

# St Oswald's CE Primary School and Nursery



NOVEMBER 2024

## Message from the Headteacher, Mrs C Reece

Dear Parents and Carers

I am thrilled to announce that St. Oswald's has received a highly successful SIAMS report. The inspector's observations truly capture the essence of our school, recognising that we have a "big heart that reaches into the community and beyond". This acknowledgement of our ethos is a testament to the dedication of our staff, pupils, and families. Moreover, the report highlighted that our curriculum "challenges and supports pupils to succeed", affirming our commitment to providing a nurturing yet stimulating learning environment for every child.

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs. Kehoe, who is returning from her maternity leave. She will be resuming her role in Year 2, teaching on Mondays and Tuesdays as part of a job share arrangement with Mrs. Ryan. We are confident that this collaboration will continue to provide excellent education and support for our Year 2 pupils.

As we progress through the term, I would like to emphasise the importance of regular attendance. Being present at school every day is crucial for our pupils' educational journey and overall development. We continue to follow health guidelines to keep those bugs at bay! The classrooms are being deep cleaned and we continue to ensure the children wash their hands regularly too.

Our school community has once again demonstrated its generosity and compassion through our recent fundraising efforts for the Pudsey appeal for Children in Need. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all who contributed. Your kind donations will make a significant difference in the lives of children and young people across the UK.

We look forward to the many Christmas events that we have planned and hope to see many of you there.

Kind regards

Mrs C Reece

Our vision is to:

**Inspire Embrace Succeed**

"I came so that they may have life and life to its fullest" John 10:10

## Christian Values

Our Christian value this half term is  
'Courage'



Deuteronomy 31:6-8 - "Be strong and courageous."



### Time to reflect:

Acts of courage can be big or small.

What is an act of courage that you, or someone you know, demonstrated recently?

How might you demonstrate courage in the future?

## Attendance and Attendance Awards

Our whole school attendance for the month of 92.5%  
**NOVEMBER 2024**  
Our school target is 96%

|               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| Reception     | 91.2%        |
| Year 1        | 84.3%        |
| <b>Year 2</b> | <b>95.5%</b> |
| Year 3        | 94.6%        |
| Year 4        | 95.3%        |
| Year 5        | 92.7%        |
| Year 6        | 94.6%        |



**Attendance winners: Well done to Year 2!**

## DEFINITION OF SPIRITUALITY

Spirituality at St Oswald's is about making meaningful connections. This can evoke positive emotions within us such as: **thankfulness**, **feeling at peace**, **feelings of awe and wonder**, **contentment** and **a sense of belonging to something bigger than ourselves**.

# Diary Dates

## UPCOMING EVENTS

| Date and Time  | Event   |
|--|---|
| Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December<br>9.30am   | Choir – Carol Service, St Johns Church                    |
| Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December<br>KS1 – 3.15pm - 4.15pm<br>KS2 – 4.30pm – 5.30pm | Extras Christmas Disco                                    |
| Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December<br>9am   | Santa Dash  |
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December  | KS1 Dress Rehearsal                                       |
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December  | Catch up - flu vaccination                                |
| Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December<br>9:30am  | KS1 Christmas performance                                 |
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December<br>2:00pm  | KS1 Christmas performance                                 |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December   | Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children                  |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December  | Christmas Lunch – bookings via the School Food United App |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December   | Last day of the Autumn Term                               |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025  | TED Day – School closed to pupils                         |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January<br>8.40am  | School Open to Pupils for Spring Term                     |

## TERM DATES and TED DAYS 2024-2025

### Autumn Term 2024

|                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| TED Day                     | Monday 2nd September 2024  |
| School reopens              | 8.40am Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024                                |
| School Closes               | 3.15pm Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2024                                |
| TED Day                     | Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024   |
| Half Term                   | Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2024 |
| School reopens              | 8.40am Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024                                  |
| School Closes for Christmas | 3.15pm Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024                                 |

### Spring Term 2025

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|--------------------------|--|
| TED Day                  | Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2025  |
| School reopens           | 8.40am on Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2025                                 |
| School Closes            | 3.15pm Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025                                   |
| Half term                | Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 to Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025 |
| School reopens           | 8.40am Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025                                   |
| School Closes for Easter | 3.15pm Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2025                                      |

### Summer Term 2025

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| School reopens         | 8.40am Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2025                            |
| Early May Bank Holiday | Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2025                                      |
| School closes          | 3.15pm Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025                              |
| Half term              | Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 to Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2025 |
| School reopens         | 8.40am Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025                              |
| TED Day                | Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2025                                    |
| School closes          | 3.15pm Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025                             |
| TED Day                | Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2025                                    |



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## Let's Welcome Our Newest Staff Member....Mrs. Reed

Hello, I'm Mrs Reed and I'll be joining Year 2 as a Teaching Assistant. I'm a mum of two and I enjoy reading, going to the theatre and swimming. I'm looking forward to being part of the school and getting to know the children at St Oswald's.



# Inspire Embrace Succeed

## Our Learning in Nursery

This month we have started our new topic 'How I wonder what you are'. The children have enjoyed learning the nursery rhyme 'wind the bobbin up' and were able to wind up their own bobbins at nursery. On our first week back of term we had lots of bonfire and firework activities planned and the children loved making chocolate sparklers. On Monday 11th November, we talked all about the importance of poppies and why we wear them. The children watched an animation and were able to talk about their emotions and how the video made them feel. This week we are focusing on the nursery rhyme 'Old Macdonald Had A Farm'. We have set up a farm tuff tray, will be playing a game to guess the farm animal and using the nursery rhyme spoons to talk about our favourite rhymes.



Next month, we will be preparing for our nursery celebration. The children will be learning a range of songs to sing in front of their grown-ups and we have lots of festive activities planned, including a nursery fun week.

