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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 Spring term no. 5 – 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Update from last newsletter:

- Y6 had a great 3 days at Robinwood in Todmorden. Everyone tried everything with super enthusiasm. The Robinwood staff commented on how well mannered and well behaved the groups were. Well done Y6!
- Well done to the Cross Country Team who ran so brilliantly on Tuesday. There were 212 boys competing and 195 girls. The Boys Team came 1<sup>st</sup> The Girls Team came 2<sup>nd</sup> and we were 1<sup>ST</sup> overall. Tremendous result, huge congratulations to every member of the team.
- The first Brass Club for Y3/Y4 and Y5 has had a great take up. It is on a Thursday 3.15-4.15pm. Currently 3 places still available for this free club!

### Coming up:

Spring Term Parents' Evening **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February or Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February** 3.40-6pm. Folders are available outside the school office to book an appointment time.

Netball Club re-opens for Y5/Y6 on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** 3.15pm – 4.15pm.

On **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March** it will be the South Ribble Athletic Finals at Lostock Hall Academy 3.45-5.30pm. The team will be given their letter tomorrow (Friday 14<sup>th</sup>) Please note no spectators at this event.

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March** PTFA Meeting 6.30pm. Everyone welcome to come along and help plan the events for the term.

Football Club re-opens for Y5/Y6 on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March** 3.15pm – 4.15pm.

Multi Activity Club starts for **Y2** starts on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March** and runs for 3 weeks (last session is Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March).

World Book Day 2025 **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March**. We love reading at St Oswald's and that's why World Book Day means so much to us. The children are invited to come to school dressed as a book character for the day. Y2 will be visiting the library. All the children will be given a special World Book Day token to take home.

School Meal Promotion **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March** – 'We love Reading'. If your child is normally on packed lunches and would like to have a school meal on this date, please complete the attached slip and return to school no later than Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Pupils who normally have a school meal will be automatically included in the promotion. Payment of £2.70 should be made through ParentPay please. The menu is Charlotte's Chicken or Quorn Goujons or Sherlock Holmes Sausage Roll with Mr Fox Fantastic Fries, Bertie Bott's Beans followed by Hungry Caterpillar Cupcake or Willy Wonka's Chocolate Mousse. The school meal promotions really help to keep our School Meals budget afloat so it's great that so many children join in! Thank you.

Vision Screening for children in Reception carried out by the NHS Lancashire Vision Screening Service on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March**. This is an **OPT-OUT** system. All children will have vision screening in school unless a reply slip is returned (letter sent home today, 13<sup>th</sup> February).

Y4 visit to Chester Zoo as part of their Geography Studies **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March** (letter issued 15<sup>th</sup> January).

Freddy Fit in school to promote healthy lifestyles with every class **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March**. This is being funded from our Sports Premium funding. Every child must have their PE Kit in school for this event.

Visit our web-site [www.longton-st-oswalds.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.longton-st-oswalds.lancs.sch.uk)

Reception visit to 'Bring Yer Wellies' Study Trip on Planting & Life Cycles **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March** (letter issued 30<sup>th</sup> January).

Whole school Yoga & Mindfulness Festival **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March**. Each class will have a yoga session throughout the day which includes learning breathing techniques and practicing calming movements. PE kits are needed for this event.

**Save the date!**

PTFA Family Quiz Night **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March** 6.30-8pm. Details to follow.

PTFA Family Easter Bingo on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April** 6.30-8.00pm. Details to follow.

**Community News:**

All Hallows are holding their annual production from Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March. This year it is 'Matilda'. Every year it is great to see so many past pupils in the show. Please see flyer attached if you wish to purchase tickets.

**Message from Mrs Cooper, Headteacher of All Hallows:**

2025-26 school year marks the 50th Anniversary of the opening of All Hallows. The school has played an important role in the education of the local Catholic community and we would like to mark our Golden Anniversary with some exciting events and activities. We are hoping that past pupils, staff members and people in the community and parishes will be interested in helping us to prepare for these events. There will be an initial meeting at All Hallows on the 26th February to begin our preparations. If you wish to be involved in the planning of our celebrations, please come along to the meeting, Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7pm. Please see flyer attached.

I am sure that if we work together, we can make our year of celebrations a significant time in the school's history.

**South Ribble Half Term Activities:**

South Ribble Leisure has a range of activities available this February Half Term including Raquet Sports, Swimming and Intensive Swimming Lessons. For bookings and more information please see link below.

[School Holidays | South Ribble Leisure](#)

Please see the attached leaflet for funded activities for children on benefit related Free School Meals from South Ribble Leisure during February Half Term. Booking links are included on the leaflet.

**Car Park and Parking:**

What can I add to what I already say? Lack of consideration by the minority makes the car park and main road unsafe. Police have been informed about the parking on the zig zags and will be doing spot checks after half term.

And finally...

Arthur, who leads the Rock, Steady Bands every Friday will be leaving tomorrow; we wish him every success with his next venture and thank him for the brilliant band sessions he has provided since last year. We will be giving a warm welcome to new Band Leader, Connor who starts after half term.

Mrs Stone will be finishing for her Maternity Leave on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February and we wish her all the very best as she looks forward to having her baby in March. We'll keep you posted!

Wishing you all a happy and safe half term.

Yours sincerely

B Wood  
Headteacher

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**SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION – 'WORLD BOOK DAY' – THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2025**

I would like my child to have a school meal on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March. I will ensure payment of £2.70 is made in advance through ParentPay.

Name of child: .....Year ..... Signed.....

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