

St Oswald's CE Primary School

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"Let your light shine" Matthew 5:16

This term we are celebrating justice

Prayer of the week

Dear Lord, thank you for looking after us. Wherever you are we follow your light away from the dark. We trust you and thank you that you trust us. You smile as we do good deeds and forgive us when we don't. Thank you for loving us. Amen.



School photos will be conducted on

Friday 4th of April - 2025

At this session we will be photographing: Everyone & Year 6

> Class Groups Leavers Groups Leavers Individuals Full School Group

Please ensure full uniform is worn and children are neat and tidy. Parents will receive free proofs of every image and the option to make a purchase.

School Diary Dates 2024/2025

<u>April</u>

- 2nd DoJo Gallery 2:45pm-3:30pm3rd Y3/4 residential presentation
- 3rd Non uniform for bingo chocolate
- 3rd Easter Bingo
- 4th Academy Photography classes am
- 4th Easter Service 2pm
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- 22nd Back to school
- 28th Y3/4 Residential

<u>May</u>

- 2nd Non uniform day for Easter choc5th Bank holiday
- 7th Y1/2 Trip to Imagine That
- 12th Y6 SATs week
- 20th Sports Day & picnic lunch
- 23rd Break up for half term

<u>June</u>

2nd Inset day
3rd Back to school
18th-20th Tarporley Conwy Trip
19th Y3/4 Beeston Castle
24th-26th Malbank Transition Days

<u>July</u>

- 3rd Reception Trip to Sea Life
 3rd Book Fair arrives
 9th Y5/6 Primary College
 9th Reports to parents
 10th Y6 Leavers Service
- 10th DoJo shop
- 10th Reception graduation assembly
- 18th Last day of academic year

Attendance of the week Owls

98%

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Let Your Light Shine, Dur Stars of the Week

Mrs McDonough's stars of the week - Albert for always giving 100% in literacy, Olivia for being a great friend and taking care of others and Maddie for being kind, helpful and considerate of others

Owls - Ede for making new friends and becoming more confident, also Spencer for fantastic counting in maths and trying new things

Deers - Lyra for always putting in 100% effort, also Finley for his fabulous maths this week

Hedgehogs - Ziggy and Skylar for their amazing writing

Foxes - The whole class for showing resilience, courage and teamwork on their incredible residential

Wraparound care star of the week - Harry for having a great attitude and being a great friend

<u> Christian Value – Justice</u>

Owls - Albert for making great choices and supporting our values

Deers - Nell and Olivia for helping their friend compete in the gymnastics competition and overcome her fears

Hedgehogs - Dougie for always doing the right thing





<u>Happy Birthday</u>

Happy birthday to Fleur, Scott and George. We hope you have a magical day.

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<u>My Maths Stars of the Week</u> Leonardo Oliver Ziggy Olivia Jamie Daniel



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Mrs McDonough's Messages

Dear parents and carers,

It has been a very busy this week this week her at St Oswald's, and it looks to be even busier next week too in the build up to the Easter break. Can I remind you that school will be closed from Monday 7th April until Tuesday 22nd April, when we will reopen for the Summer Term.

Let Your Light Shine

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16

Many of you know our vision 'Let Your Light Shine', but did you know the context from the Bible? We will looking at this both in worship and in classes next term, unpicking what it really means to shine in the light of God.

Year 5/6 Residential 26th-28th March 2025

This afternoon we welcomed back our Year 5 and 6 heroes from their 3 day residential at Robinwood in Wrexham. They had a marvellous time conquering their fears and pushing their limits, both physically and mentally! We are incredibly proud of all their achievements, with highlights including climbing up the wall blindfolded, zip wiring through the

trees and completing high rope trials and even beating the piranhas in the challenge pool! They have developed so many skills, including resilience, inde-

pendence and communication. A special thanks to Mrs Field, Mrs Tomlinson and Mrs K for staying for the three days with the children; we couldn't run these visits without your help.

Today we are launching our **Easter Competition**! Your child can create anything they like linked to Easter; this could be a poem, story, Easter garden, egg decorating to name a few ideas! We would like these in school by 8.45am on Friday 4th April, where we will take them to Church

to decorate for the Easter period. This is open to all pupils, and there will be a prize for the most creative effort in each year group.

We are having a non-uniform day on Thursday 3rd April in exchange for Easter eggs/sweets/chocolate for our Easter Bingo. Easter Bingo will be later in the evening, starting at 5.30pm with eyes down for **6pm**. Everyone is welcome, from grandparents to younger siblings; it's a great evening with lots of prizes to be won!

We are also holding our **Easter Service** at the Church on **Friday 4th April at 2pm**. Miss Bourne will be presented with her gifts from parents, pupils and staff there too, with an opportunity to say goodbye to her there.

Staffing Updates

We are excited to welcome two new faces into St Oswald's! We are joined for 8 weeks by Mr Lamb, a Chester University student teacher working in Year 3/4. We will also be welcoming Mrs Cain who will be working in the EYFS full time after Easter. She has worked in several schools and nurseries and brings with her a wealth of experience and passion for working with children.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend and as always, if you have any questions or concerns in the meantime, please get in touch via email to principalstoswalds@RCSAT.cheshire.sch.uk

Kind Regards,

Louise McDonough











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PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ARE CHANGING !

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force on 19 August 2024.

Penalty Notices will be issued for

Term time leave: Penalty Notice fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days.

10 Sessions of Unauthorised absence in a rolling 10 week period: A Penalty Notices may be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absences in a 10 week period.

However, we retain the discretion to issue a Penalty Notice before the threshold is met. For example, where parents are deliberately avoiding the national threshold by taking several term time holidays below the above thresholds.

Per Parent/Per Child

Penalty Notice fines will continue to be issued per parent per child. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular school attendance the fine will be charged at:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days of the issue, reducing to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

(Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)

Second Offence

Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second penalty notice to the same parent for the same pupil within 3 years of the first penalty notice, for either term time leave or irregular attendance the second penalty notice will be charged at:

£160 if paid within 28 days. (Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)

Third Offence

On the third time that an offence is committed within 3 years of the first penalty notice for either a term time leave or irregular attendance a penalty notice will not be issued. The case may proceed to Parental Prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure. If found guilty of the offence of 'Failure to send a child to school' the Magistrates can impose a fine up to £1000 or legal proceedings under Section444 (1a) can include a fine of up to £2500.

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