16th June 2026

Dear families,

I hope you are all well.

Mrs Wynne & Mrs McLeod

At the end of this term, we will be saying farewell to two much-valued members of staff as they begin their well-deserved retirements. Mrs Wynne, who has dedicated an incredible 39 years of service to St Oswald's, and Mrs McLeod, who has been a wonderful Teaching Assistant for the past 15 years, will both be leaving us this summer.

Over many years, Mrs Wynne and Mrs McLeod have made an outstanding contribution to the life of our school. Through their dedication, care and commitment, they have supported and inspired countless children and families and have helped shape the warm and welcoming community we enjoy today.

While we are excited for them as they embark on this new chapter, they will be greatly missed by children, parents, governors and colleagues. We thank them both for their many years of loyal service and wish them every happiness and good health in their retirement.

Summer Fair

Our PTA are excited to invite everyone to our Summer Fair this Friday after school.

It will also be a non-uniform day, and in return we kindly ask for donations of either a bottle or box of chocolates for our tombola stall.

There will be lots for everyone to enjoy, including exciting stalls and games, an ice cream van, inflatables, a coffee van, delicious pizzas, a fantastic raffle with great prizes, and the chance to win a Newcastle United shirt.

It's set to be a fun-filled afternoon and a great chance for our school community to come together, enjoy some treats and support fundraising at the same time.

A big thank you to our PTA for all their hard work in organising what promises to be a fantastic event - we can't wait to see you there!

Online Safety Meeting for Parents (via Zoom)

A reminder that, alongside our school safeguarding partner, we will be holding our annual online session for parents on keeping children safe online.

The session will take place on Zoom at 5:30pm on Wednesday 17th June (tomorrow). Even if you've joined us before, we really encourage you to attend, as apps, games and online trends change so quickly that it's important to stay up to date. To join, you can follow the link here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86753542494

We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

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Social Media and Young People

Even though the social media ban has been announced this week, the new restrictions won't come into effect until early next year. In the meantime, young people can still access social media, and some children may become even more curious about these platforms before the ban comes into place.
To help parents and carers ahead of the new measures taking effect, I have attached a practical guide from Internet Matters to help your child stay safe on social media. It explains the features to watch out for, the risks they can create and the simple steps you can take right now.

Dates for Diaries

Please find below some key dates for the Summer term:

June

Wednesday 17th June – Online Safety presentation for parents (virtual) at 5:30pm

Friday 19th June – Reception class Celebration of the Word in school (9am)

Friday 19th June – Summer Fair 3pm/Non-uniform day in school

Monday 22nd – Wednesday 24th June - Year 5 residential to Keswick

Tuesday 23rd June – Year 3 & Year 4 trip to St Mary's Cathedral to take part in the Diocesan Singing Programme

Wednesday 24th – Friday 26th June - Year 6 residential to Borrowdale

Thursday 25th June – Year 2 trip to the Scotswood Gardens

Friday 26th June – Year 4 Celebration of the Word in school (9am)

Tuesday 30th June - Sports Day (Rec & KS1 9:30-11am/KS2 1:15-2:45pm)

July

Thursday 2nd July - 'Rock Pool School' marine life Science session in Reception class

Thursday 2nd July – Year 6 Leavers' Mass at St Mary's Cathedral with other Newcastle Catholic schools

Thursday 2nd July – Celebration of work drop-in afternoon (3pm – 5pm in classes)

Friday 3rd July – Year 2 Celebration of the Word in school (9am)

Friday 3rd July - Year 5 Drama club's performance of 'The Tempest' at the Northern Stage (6pm)

Wednesday 8th & Friday 10th July - Year 6 Catholic Feeder Secondary school transition days

Tuesday 14th July – Year 6 Leavers' Mass in school (7pm)

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Friday 17th July – Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (9am)

Friday 17th July – School closes for the Summer holidays

With my very best wishes,



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