



# St Oswald's CE Primary School

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## School Diary Dates 2024/2025

### April

28th Y3/4 Residential

### May

5th Bank holiday  
7th Y1/2 Trip to Imagine That  
12th Y6 SATs week  
20th Sports Day & picnic lunch  
22nd PTA film night  
23rd Break up for half term

### June

2nd Inset day  
3rd Back to school  
18th-20th Y6 Tarporley Conwy Trip  
19th Y3/4 Beeston Castle  
24th-26th Malbank Transition Days

### July

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  
11th PTA family fun afternoon  
18th Last day of academic year  
21st Inset Day  
22nd Inset Day

### September

## Attendance of the week

### Owls

99.5%

*"Let your light shine"*

Matthew 5:16

## This term we are celebrating service

### Prayer of the week

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.  
Help me to serve with humility, kindness and love.  
Let my actions reflect Your grace and compassion.

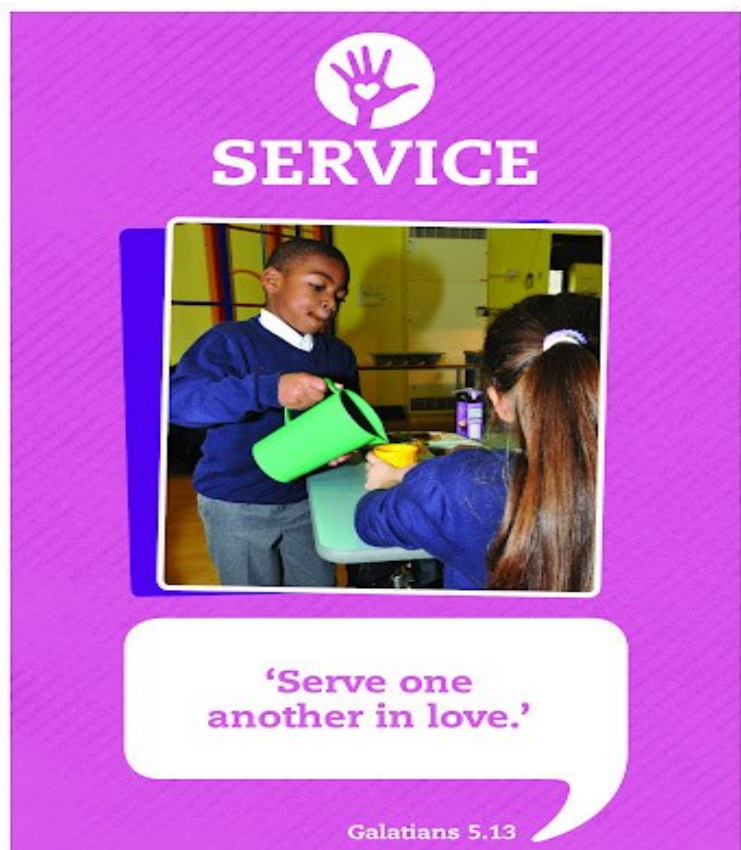
May I bring hope where there is need,

Joy where there is sorrow,

And light where there is darkness.

Strengthen my hands and steady my heart,  
So I may serve others as You have served us.

Amen



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



**Mrs McDonough's star of the week** - Dottie for helping others at playtime and lunchtime, Molly E for giving 100% in everything, Stanley A for lots of enthusiasm in lessons this week and Oliver for giving 100% in breakfast boosters this week

**Owls** - Bea for always trying her best, also Alfie for trying really hard in phonics

**Deers** - Mollie and Finlay for great work with Mrs Charlesworth this week

**Hedgehogs** - Chloe and Harley for their fantastic description work

**Foxes** - Florence for her fantastic contributions in maths and Dora for her wonderful effort in Art

**Wraparound care star of the week** - Florentina for always being so helpful and kind in wrap-arounds

**Ethos Choice** - Dottie G and Henry M for helping others at lunch time

## Christian Value - Service

**Owls** - Joshua for always putting the books away for Mrs Tomlinson

**Deers** - Maddie for always being so helpful

**Hedgehogs** - Aine for being an amazing friend

**Foxes** - Phoebe for always being so helpful

## Y3/4 Residential

We are incredibly excited for the Y3/4 residential to Condover Hall on Monday.

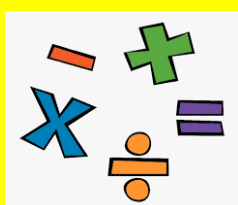
Get lots of rest and sleep this weekend, it is going to be so much fun!

The weather looks favourable too so please don't forget sun hats and sun cream!



## Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to Lyra and Mrs Agnew  
We hope you have a magical day.



**My Maths Stars of the Week**

*To return next week*



# Mrs McDonough's Messages

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to a brand new school term! It has been lovely to see the children's smiling faces and can't wait for all the fun and learning ahead. It's often the busiest term in school approaching the Summer months, so please keep an eye on Class DoJo and the newsletter for dates and events coming up.

## Service

Our Christian Value for this half term is **Service**. All children have been learning what this means in class and worship this week, with a real focus on it meaning helping others with kindness and love, just like Jesus did. In the Bible, Jesus showed us that serving others is very important. He washed His friends' feet, shared food with those who were hungry, and cared for people who were sad or sick. When we help our family, friends, or anyone who needs it, we are showing God's love in action. It could be something small like holding the door, sharing your toys, or helping tidy up. Every time we serve, we are making the world a kinder and better place.



## VE Day Celebrations—Friday 9th May

As you may be aware, the 8th May marks the 80th anniversary of VE day. We're excited to invite you to our special VE Day celebration in school, where we'll be remembering and honouring this important moment in history. Please join us for an afternoon of songs, activities, and refreshments as we celebrate together with the children. Our celebrations will take place on Friday 9th May from 2.30-4pm. More information will be given via the newsletter next week, so please add the date to your diary!

## PTA updates

We had another really productive PTA meeting last night, with plans made for a couple of events this term as well as some ideas for next year and beyond. We also discussed what the school would most benefit from in terms of spending the funds raised by all of you.

Our focus for the remainder of this year and the following year will be to create, develop and maintain a Forest Schools Area for all children to access each week. We are really excited to get this started, and will be holding some separate meetings for many different stakeholders to help us with this. More information will follow soon about how you can get involved, but a huge thank you to the PTA and all of our families who support their events in raising much needed funds to help us run extra curricular activities such as this.

## School Dinners

This week we have welcomed Sarah-Jane from Chartwells who is our new school cook! She has settled in really well and been made to feel so welcome by staff and pupils. We are still settling in with menu changes, new procedures and producers, but the feedback from the children has been positive and we look forward to continuing to work together to produce delicious school meals. Don't forget that all meals need to be ordered online at least the day before. From Monday, we will no longer be asking children for their meal choices, and instead printing out the lunch orders from School Money. Unfortunately, if a child's meal hasn't been ordered online, they will only be able to have a cheese sandwich for lunch.

Wishing you a wonderful Easter 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](mailto:principalstoswalds@RCSAT.cheshire.sch.uk)

Kind Regards,

*Louise McDonough*



## **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 Section 444 (1a) can include a fine of up to £2500.



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