2nd April 2026

Dear families,

I hope you are all well.

Parental Questionnaire

It was lovely catching up with so many families last week at our two Parents' Evenings. We really value hearing from you, as your feedback helps us know what we're doing well and where we can improve. By sharing your views, you're helping us make the school an even better place for all of our children.

Please can I ask you to take a couple of minutes to complete a short survey. You don't have to include your name, but it can be helpful if you do, as it means we can follow up on any concerns and respond more directly to any issues raised.

To complete the short questionnaire, please follow the link.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to share your thoughts with us.

Easter at St Oswald's

Over the past couple of weeks leading up to Holy Week, the children have been given numerous opportunities to reflect and participate in activities, recognising this important time of the year.

Last Wednesday, Year 4 joined pupils from other Newcastle Catholic primary schools to take part in a Stations of the Cross reflection at St Mary's Cathedral.

The following day, families were invited into school for a 'Stay and Pray' session, ahead of a day of reflection during which every class visited the Lenten Prayer Stations in the hall.






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On Monday, the children impressed us all with their creativity and imagination through their beautifully decorated eggs. As always, we were amazed by the variety and high standard of entries. Choosing the winners wasn't easy, but after careful consideration and staff votes, the final decisions were made. Well done to everyone who took part!







On Tuesday, everyone in school came together to take part in the Big Lent Walk in support of CAFOD. As they walked, the children spent time thinking about how they can make thoughtful choices, show kindness and lend a helping hand to others. We were lucky once again to have such lovely weather, and the children thoroughly enjoyed being outdoors and making the most of the amazing surroundings close to school. Between us all, we covered nearly 400 miles and raised £180! Thank you to everyone for your generous donations and to those who came along to support on the day.









On Tuesday evening, Year 4 and Year 5 presented their retelling of the Passion at Sacred Heart Church. It was a moving and reflective portrayal of Jesus' journey to the cross, told beautifully through a combination of words, music and dance. Staff, families and members of the parish were incredibly proud of the children and the thoughtful, poignant way they shared this important story.







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This morning, the children in Reception class shared their very joyful version of the Easter story with families and friends. The children sang, danced and prayed beautifully – it was such a pleasure to see!






Last Friday, Easter came early for many of our children who took part in the PTA 'Golden Ticket Chocolate Bar' giveaway. There was lots of excitement and happy faces when this ever-popular annual event returned, where everyone is a winner! It was a lovely way to end the week and another great way to bring the school community together. A big thank you to the PTA, everyone who helped, and to all who bought a ticket!






Dance Festival

After weeks of hard work after school, our Year 4 Dance Club lit up the stage at the Whitley Bay Playhouse, performing alongside schools from across the city at the Newcastle PE Sport Service Dance Festival. They gave their very best on the day and were absolutely amazing - everyone was so proud of them!






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PE Days After Easter

After Easter, the days each class has PE will remain the same.
Children will continue to have PE on the following days:

Reception: Monday & Thursday

Year 1: Tuesday & Friday

Year 2: Thursday & Friday

Year 3: Monday & Wednesday

Year 4: Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 5: Monday & Thursday

Year 6: Tuesday and Friday

Comic Relief – Red Nose Day

Thank you once again for your kind donations to this amazing cause. As a school, we raised an amazing £323.87 through online and cash donations – thank you so much, as always, for your support with this.

Social Media

We have received lots of fantastic feedback on our social media posts.

We have moved our social media presence from X (formerly Twitter) to Facebook and Instagram.

You can find even more photos of the activities featured in this newsletter, along with many other exciting things the children have been doing in school on our pages. Follow us on Facebook at *St Oswald's Primary School* and on Instagram at *@stoswaldsnewcastle*.

Dates for Diaries

Please find below some key dates for the Summer term:

April

Thursday 2nd April – Break up for the Easter holidays

Monday 20th April – School re-opens for the Summer term

Tuesday 21st April – Year 5 visit to the Northern Stage

Thursday 23rd April – Year 1 trip to the Live Theatre

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 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

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)

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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

I hope you have a lovely Easter.

With my very best wishes,



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