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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
Christmas Edition
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Up-date since the last newsletter:

- Fr Michael would like to thank Edward in Y6 and Alexander in Y3 for laying the Remembrance Wreath at the Service of Remembrance last week. Thank you boys!
- It was a real pleasure to attend the Presentation Evening at All Hallows last week and see so many past pupils who have done incredibly well.
- We raised £230 for the Children in Need Appeal. The School Council did a great job organising and judging the colouring competition. Thank you for all your support.
- Y5 worked so hard for their assembly last Friday. Many thanks for coming along.
- Y5 were fantastic participants in the All Hallows PE day on Monday. The staff at All Hallows were really impressed with the sporting ability shown by the children.
- The Y4 Dodgeball team represented the school brilliantly on Tuesday, well done!
- Y4 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Lancaster Museum. The feedback from the Museum staff was so positive about the whole class.

RSHE Week (Relationships, Sex and Health Education):

RSHE has to be taught in every primary school; it is statutory. As we are a Catholic primary school, the scheme we use is 'A Journey in Love' which is approved by the Bishops of England and Wales. Next week each class has a unit to cover:

EYFS – God loves each of us in our uniqueness

Year 1- We meet God's love in our family

Year 2- We meet God's love in the community

Year 3- How we live in love

Year 4- God loves us in our differences

Year 5- God loves me in my changing and development

Year 6- The wonder of God's love in creating new life

Y5 and Y6 parents have been given the full set of lesson plans so you can see what has to be explicitly taught and the vocabulary that is used.

The PTFA Grand Christmas Raffle:

Your child will be bringing home a book of Raffle Tickets today. The first prize is 2 x General Admission 5 Day Passes to Lytham Festival...a fantastic prize (worth £600!!!) You could also win a luxury hamper along with lots of other super prizes. Each ticket is £1. We are expecting to sell quite a few tickets so if you do not want any, please return the book to the office asap. The draw will be on the 19th December and winners informed by the end of the school day.

Coming up:

Sunday 24th November

Y4 Sacramental Programme Enrolment Mass 10.30am

Monday 25th November	Scholastic Book Fair 3.15-3.45 pm in the Green Room. Payments can be made by cash, cheque or debit/credit card. Books start from £2.99 so feel free to pop in and support the love of reading.
Thursday 26th November	Flu Immunisation Vaccination Programme by Intrahealth on for children (Reception – Y6).
Thursday 28th November	Reception visit to British Commercial Vehicle Museum, Leyland.
Friday 29th November	Y4 will be attending the 9.30am Parish Mass. Parents welcome.
Friday 29th November	Y3 will be presenting their assembly for parents on the theme of Advent at 2.40pm in the school hall.
Monday 2nd December	Y4 Reconciliation Day with Fr Michael. Y4 Parents invited to church at 2.15pm for the Service of Reconciliation.
Tuesday 3rd December	Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 will be taking part in a Handball Festival in school which is being led by the South Ribble Sports Coaches. The children will need their PE kits
Tuesday 3rd December	We will be doing the annual PTFA Sponsored Santa Dash today at 2.45pm; all the children and staff will be joining in. The children can bring a Christmas hat, Santa beard or the full Santa outfit to wear for the event if they wish to. Sponsor forms have been sent home. The event is always great fun, gets us fit and raises some money! Parents can come along to spectate or even join in. There will be a cake sale too starting after the event.
Tuesday 3rd December	The School Choir have been invited to St Andrew's Church in Longton to sing at the Longton Christmas Lights Switch On! Children will need to wear school uniform and a Christmas hat. We will meet in St Andrew's Church at 5.50pm; the celebration starts at 6pm.
Friday 6th December	Y5 will be attending the 9.30am Parish Mass. Parents Welcome.
Monday 9th December	Performance of 'Beauty & The Beast' in the school hall. West End Theatre Company will be delighting the whole school with their matinee production. The PTFA will be funding this event for all the children to enjoy.
Tuesday 10th December	'The Sleepy Shepherd' Infant Nativity starring Reception, Y1 and Y2 in church at 2pm and 6.30pm. School will provide every child with a costume so no need to worry!
Wednesday 11th December	Final swimming session for Y3.
Thursday 12th December	PTFA Christmas Family Bingo 6.30pm – 8.00pm in school. Free tickets are available from the office from Monday 25th November. Bingo Books available on the night for a suggested donation of £2. Prizes to be won, tuck shop open, tea and coffee available. Come along for a fun night with the family! You need a ticket for this event; last year we sold out!! No tickets will be available on the door for this event.
Friday 13th December	Y6 will be at the 9.30am Parish Mass. Parents welcome.
Friday 13th December	'Rock Steady Band' Christmas Performance 1.30pm in the school hall. Parents of children who take part in the sessions are invited to come along and watch the children perform in their bands! This will last approx 90 minutes.
Monday 16th December	All Hallows will be here at 1.30pm with their Christmas Roadshow for the whole school. Fr Michael has kindly said we can use the church for the afternoon as the pupils from All Hallows will be inspiring us with singing, dancing, musical performances etc. It is always a joyful event for the children to join in with.
Tuesday 17th December	PTFA AGM Meeting at 6.30pm in school. Every year we have to formally meet to have a short AGM but there will be a glass of fizz and a mince pie for those that turn up!

