed
Please contact the school office if you can help.