



St Oswald's Catholic Primary School
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St Oswald's Catholic Community:
With Christ at the centre of our
community, our mission is to live,
love and learn as Jesus taught us.

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The Newsletter Autumn term no. 5– 3rd October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Coming up:

Friday 4th October - Harvest Festival in Church 2.15pm. Y6 will be leading the Harvest Celebration with the whole school attending. Parents are invited to come along. Donations of items for Churches Together Food Bank in Penwortham would be appreciated. Thank you!

Tuesday 8th October - PTFA Meeting 6.30pm. Everyone welcome to come along and help to plan the fundraising events for the term and beyond.

Wednesday 9th October or

Thursday 10th October -Phonics Workshop for Reception parents in the Reception Classroom 3.30-4.30pm. If you haven't already done so, please return the slip attached to let us know which night you can attend. It is very important that a parent attends this meeting. Thank you.

Thursday 10th October - Good luck to the Y5/Y6 Football Team for the final matches at Hutton Grammar School 3.45pm – 5pm.

Friday 11th October – Y6 Taster Day at All Hallows (letter to be issued Friday 20th September). Please ensure that the permission slip has been returned with £3.50 cash in a named envelope. Thank you.

Monday 14th October - Y1 visit to Longton Library (letter issued Friday 4th October).

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and **Wednesday 16th October** - Y6 Bikeability delivered by South Ribble County Council. Cycle checks to be carried out at home (letter and cycle check forms issued Friday 20th September). Your child is to bring their bike and cycle helmet to school. If your child wishes to leave their bicycle in school, please ensure they have a lock. If your child does not have a bike, please let us know so we can arrange for a bike and helmet to be available for them to use one for the duration of the Bikeability course.

Tuesday 15th October – Reception visit to Longton Library (letter issued Friday 4th October).

Thursday 17th October -Open Morning 9.15am – 10.15am for any prospective parents who have a child wishing to start school in September 2025.

Thursday 17th October

Or Tuesday 22nd October - Parents Evening 3.40pm – 6.00pm. Don't forget to sign up! Folders are available outside the school office.

Thursday 24th October - PTFA Fancy Dress Hallowe'en Disco. Tickets are on sale from the school office or you can send £3.00 in a named envelope with your child and tickets will be sent home with your child. Tickets are £3.00/child in advance or £4.00 on the night. Tuck Shop will be open. Prizes for the best costume, games, dancing and lots of fun!

6.15pm-7pm for Reception, Y1 and Y2 (a parent needs to accompany their Reception child)

7.15pm-8.15pm for Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6

Half Term Active Sports Club:

Jonathan Smith from ACTIVE Sport will be running three days of activities here at St Oswald's. Wednesday (30th October) and Thursday (31st October) are now fully booked but there are still places available for Tuesday (29th October). Please find attached the leaflet and details of how to register if you would like your child to attend.

Reminders:

School Photographs: Anyone who wishes to order a school photograph online, please do so by **Thursday 10th October** in order to get free delivery to school.

Journey of Faith:

Fr Michael has asked if I could pass on to you details of a forthcoming programme which is for adults interested in becoming a Catholic.

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? Would you like to know more about the Catholic Faith? Would you like to support your child's faith journey? We are offering a course of meetings for our local parishes at St Teresa's Church (Queensway in Penwortham PR1 0DS) starting on Wednesday 6th November at 7pm and continuing until Easter 2025. The meetings will last an hour. Please feel free to bring a friend. For more information contact Fr. Michael or email longton@rcaol.org.uk for more information.

Primary Admissions 2025:

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2025 then you MUST apply on-line at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools.

The CLOSING DATE FOR PRIMARY APPLICATIONS IS 15th JANUARY 2025.

Please ensure that you also complete the ST OSWALD'S SUPPLEMENTARY FAITH FORM which is available on the school website or from school. The Supplementary Faith Form must then be forwarded to SCHOOL together with a copy of your child's BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE! Please note: If your child was baptised at St Oswald's and you do not have a copy of your child's baptismal certificate, please complete a 'Baptismal Certificate request slip', available from school and post this through the St Oswald's presbytery post-box for Fr Michael.

Secondary Admissions 2025:

If your child is due to transfer to High School in September 2025, then please apply on-line at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

The CLOSING DATE FOR SECONDARY APPLICATIONS IS 31st OCTOBER 2024. Supplementary Faith Forms (the yellow form) are available from St Oswald's school office. Please note that the yellow form must be returned by Tuesday 22nd October so we can send the forms to All Hallows on Wednesday 23rd October.

Community News:

South Ribble Multi Sports are offering introductory sessions of Basketball on a Thursday from the start of November 6-7pm indoors at All Hallows Catholic High School. All abilities welcome. See Flyer attached below.

And finally...

As always, get in touch if you have any concerns regarding your child. Staff will do their best to get back to you as soon as they can.

Yours sincerely

B Wood
Headteacher