Wednesday 18th December Christmas Jumper Day! Children can replace their school jumper or cardigan for a Christmas jumper or make their school jumper look Christmassy! A donation of £1 will be collected at the gate on the day by the School Council. The proceeds will be sent to Alder Hey Children's Hospital.

Wednesday 18th December Grand Christmas Post Day! Today is the day that children can bring their Christmas cards to school for their friends if they wish.

Wednesday 18th December Christmas Lunch Day! For anyone who doesn't normally have a school lunch. The meal served will be Roast Turkey with Chipolata Sausage or Cranberry Root Roast, Vegetarian Sausage served with Sage & Onion Stuffing, Gravy, Roast & Creamed Mashed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy followed by Festive Dessert.

If you would like your child to have a school meal on this day, please complete the slip below and return to school by **WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER** as the kitchen needs to place their order 2 weeks before. If your child is already having school meals, they will automatically be included in this event. Payment of £2.70 should be made through ParentPay for children in Y3-Y6.

If your child is on a packed lunch, please make it a festive one. Every child in the school will be given a Christmas cracker!

Wednesday 18th December Christmas Stay and Play for Reception parents 2-3pm. Wear your Christmas jumper if you are coming along! Please return the slip below to indicate if you are attending.

Tuesday 19th December Y6 will be leading the Christingle Service in church 2pm. Everyone invited to come along.

Thursday 19th December PTFA Cake Stall 3.15pm on the playground.

Friday 20th December School closes 1.30pm for Christmas.

Holiday List 2025/2026:

The holiday list has now been approved by Governors and LCC and is attached. Please note that holidays during term time are not authorised and may carry the risk of a penalty notice or prosecution.

Community News:

Please see flyer attached for Youth on Stage Charity Group Christmas Pantomime.

Please see flyer attached re Active Sports Christmas Holiday Club.

And finally...

As always, get in touch if you have a concern or query. We will try to help as best we can.

Yours sincerely

B Wood
Headteacher

RECEPTION CHRISTMAS 'STAY & PLAY' – WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2024

I am able to come along to the 'Stay and Play' session on Wednesday 18th December.

Name of child: **Signature of parent/carer:**

CHRISTMAS LUNCH– SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION – WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2024

I would like my child to have a school meal on Wednesday 18th December and will make the payment of £2.70 through ParentPay (children in Y3-Y6).

My child would like:

Roast Turkey **Cranberry Root Roast**

Name of child: **Year group:**

Signature of parent/carer:
