



# St Oswald's CE Primary School

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## School Diary Dates 2024

### February

2nd Residential meeting 2:45pm  
8th Book Fair arrives  
8th Y5/6 netball Malbank 3:30  
12th Y6 SATs meeting 3:15pm  
13th Parents Evening  
13th Y1/2 Chester Zoo trip  
13th Parent coffee afternoon 1pm  
15th Parents Evening top up  
16th Break up for half term  
26th Back to school  
27th Y4 TT meeting 3:15pm

### March

5th Paralympian athlete visit  
28th Academy photography  
29th Bank Holiday

### April

15th Y5/6 Residential  
17th Y3/4 Residential

## Attendance of the week

93% Owls

## Happy Birthday to you

Happy birthday to Ophelia, Millie and Darcy.  
We hope you have a magical day.



*"Let your light shine"*

Matthew 5:16

## This term we are celebrating courage

### Prayer of the week

Dear Lord,  
Thank you for the gift of children.  
Amen

### Baby Croft

Our little baby is here! Zoe Joy Croft was born on Sunday 28th January at 10:12am weighing 7lbs 15oz. We just wanted to say a huge thank you for all the support, messages and gifts that we have received. We truly appreciate each and every one. We cannot wait to introduce her to the rest of her St Oswald's family soon. Love Mrs Croft x



## Mrs McDonough's Messages

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a great Number Day today in school, after such a busy week too! There will be lots of pictures being added to Facebook and Class Dojo over the coming days, so please keep an eye out. Year 5/6 have been out this week at Safety Central in Lymm, learning all about how to stay safe in different situations whilst out and about and in the home. Nursery and Reception have all been mechanics this week, making checks on tyres, engines and exhausts! Big thanks to Rover On garage for sending George the mechanic out to work with the children. Year 1 and 2 are continuing to learn about animals ready for their Chester Zoo trip before half term; penguins and lions seem to be the favourites! Year 3/4 have been working so hard at improving their sentences, including adding adjectives, prepositional language and adverbs. Some of their writing is simply amazing!

### Educational Visits

Apologies for having to cancel the Residential Meeting at such short notice, but due to the recent numbers of confirmed and suspected cases of Scarlet Fever and Strep A, we made the decision to not have half of the school and their parents sat in the hall together. Hopefully after the weekend break, the children will be feeling better and back to normal. We are hoping to deliver this meeting as soon as possible; a text and Dojo will be sent next week. Information packs and forms will be coming home today as planned; please speak to the class teacher if you have any questions.

A letter has gone out to all children in Years 4-6 about swimming in April and we have planned several more trips taking place throughout this term and next. We will be sending out letters and messages about these to individual classes.

### PTA News

The PTA are planning a Valentine's Disco on Wednesday 14th February from 4.30pm-6pm. Included in the ticket price will be a drink and snack, but there will also be a tuck shop and tattoos, face painting and luck dips. The PTA are needing 4 more volunteers to help out at the event selling sweets and drinks on the tuck shop; please speak to a member of the PTA or myself if you can spare the time.

They are also planning a movie night in early March and an exciting Easter Bingo for children and families on Friday 22nd March in the evening. More information will be given in the next few weeks.

### Scholastic Book Fair

All of the children in Year 2 to 6 are being assessed in reading next week and will be given their reading range/level for Accelerated Reader. We have seen a huge increase in the amount children are reading at home, and some children are excited to do the reading quiz to see if they have made progress. We also have the Book Fair which will be available daily after school between 8th to 15th Feb and for parents evening on the 13th. Cash or card can be taken as payment.

Have a great weekend, and if you need to speak to me or contact me for any reason, please don't hesitate to telephone or email [principalstoswalds@RCSAT.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:principalstoswalds@RCSAT.cheshire.sch.uk).

Kind Regards,

*Louise McDonough*

## Let Your Light Shine, Our Stars of the Week



**Mrs McDonough 's Star of the Week** - Sophia for being a huge ambassador for our school when meeting HRH The Princess Royal, Ed for having a positive attitude and great effort with his hand writing, Lyra for being super smiley and super focused in phonics and Priscilla for super speed and effort in phonics this week

**Owls** - Obi for some super independent writing about his friends, also Albert for trying really hard to be more independent

**Deers** - Maddie for brilliant solving of word problems, also Louna for working hard on her spellings at home

**Hedgehogs** - Gretl for her great answers in flashback sessions, also Aggie for her fabulous sentences in English

**Foxes** - Walter and Daniel for their super ideas in English, also Layla for being such a fantastic representative of school on our trip

**PE Star of the Week** - Jess B, Fleur, Eva and George H for amazing hard work and resilience in PE this week

**Wraparound care star of the week** - Sienna W for being helpful and kind at wraparound care

### Christian Value - Courage

**Owls** - Marlowe for being brave and saying goodbye to his grown ups in the morning

**Deers** - Ollie for putting his hand up to answer questions in phonics

**Hedgehogs** - Skylar for being so courageous with joining her writing

**Foxes** - Sophia for her amazing courage in her extra curricular activities



Eleanor	Edward
Aggie H	Cara
Jamie	Ed
Leonardo	Grace
Joseph Ma	Maddie W



### School Lunch/Snack price increase

From 01.01 the price of a school lunch has increased to £2.75 and bacon sandwich with a drink is now £1.60

## Children and Families Service Education Welfare Service

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### TAKING CHILDREN ON HOLIDAY DURING TERM TIME A guide for parents and carers

#### Frequently asked questions

#### Am I entitled to take my child out of school for a family holiday?

**No.** Parents have a legal duty to ensure that their children attend school or the alternative provision on a regular basis. The Education Act 1996 makes it a criminal offence for a parent to *"fail to secure their child's regular attendance at the school"*. The amendments to the 2006 Regulations remove any reference to *family holidays, extended leave and the statutory threshold of ten school days*. The amendments make clear that **Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence (holiday) during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances**. The amendments give **parents no entitlement** to take their child out of school for a holiday in term time. The Head Teacher and Governing Body will determine what the exceptional circumstances are.

