ST OSWALD'S

- CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL -

Living, Learning and Loving together with Christ

Monday 5th October 2026

Dear Families,

I hope you are all well.

Parents' Evening Appointments

Our Parents' Evenings will take place on Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd October, between 3.00pm and 6.00pm.

Appointments will be available to book through Arbor from 12 noon tomorrow. Each appointment will be 10 minutes with your child's class teacher.

If you feel you need a longer discussion, please arrange an alternative appointment with your child's teacher at another convenient time. This will help us to keep the evenings running to time and avoid other parents having to wait.

Thank you for your understanding and support. We look forward to seeing you then.

Curriculum Evenings

Thank you to those who were able to attend our Reception Reading and Year 1 to Year 6 Curriculum Evenings last week.

The presentations are now available to view on our school website or by following the link **HERE**.

Online Safety

As those of you who have attended our Year 2 and Year 6 Celebrations of the Word will know, we have shown a short online safety video as part of our ongoing safeguarding work to help keep children safe online.

The videos and further useful information for parents and carers are provided by Internet Matters and can be accessed **HERE**.

We will be showing a short online safety video at all Celebrations of the Word this term. The videos are child-friendly and age-appropriate, so please don't worry if you are bringing younger children along to these events.

Holiday and Term Dates 2027-28

For your information, I have attached our term dates for the **2027–28** academic year alongside this newsletter. The dates are also available to view at any time on our school website by following the link **HERE**.

All things Books!

We are delighted to be welcoming back our Book Fair this week, giving children and families the opportunity to browse and buy a wide range of books and other items. The Book Fair will be available in the Dining hall from 3.00pm–3.30pm on Thursday and Friday this week, and Monday and Tuesday next week.

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As part of our celebration of reading, children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character this Friday (Please do not go to any expense buying a costume). If your child would prefer not to dress as a book character, they are very welcome to simply come to school in non-uniform instead.

Also on Friday, our PTA will once again be selling tickets for their popular Golden Ticket Draw after school. Please see posters around school for more information.

We always enjoy these opportunities to celebrate books and encourage our children's love of reading, and we hope everyone has a fantastic time!

Dates for Diaries

Please find below some key dates for the Autumn Term:

October

Wednesday 7th October – Year 6 STEMfest trip to Newcastle Eagles Arena

Wednesday 7th October – Reception 2027 Open Evening for prospective parents 6pm

Thursday 8th – Tuesday 13th October – Book Fair 3pm-3:30pm in Dining Hall

Friday 9th October – Book Character Day (Children can dress up as a book character or wear non-uniform)

Friday 9th October – PTA Golden Ticket Draw (details to follow)

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

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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 6th December – Choir singing in Sacred Heart Church hall after 10:30am Mass

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

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)

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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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