ST OSWALD'S

- CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL -

Living, Learning and Loving together with Christ

Friday 16th October 2026

Dear Families,

I hope you are all well.

Changes to Photographs on Social Media

You may have noticed a change in the photographs we have recently been sharing on our school's social media pages (Instagram and Facebook), with children now generally photographed from behind or from the side rather than showing their faces.

This follows information shared with schools nationally about concerns over how photographs of children posted online could potentially be misused, particularly with advances in artificial intelligence (AI).

Keeping our children safe will always be our number one priority. In line with a number of other schools across our Trust, we have therefore decided to change how we share photographs on our public social media pages. We will also be reviewing the use of photographs on our school website over the course of this term.

We are genuinely saddened that it has come to this, as we love sharing photographs of the children enjoying the many exciting learning experiences and opportunities we offer at St Oswald's. We also know how much families enjoy seeing what their children have been getting up to in school.

However, we hope you understand why we feel this change is necessary. We will, of course, continue to share and celebrate all the wonderful things happening in school, just in a slightly different way.

Thank you, as always, for your understanding and support.

Parents' Evenings

Thank you to everyone who has already booked an appointment for our upcoming Parents' Evenings next Tuesday and Thursday. Just a reminder that appointments are limited to 10 minutes, so we kindly ask everyone to arrive on time and keep to their allocated slot. This will help us avoid appointments running over and keep waiting times to a minimum for other families. If you feel you may need longer than 10 minutes to discuss your child's progress or any concerns, please arrange a separate meeting with your child's teacher on another day.

Thank you.

Sponsored Bounce

The ever-popular Sponsored Bounce will be returning to St Oswald's on Thursday 22nd October! If you are able to spare some time during the morning to help count bounces, please get in touch with the PTA or the school office. Any help would be greatly appreciated!

Book Fair

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair by purchasing books and other items. Thanks to your generosity, the Book Fair raised a fantastic £1,100, of which the school receives £550 to spend on new books for our school library!

We love encouraging a love of reading at St Oswald's, and being able to add more exciting books to our library is wonderful. We are so grateful for the continued generosity and support of our families.

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Dates for Diaries

Please find below some key dates for the Autumn Term (Please note the change of date in red):

October

Tuesday 20th October – Parents' Evening in school 3:20pm – 6:00pm

Thursday 22nd October – Sponsored Bounce (details to follow)

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Friday 23rd October – Reception & Year 5 'Special Friends' Celebration for parents from both classes 9am

Friday 23rd October – Break up for half term

November

Monday 2nd November – School re-opens for children

Wednesday 4th November – Year 2 'Brush Up' workshop delivered by Newcastle Dental School

Friday 6th November – Year 3 Celebration of the Word for parents in school 9am

Wednesday 11th November – 'Supporting Young People with Anxiety' parent workshop (details to follow)

Wednesday 11th November – Year 4 Youth Village Residential Parents' meeting (in-school) 5pm

Thursday 12th November – PTA AGM (details to follow)

Friday 13th November – Children in Need

Friday 13th November – Year 4 Celebration of the Word for parents in school 9am

w/c Monday 16th November – Anti-bullying Week ('Break the Silence')

Monday 16th November – Odd Socks Day

Monday 16th November – Reception & Year 6 Heights and Weights

Tuesday 17th November – Year 5 Keswick Residential Parents' meeting (online) 5-5:45pm

Tuesday 17th November – Year 6 Borrowdale Residential Parents' meeting (online) 5:45-6:30pm

Friday 27th November - Year 1 Celebration of the Word for parents in school 9am

Friday 27th November – Christmas Fair in school from 3pm (details to follow)

Monday 30th November – Year 5 & Year 6 'Exercise and Mental Health' workshop delivered by the PE service

December

Tuesday 1st December – Annual Nasal Flu Vaccination for all classes in school

Sunday 13th December – Choir singing in Sacred Heart Church hall after 10:30am Mass **(Change of date)**

Tuesday 8th December – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity in school 9am

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Wednesday 9th December – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity in school 9am

Thursday 10th December – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 10th December - Year 3 & Year 4 Nativity in school 9am

Friday 11th December - Year 3 & Year 4 Nativity in school 9am

Friday 11th December – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Storytime with Santa at the Gosforth Civic Theatre

Monday 14th December – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Party in school

Tuesday 15th December – KS2 Christmas Party in school

Wednesday 16th December – Year 5 & Year 6 Christmas Production at Sacred Heart church 7pm

Thursday 17th December – Advent Reflection for families in school 8:20am

Friday 18th December – Christmas Carols/Songs on the KS2 yard (Reception - Year 6) 2:30pm

Friday 18th December – Break up for Christmas

Other important dates:

Wednesday 10th – Friday 12th March – Year 4 Residential Retreat to the Youth Village, Consett

Monday 10th - Thursday 13th May 2027 – Year 6 SATs week (please do not book holidays during this week)

Friday 28th May 2027 - Staff Training Day (School closed to children)

Monday 21st – Wednesday 23rd June 2027 – Year 5 residential to Keswick

Wednesday 23rd - Friday 25th June 2027 – Year 6 residential to Borrowdale

With my very best wishes,

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