#### If we decide to take a holiday during term time what should we do?

The parent/carers with whom the child resides must apply in writing to the school.

The letter/application must explain the exceptional circumstance surrounding the request for the leave of absence.

#### What will the school do then?

The Principal will determine whether the exceptional circumstance ruling applies; if not, the application will be declined.

Only the Principal has the power to approve leave of absence applications. When making the decision, the protocols and criteria laid down in the school's attendance policy must be followed.

Each academic year, schools inform parents/carers via a letter, newsletter or some other communication;

that they may receive a Fixed Penalty Notice if their child has unauthorised absences in term time.

You will receive a written response from the Principal letting you know if your application has been approved.

If the holiday goes ahead after the application has been declined, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

#### What will happen if the absence is unauthorised?

The school will decide if a Fixed Penalty Notice should be issued. If the school decides that a Fixed Penalty Notice is to be issued, you will receive a letter from the school advising that it has referred the matter to the Local Authority and that a Fixed Penalty Notice may be issued;

The school will inform the Local Authority that a Fixed Penalty Notice needs to be issued.

A Fixed Penalty Notice will be sent to you, accompanied by an explanatory letter; the Notice gives you the opportunity to pay a penalty fine instead of being prosecuted in the criminal courts.

Penalties for unauthorised absence		
Timeline	One child	Two children
Paid within 21 days	£60 per parent	£60 per child = £120 per parent
After 21 days and before 28 days	£120 per parent	£120 per child = £240 per parent
After 28 days	You will receive a summons to appear before the Magistrates' Court on the grounds you have failed to secure your child's regular attendance.	You will receive a summons to appear before the Magistrates' Court on the grounds you have failed to secure your children's regular attendance.





24 January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you enjoyed the Christmas break and that the start of the School Spring Term has been smooth.

I have asked your child/children's school, to kindly share with you details of our upcoming Mental Health and Wellbeing Parent Carer Workshops and our delivery schedule, for this half term. The workshops are free to attend, and we welcome families/carers in Cheshire East or families/carers of children who attend a school in Cheshire East. Details of the workshops and how to book them can be found in the information attached.

Should you be unable to attend a workshop of interest due to the date or timings, please contact us via [FamiliesandCommunitiesTeam@Visyon.org.uk](mailto:FamiliesandCommunitiesTeam@Visyon.org.uk).

We also provide Family Wellbeing support for parents and carers, which is tailored support and guidance for families, at an early stage, when it is needed most. This support can be accessed via a Visyon Parent Open Access Appointment (details can be found in the attached information), which can be booked directly by yourselves via our Initial Contact Team on 01260 290 000.

Thank you once again for taking the time to read my letter and the attached information, I appreciate, that as a parent time can be in short supply. I wish you and your family a productive half-term and if you require any further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [louise.marsh@visyon.org.uk](mailto:louise.marsh@visyon.org.uk)

Thank you.

*Louise*

**Louise Marsh | She/Her**

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FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES TEAM



## PARENT/CARER WORKSHOP

### Blended Families

Wednesday 07th February 2024, 10:30 am – 12.00 pm

Our Families and Communities Team is pleased to offer a **90-minute Parent/Carer workshop**. This workshop explores what we mean by the term 'Blended Family' and how to navigate your blended family to make it a family. This workshop looks at challenges faced when families blend and will explore step-parenting, co-parenting, bonding, boundaries and the general challenges you and your family may face.

The Workshop is available to parents/carers in **Cheshire East** and will be held at **Visyon in Congleton** for **face-to-face** delivery. If you would like to book a place on the workshop, please contact [FamiliesandCommunitiesTeam@Visyon.org.uk](mailto:FamiliesandCommunitiesTeam@Visyon.org.uk), who will contact you with further details.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come basis.



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## PARENT/CARER WORKSHOP

**Supporting your child's transition to their next school.**

Wednesday 14th February 2024, 10:30 am – 12.00 pm

Our Families and Communities Team is pleased to offer a **90-minute Parent/Carer Workshop**. This workshop explores how you can support your child through the important transition. We look at understanding your child's needs, their worries and behaviours. We will look at how to plan their transition with them and explore any possible barriers. We will look at ways you can help them to say goodbye correctly and how you can explore with them their hopes and dreams.



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Location: Granary Arts cafe, Welsh row

£140 for the week- £30 non-refundable deposit required at time of booking.

For more information please contact Fiona: [musicboxmeditations@gmail.com](mailto:musicboxmeditations@gmail.com)



A promotional image for "The Battle of Nantwich". It features a group of soldiers in red uniforms and hats, holding long rifles, in a snowy field. The text "HOLLY HOLY DAY" is at the top in red. Below it, "THE BATTLE of NANTWICH" is written in large white letters, with "of" in red. Underneath, "SATURDAY 27th JANUARY" is in large yellow letters. To the right of the soldiers, the text "Nantwich Town Centre: 10am" and "Battle - Mill Island: 2pm" is written in white. At the bottom right, there is a logo for "RHINO SAFETY" which includes a blue silhouette of a rhino and the text "RHINO SAFETY" in white.