ST OSWALD'S

- CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL -

Living, Learning and Loving together with Christ

Friday 21st November 2025

Dear Families,

I hope that you are all well.

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who generously supported Children in Need last Friday.
We are delighted to share that, thanks to your kindness, a fantastic total of £332 was raised through both cash and online donations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will make a huge difference to this wonderful cause.

Residential Meetings

Thank you to everyone who joined our Year 5 and Year 6 online residential presentations, as well as our Year 4 presentation in school.
If you were unable to attend, the presentation slides are available on the school website which you can access by following the link **HERE.** Once on the site, please go to *Pupils - Class Blogs* and select your child's year group to view the information.
A short one-question survey will be shared next week for parents to confirm if their child/children will be attending the residential visits.

MHST Webinar for Parents and Carers

On 26th November, the ICB's Mental Health Support Team provider, The Children's Society (TCS), will be hosting a webinar for parents and carers on supporting children with anxiety and worries.
TCS is keen to share this opportunity as widely as possible with schools and families.
The flyer containing all the relevant details, including how to sign up, is attached.

Parking around the school gates

Can I please remind families not to park or stop on the yellow zig-zag lines near the school gate during pick-up and drop-off times. We understand that it can be challenging to find a convenient parking space at these busy times, but stopping on the zig-zags creates a safety risk for the many children entering and leaving the school grounds.
Thank you in advance for your co-operation and support in keeping our children safe.

AI Videos

AI technology can now generate extremely realistic videos that are often difficult - and sometimes impossible - to distinguish from genuine footage. From hoax news to abusive deepfakes, these videos have the potential to mislead, manipulate and cause harm. As AI tools become more advanced and widely accessible, young people are increasingly at risk of coming across fake but convincing content online.
The parents' guide attached alongside this email explains the risks associated with AI-generated videos, including the emotional impact of viewing distressing fake content and the potential for impersonation, bullying and other forms of misuse.

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

November

Friday 28th November - Year 1 Celebration of the Word for parents in school 9am

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December

Wednesday 3rd December – Year 5 Carols at St Mary's Cathedral with other Newcastle Catholic Primary Schools

Friday 5th December – Non-uniform day in school (Any donations to the tombola stall would be most welcome)

Friday 5th December – Christmas Fair in school from 3pm

Tuesday 9th December – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity in school 9am

Wednesday 10th December – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity in school 9am

Thursday 11th December – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 11th December – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 visit to the Gosforth Civic Theatre for story time with Santa

Thursday 11th December - Year 3 & Year 4 Nativity in school 9am

Friday 12th December - Year 3 & Year 4 Nativity in school 9am

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

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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