



St Oswald's CE Primary School

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School Diary Dates 2024

February

8th Book Fair arrives
12th Y6 SATs meeting 3:15pm
13th Parents Evening
13th Y1/2 Chester Zoo trip
13th Parent coffee afternoon 1pm
14th Last day for Book Fair
14th Valentines Disco
15th Parents Evening
16th Break up
26th Back to School
27th Y4 TT meeting 3:15pm
28th SENSE Day meetings
29th SENSE Day meetings

March

1st High School offers released
5th Paralympian athlete visit
7th World Book Day
11th Y5/6 Easter Hope Journey
28th Academy photography
28th Break up
29th Bank Holiday

April

12th Funky Choir concert @ Church
15th Back to School
15th Y5/6 Residential
17th Y3/4 Residential
22nd Y4-Y6 Swimming Lessons week

May

6th Bank Holiday
13th SATs week Y6

Attendance of the week

Foxes

94%

"Let your light shine"

Matthew 5:16

This term we are celebrating courage

Prayer of the week

Dear Lord,
Give us strength to persevere even when we feel like giving up.
Help us to see the beauty in each new day.
Show us that kindness, love and a smile can travel for miles.
Through your eyes.
Amen

Important Notice

We will be changing our payment system from SchoolMoney on 1st June 2024, could you please log into your account and ensure all balances are cleared before this date

Do you work in STEM or know someone who does? We are planning an exciting Science Week for our children and would love to invite in guests to talk to the children and share what they do.

If you think you might be able to help then please speak to me,
Thank you!
Mrs Tomlinson



Happy Birthday to you

Happy birthday to Amelie and Karen,
We hope you have a magical day.



Mrs McDonough's Messages

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very busy week again here at St Oswald's, with lots of exciting lessons taking place, including music using brass instruments, learning to identify and classify different rocks and tasting Chinese food whilst learning about Chinese New Year.

Punctuality and Attendance

As you may have noticed this morning, Elisha Wollaston from Cheshire East attendance team joined me on the gate this morning to welcome you all into school. Elisha is working with the school to improve attendance and punctuality as we have been identified as a school that has a significant number of children late on a daily basis. As a reminder, if a pupil shows up after the gate has shut at 8:45am and the register has been taken, the morning is classed as an unauthorised absence session. If a pupil has more than 10 sessions of unauthorised absence, parents can be liable for a fixed penalty notice from the Local Authority. Elisha will be doing monthly visits and speaking to parents where children are persistently late. Lessons begin at 8.50am and even 5 minutes missed a day equates to 25 minutes a week, and almost 3 hours a half term. Every minute counts! From Monday if your child arrives late, you will need to sign the late arrivals book and provide a written reason for lateness.

Oxford Owls

Following the reading survey that Mrs Tomlinson set up on School Spider a few weeks ago, we were delighted with the number of parents in support of reading using the online library we have recently trialled. We will therefore be continuing with this subscription, but also will be fundraising later this month to purchase a range of books that complement this scheme, as we know that some children still prefer a physical book to read. Many thanks to all those that took part.

Parents Evening

We are looking forward to seeing so many of you next week during parents evening. There are still some time slots available if you still need to book in. I will be available on Tuesday throughout the afternoon and evening but unfortunately will be out at a Headteacher's Conference on Thursday that finishes in the evening. However, Mrs Cliffe will be available if you have any questions or need to speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

PTA—Valentine's Disco

The PTA are busy preparing for the Valentine's Disco on Wednesday! You can pay on the night, and it starts at 4.30pm until 6pm. There will be games, sweets and much more on the night, so don't forget your pennies!

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.

Kind Regards,

Louise McDonough

Let Your Light Shine, Our Stars of the Week



Mrs McDonough 's Star of the Week - Phoebe for great effort in class discussion and speaking to the class, Poppy for wonderful effort in writing and phonics, Marcella for great effort in reading and Maddie W for being a great friend to everyone, always.

Owls - Leonardo for wonderful Chinese writing, also Oscar for trying really hard in Maths

Deers - The whole class for lovely questions for our visitor about Botswana and South Africa

Hedgehogs - Olivia and Isaac for fabulous partner reading and teamwork this week

Foxes - Phoebe for always rising to the challenge in Maths, also Seb for making super progress in his reading quizzes

PE Star of the Week - Margot, Pip, Grace and Maddie for excelling in PE this week

Wraparound care star of the week - Lewis for being super well behaved and helping with his younger peers

Christian Value - Courage

Owls - Agnes for always approaching new challenges with a smile

Deers - Eva for having courage when facing tricky Maths

Hedgehogs - Gretl for courageously asking for Maths to do, even when she was poorly at home

Foxes - All of Y6 for showing courage and perseverance in their practice SATs papers

Medication in school

A reminder school can only administer medication that has been prescribed by a doctor, is in its original packaging and has the pharmacy label with the child's name in place.

If your child needs medication during school hours, please come to the school office where a form will need completing. The medicine will be kept in a secure place and administered by 2 trained first aiders.

If your child is asthmatic and needs an inhaler during school hours, then please come to the school office to complete a medication form. The form and inhaler will be kept in a safe place in your child's classroom and will be accessible to them at all times. We will monitor expiry dates and let you know when we are needing new items.

Please note all medication will be kept in a secure place. Please inform the school immediately if there are any changes to regular medication.

Thank you



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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/carer 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.

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

Thank you.

Louise

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FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES TEAM



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.



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, who will contact you with further details. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come basis.



FREE GIRLS FOOTBALL

STARTING 29TH FEB 2024



THURSDAYS 17:30 - 18:30PM

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Try something **NEW** or **DEVELOP YOUR SKILL SET?**

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5 WEEKS OF FREE TRAINING

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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
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