ST OSWALD'S

- CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL -

Living, Learning and Loving together with Christ

Friday 13th February 2026

Dear Families,

I hope that you are all well.

Child-Friendly Behaviour Policy

Our School Council have been working hard to create a child-friendly version of our updated Behaviour Policy. They have carefully rewritten it into a clear, one-page format, which every child has now brought home. To make it even more accessible and easier for all children to understand, the School Council are inviting pupils to take part in a competition to add illustrations or symbols to the policy. The winning entry will receive a prize, and their illustrated version will be published on our website and displayed around the school. All competition entries should be submitted to Mrs Morris by Friday 27th February.

PE Arrangements for next half term

After half term, the days that some classes have PE will be changing. The classes with updated PE days have been highlighted below:

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

New Lunch Menus

When we return after the half-term break, we will be moving to our summer menus. A copy of the new three-week rotating menus from February to July, has been attached alongside this newsletter. They can also be viewed by following the link **HERE**. The updated pictorial menus will be uploaded to the website as soon as we receive them.

PTA Cake Sale

A huge thank you to our fantastic PTA and to everyone who supported the Valentine's Cake Sale, especially those who generously donated or baked cakes. It was a tremendous success (despite the horrendous weather), raising an amazing £240 – an incredible achievement!

School Attendance

We are really grateful for the continued commitment shown by our children and families regarding attendance. While our attendance rate remains strong at 97.5%, just slightly under our ambitious 98% target, it reflects the collective efforts of our school community - especially during these colder months when illnesses can spread more easily. Thank you for your support.
A reminder that you can view an up-to-date attendance figure for your child when you open the Arbor app.
If you would like any advice or support regarding attendance, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

PTO for Dates for Diaries

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Dates for Diaries

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

February

Monday 23rd February - School re-opens for the second half of the Spring term

Tuesday 24th February – Children's North East Parent workshop *'Communication and Conflict'* 1:30-2:45pm

March

Monday 2nd – Wednesday 4th March - Year 5 Bikeability (Details to follow)

Tuesday 3rd March – Drama Club Production of Joseph in school

Thursday 5th March – Drama Club Production of Joseph in school

Friday 6th March – Children's author Naomi Barley leading reading workshops across school

Friday 6th March – Year 1 Celebration of the Word for parents in school 9am

Friday 13th March – Year 3 Celebration of the Word for parents in school 9am

Friday 20th March – Red Nose Day 2026

Friday 20th March – Year 5 Celebration of the Word for parents in school 9am

Monday 23rd March - Year 4 Bikeability (Details to follow)

Tuesday 24th March – Year 3 & Year 4 taking part in a rugby festival at Northern Ruby club

Tuesday 24th March - Parents' Evening in school (all classes)

Wednesday 25th March – Year 4 Stations of the Cross at St Mary's Cathedral

Thursday 26th March - Parents' Evening in school (all classes)

Monday 30th March - Easter Egg competition in school

Tuesday 31st March – Year 4 & Year 5 Easter Production at Sacred Heart Church 7pm (New date)

April

Wednesday 1st April – Year 4 Dance Festival at the Whitley Bay Playhouse (Details to follow)

Thursday 2nd April – Reception class Easter Story for parents in school 9am

Thursday 2nd April – Break up for the Easter holidays

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

With my very best wishes,

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