



# St Oswald's CE Primary School

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## School Diary Dates 2024

### February

- 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
- 21st World Down Syndrome Day
- 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
- 24th Break up

### June

- 3rd Inset Day

### July

- 19th Last day of academic year

### Attendance of the week

Owls

100%

*"Let your light shine"*

Matthew 5:16

This term we are celebrating courage

### Prayer of the week

Dear Lord,

Thank you for giving me the courage to be strong.

Thank you for giving me the strength to persevere.

Thank you for showing me that with perseverance and determination we can all be the very best we can be.

Amen

### Important Notice

We will be changing our payment system from School-Money on 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Noah and Eleanor,

We hope you have a magical day.



## Mrs McDonough's Messages

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's the end of the first half term in 2024, and it is so lovely to see the sunshine! Hopefully this will continue into next week as we all get a lovely break.

We have sent home a letter about My Maths with pupils in Years 1-6 today, ready for your child to access some homework over the break if they get a spare 15 minutes. We also have incentives for extra reading and spelling over the half term too, so please encourage your child to pick up a book or log in to Oxford Owls when they get chance. At parents evening, we showed you some homework books that you can purchase if you're interested. These are available on School Money and we will be putting at order in on 1st March. If you wish to purchase any and have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

### PTA Disco

Huge thanks to all the staff and parents helpers that made the disco so fun! The children had a great time and we raised an amazing £302.53! This will be going towards our ultimate goal this year to purchase 6 ipads in each class, ready for pupils to access reading assessments, books, computing lessons and much more! The next event will be a movie night—keep an eye out for the date coming up after half term!

### Punctuality

Many thanks to all parents who have tried so hard this week to get their children in on time. We had an amazing start to the week, with a couple of pupils late on Tuesday and none on Wednesday. However, we had 6 children late this morning. Please remember that every minute counts and it is hugely disruptive to the school and classes when children appear even a couple of minutes late.

### PE

PE days will be changing back to normal after half term.

Years 1-6 — PE will be on Mondays and Tuesdays, and so will need to be in PE kit on these days. Please make sure your child has trainers as the playground can be slippery, and wearing either black shorts or black tracksuit bottoms. A black hoodie or tracksuit jacket can also be worn.

Have a great week whatever you are doing, 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** - Pip for being helpful and kind, Chloe for being thoughtful and kind always, Olivia for always thinking of others, also Sienna H for always thinking of others

**Owls** - Poppy for her wonderful pancake writing, also William for making an amazing den with his friends

**Deers** - Maddie and Ryan for their great writing in geography

**Hedgehogs** - Harley and George E for amazing reading and times tables

**Foxes** - Nuala for fantastic narrative writing in English, also Eli for making such super progress on Accelerated Reader

**PE Star of the Week** - Lyra, Walter and Florence for fantastic achievements in PE this week

**Ethos Team choice** - All the teachers in school for all their hard work

**Wraparound care star of the week** - Ryan L for clearing up and helping without being asked and being a great role model

## Christian Value - Courage

**Owls** - All of the children for bravely holding the nocturnal animals that visited our class

**Deers** - All the class for being inspired by Nelson Mandela's story

**Hedgehogs** - Stanley for being courageous with his reading this week

**Foxes** - Noah, Grace, Edith, Seb, Jess, Layla, Phoebe, Eleri and Sienna S for being such courageous ambassadors of our school

## 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 and when regular medication is to be stopped. Please remember to collect any unused medicine from school for disposal.

Thank you



## 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/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.



March 2024

# Newsletter

## FACE it!



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Thursday  
21 March  
19:00 -20:00  
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Tuesday  
19 March  
19:00 - 21:00  
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# Addictive Behaviour

FREE



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**21st March** (7pm to 8pm)

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**Yoga  
&  
Well-being camp**  
9- 4pm  
Ages 4- 12years  
yoga, dance, craft, outdoor activities  
Mon 8th- Fri 12th April 2024

Location: Granary Arts cafe, Welsh row

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

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Fiona: [musicboxmeditations@gmail.com](mailto:musicboxmeditations@gmail.com)





09 February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers, hope this email finds you and your family doing well.

We are pleased to share with you some opportunities for you to enhance your skills in supporting your child's wellbeing. As parents and caregivers, we play a crucial role in nurturing our children's mental health and these workshops are designed to equip you with the tools and knowledge to do so.

In today's rapidly changing world, navigating the challenges that our children face can often feel overwhelming. That's why we've developed these workshops specifically to empower you with practical strategies and insights to help your child thrive emotionally, socially, and academically.

Here is a list of our workshops for this academic year:

- Sleep
- Supporting your Child with Additional Needs
- Helping Children Manage Worries and Anxiety (7-week workshop programme)
- Connecting with your Teenager
- Impact of the Academic World
- Transitioning to a New School
- Understanding Self-harm

We believe that by investing in our own growth and learning, we can create a more supportive and nurturing environment for our children to flourish.

These workshops are free to attend, and we welcome families in Cheshire East or families of children who attend a school in Cheshire East. Please email [FamiliesandCommunitieTeam@Visyon.org.uk](mailto:FamiliesandCommunitieTeam@Visyon.org.uk) to reserve your spaces as spaces are limited or if you require any further information. If you cannot attend a workshop due to scheduling conflicts, please do email us.

As part of our services, we provide tailored support and guidance for families at an early stage when it is most needed. This includes Family Wellbeing support for parents and caregivers. This support can be accessed via a ~~Visyon~~ Parent Open Access Appointment, 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.

*Louise*

**Louise Marsh | She/Her**

**Wellbeing, Families and Communities Manager**

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