24th April 2026

Dear families,

I hope you all had a lovely Easter. It's been great to welcome the children back and be able to enjoy some nice weather.

## Children's Cancer Run

It's lovely to see that so many people have already signed up to join us for this year's Children's Cancer Run. The children will be bringing home further information about the event today. Siblings or friends who have previously attended St Oswald's are, as always, very welcome to sign up with our school and join us on the day. If you would still like to enter, you can do so by following the link **HERE**.

## Parking

I have been contacted by the Road Safety Department at Newcastle City Council, who have asked that parents take extra care and avoid parking dangerously when dropping off and collecting children from school. I understand that local residents have also raised concerns with local councillors regarding the situation at these busy times. I would therefore kindly ask all parents and carers to be especially mindful when parking, and to do so considerately, in order to help keep all children, families and local residents safe. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

## Parental Questionnaire

Thank you to those who have already completed the short questionnaire included in my newsletter before the Easter break. If you haven't yet had a chance to do so, please could I ask you to take a couple of minutes to complete it. You do not need to include your name, although it can be helpful if you do, as it allows us to follow up on any concerns and respond more directly to issues raised. All feedback is welcome. The questionnaire includes questions about your child's happiness and safety at school, and also provides an opportunity to let us know what we are doing well so that we can continue to build on our strengths.

Thank you.

## Dates for Diaries

**Please find below some key dates for the Summer term (Recently added dates in red):**

### April

**Tuesday 28th April –** Reception Class Sponsored Scoot

**Thursday 30th April –** Reception Vision Screener

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**May**

**Tuesday 5th - Friday 15th May** – Year 4 swimming sessions at Gosforth Pool (Details to follow)

**Wednesday 6th May** – Year 1 trip to the Castle Keep

**Friday 8th May** – Year 1 Celebration of the Word in school (9am)

**Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May** – Year 6 SATs week

**Sunday 17th May** - Children's Cancer Run at Newcastle Racecourse

**Thursday 21st May –** Reception, Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3 trip to the Theatre Royal to see 'The Enormous Crocodile'

**Thursday 21st May** – Break up for half term

**Friday 22nd May** - Staff Training Day (School Closed to children)

**June**

**Monday 1st June** – School re-opens for the second half of the Summer term

**Wednesday 3rd – Friday 5th June** – Year 4 residential at the Youth Village

**Friday 5th June** – Year 3 Celebration of the Word in school (9am)

**Thursday 11th June** – Reception trip to the Great North Museum

**Friday 12th June** – Year 5 Celebration of the Word in school (9am)

**Friday 12th June** - School photographer in school

**Saturday 13th June** - Year 4 First Holy Communion Celebration at Sacred Heart Church

**Monday 15th June -** School photographer in school

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

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

**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)

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**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

**Wednesday 15th July –** Year 6 Leavers' Mass in school (7pm) **TBC**

**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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