ST OSWALD'S

- CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL -

Living, Learning and Loving together with Christ

Monday 10th November 2025

Dear Families,

I hope that you are all well.

Odd Socks Day – Thursday 13th November

In support of Anti-Bullying Week, our School Council would like to raise awareness by holding an *Odd Socks Day* on Thursday 13th November. Children are invited to come into school wearing odd socks to celebrate our uniqueness and promote kindness.

Children in Need – Friday 14th November

Children in Need is taking place on Friday 14th November. To mark the event, we will be holding a non-uniform day. Children are welcome to wear something spotty, something with Pudsey on it, something comfortable (such as pyjamas or a onesie), or simply their own clothes. Any donations, however big or small, will be very gratefully received on the day. Thank you in advance for your support!

Parent Residential Meetings

Next week, we will be holding meetings for the parents of children in Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 regarding the upcoming residentials in the summer term.
The Year 5 and Year 6 meetings will be held online on Tuesday 18th November.
The meeting for the Year 5 trip to Keswick will start at 5pm and will be followed by the meeting for the Year 6 trip to Borrowdale at 5:45pm.
Links to join the online meetings will be sent out nearer the time.
The meeting for the Year 4 trip to the Youth Village will take place in person in school on Wednesday 19th November at 5pm.
If you are unable to attend, the PowerPoint presentations will be shared shortly after the meetings.

PTA Annual General Meeting – Reminder

A reminder that the St Oswald's PTA Committee would like to invite you to attend their Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Thursday 13th November at 8:45am in school. Everyone is welcome to come along - it would be lovely to see you there.

Change of Date – Christmas Choir Performance

Due to a clash of events, the date for the Christmas Choir performance has been changed. We were originally scheduled to perform after Mass on Sunday 30th November, but the parish hall has been booked for another event. The new performance date will be **Sunday 14th December** instead.
We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause, but we have only recently been made aware of the clash.

Be Bright Be Seen Day

Please see the message below from the Parklands Crossing Team:

The Parklands Crossing Team would like to thank the whole community across Gosforth Park First School, St Oswald's Catholic Primary School and Gosforth East Middle School for your continued support to raise money to pay for our lovely lollipop lady. All 3 schools took part in a Be Bright Be Seen day, which included a non-uniform day, 2 school discos and a Sponsored Bounce which raised a whopping £2,423! This money will be added to our Just Giving page and is a huge step towards reaching our target. We are continuing to work with the Council to secure longer term measures, but in the meantime, we will do everything we can to ensure all children have a safe crossing to school. Thanks so much.

PTO for Dates for diaries

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

November

Thursday 13th November – Odd Socks Day in school

Thursday 13th November – PTA AGM in school 8:45am (Details to follow)

Wednesday 12th November – Year 1 trip to Asda

Thursday 13th November – PTA AGM in school 8:45am

Friday 14th November – Children in Need non-uniform day

Friday 14th November – Year 4 Celebration of the Word for parents in school 9am

Tuesday 18th November – Year 5 Keswick Residential meeting for parents 5pm (Online)

Tuesday 18th November – Year 6 Borrowdale Residential meeting for parents 5:45pm (Online)

Wednesday 19th November – Year 4 Youth Village meeting for parents 5pm (in-school)

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

December

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

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

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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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