ST OSWALD'S

- CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL -

Living, Learning and Loving together with Christ

Friday 12th December 2025

Dear Families,

I hope that you are all well.

Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair took place at school last week and was, once again, a wonderful success! A huge thank you to our fantastic PTA and to everyone who came along to support the event. Together, we raised an impressive **£1,750** for our school! This achievement was made possible not only by those who attended, but also by everyone who bought raffle tickets, donated items for the stalls, and the generous individuals and businesses who contributed raffle prizes - a brilliant team effort all round!

Sunday Times Top 1000 Schools

We are delighted to share that we have been ranked 125th in the Sunday Times Parent Power top 1000 highest-achieving primary schools, based on Year 6 SATs results. We are proud to have consistently appeared in the list over the years, including another top 500 finish last year – a great achievement out of more than 16,000 state primary schools nationwide. A huge congratulations to all of our children, staff and families whose hard work and dedication have made this fantastic achievement possible.

Bambinelli Sunday

A reminder that this weekend is Bambinelli Sunday. Children are invited to bring the knitted Baby Jesus figures they took home from school last year (or last week for children in Reception) to Mass at either St. Charles' or Sacred Heart, where they will receive a special blessing.
Our school Christmas choir are performing in the church hall after 10:30am Mass so it would be lovely to see you there.

Christmas Parties

The Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Party will take place on Monday 15th December, and the KS2 Christmas Party will be on Tuesday 16th December. Children are welcome to come to school in their party clothes on their party day. Some sweets and crisps will be provided, so there will be no need to send in anything extra.

Carols by Candlelight

The parish will be holding their Carols by Candlelight Service at Sacred Heart Church on Monday 15th December at 7pm. St Oswald's children and families are warmly invited to attend, and any children who would like to take part in the service will be offered a role. It is always a beautiful and moving celebration.

End of term Reports

End-of-term progress reports for children in Years 1 to 6 will be sent home via email next week. As in previous years, parents of children in Reception will instead be invited to an additional parents' meeting in the new year.

Carols on the KS2 yard

As always, we hope to end the term with all of our classes singing Christmas carols and songs on the KS2 yard at 2:30pm next Friday. Everyone is invited to join us for this festive celebration. Fingers crossed for good weather!

PTO for Dates for Diaries

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

December

Sunday 14th December – School Choir singing Carols in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall after 10:30am Mass (note date change)

Monday 15th December – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Party in school

Monday 15th December – Year 3 trip to the Great North Museum

Tuesday 16th December – KS2 Christmas Party in school

Wednesday 17th December – Christmas Lunch day

Wednesday 17th December – Year 5 & Year 6 Christmas Production at Sacred Heart church 7pm

Thursday 18th December – Short Advent reflection for families before school 8:20am

Friday 19th December – Christmas Carols/Songs on the KS2 yard (Reception – Year 6) 2:30pm (weather-permitting)

Friday 19th December – Break up for the Christmas holidays

Other important dates:

Monday 5th January 2026 – Staff Training Day (School Closed to children)

Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May 2026 – Year 6 SATs week

Friday 22nd May 2026 - Staff Training Day (School Closed to children)

With my very best wishes,

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