## Our Learning in Reception Class

This month children have received a letter from Bob the Alien from planet Wiz. Bob asked the children what it is like where we live? This sparked an interest into exploring different places in the world. Children have used Google Earth and noticed that the earth is full of different places to visit. Children have told me about places they have visited in the past and we have looked for them on the globe. In Drawing Club we have enjoyed 'Max and Lemon's Adventures' and so we also looked for the places they visited, such as the desert in Saudi Arabia, the mountains in Alaska and the jungle in Peru. We have compared these places and are noticing geographical features that belong in them; building our sense of place and creating geographical concepts. After reading 'Town Mouse, Country Mouse' children compared the countryside to our own town. Children loved looking at photos of Kidderminster and some recognised familiar places. Of course, we loved exploring this month's snow and frost and managed to get out, build a snowman and smash up some ice. We conducted a little experiment by setting up a tray of water outside over night to see what happens. Children have been checking in the mornings and can't wait to excavate the toys we have put in there (when it's cold enough again!). Here are some other highlights...



Next month, we will be rehearsing our Nativity play, complete with dance routines and songs that we will be performing for all our grown-ups. We hope you can come along. Have you booked your tickets?

## Our Learning in Year 1

This month we have started our History learning theme all about Rowland Hill, who invented the stamp and was born in Kidderminster. We have compared the modern post office to how letters were sent and received a long time ago. In our English lessons we have rewritten the story of Little Red Riding Hood from the wolf's point of view. The children are working very hard to include adjectives in their sentences. In science we have been observing the signs of autumn. We will continue to observe the effects of the seasons throughout the year. In art, we have learnt about the artist Andy Warhol and we worked together to create a piece of class artwork in his style.



Next month, we will be working very hard to put on our nativity 'Christmas Counts'. We will read the 'Jolly Postman' in our English lessons and write our own letters to storybook characters. In science, we will start to explore our senses. We will continue to be inspired by Andy Warhol to create our own artwork using printing techniques. We will also use printing to make Christmas cards.

## Our Learning in Year 2

This month we have been learning all about division and multiplication in Maths. We have been writing our own biographies about Florence Nightingale in English. In PE we have been practising our forwards and backwards rolls in our gymnastic sessions with the coach. We have been looking at digital media in art and we have been using filters on the iPads to edit a photo. We have been learning all about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole in history and have enjoyed researching about how they improved modern nursing.

Next month, we are looking forward to performing our Christmas nativity 'Christmas Counts'. In science, we will be looking at different materials in order to explore which material would make the best waterproof jacket. We will also continue to explore the Christmas story in our RE lessons.

## Mrs. Kehoe - Year 2



Mrs Kehoe will be returning back to school and into Year 2 on Monday 2nd December after her maternity leave.

Year 2 will have a job share class teacher:  
Mrs Kehoe - Mondays and Tuesdays  
Miss Ryan - Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

# Inspire Embrace Succeed

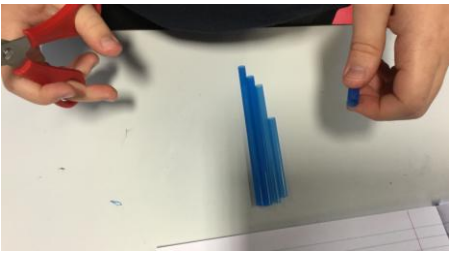
## Our Learning in Year 3

This month we have been continued our study of the Stone Age in History. In writing, we've been writing poems about autumn, which we will adapt into an independent poem about winter. Our focus has been on multiplication by 3, 4, and 8 in Maths. In RE, we've been discussing the trinity and baptism, with a focus on their importance to Christianity. Spanish has given us an insight into animal names, and Computing has taken us into programming in Scratch.

Next month, we will be moving on to division in maths, with continued focus on 3s, 4s, and 8s. English will see us continue our focus on the Stone Age with a persuasive brochure to visit the village of Skara Brae. Computing will continue with programming but will focus on sequencing sounds. Ukulele with Mrs Harding will continue Thursdays, and PE on Monday and Tuesdays until after Christmas.

## Our Learning in Year 4

This month we have moved on to look at Europe in geography. We have been learning about which countries are our near neighbours as well as looking at which hemispheres Europe lie in. In science we have been learning about sounds and how sounds are made. Year 4 loved making their own pan pipes! We have been looking at a persuasive text for our writing lessons and the children are just planning their own persuasive holiday brochures. We have continued reading the BFG in our guided reading lessons.



Next month, we will continue with our different units before carrying out our Key Assessment Tasks to find out what we have learned. We will practise for our Key Stage 2 Christmas Carol Concert, which takes place on Tuesday 3rd December. The children will also be continuing to go to forest school until Christmas.

## Our Learning in Year 5

This month we have started learning about biomes and climate zones in geography, particularly focusing on the rainforest biome, the animals and plants that live there and the threats to this important habitat. In science we have been thinking about how Earth moves around the sun and its position within our solar system. We have used the short film 'One Small Step' in English to write a story about a character who chases their dreams – and ultimately succeeds!

Next month, we will continue to practice our arithmetic skills in maths and will start to look at how we apply these to fractions, particularly multiplying fractions. We will continue to learn about the rainforest and space, showing off everything we have learnt in our end of unit 'Key Assessment Tasks'. We will also be on the countdown to Christmas! We will be visiting the Church for our Carol Service on 3rd December and we'll be enjoying all the festive events such as the Christmas dinner towards the end of the term.

## Our Learning in Year 6

This month we have started our geography topic about freshwater biomes. We have found out where in the world freshwater biomes are found and the creatures that inhabit them. We have started our science topic about electricity and carried out investigations. We have continued reading Harry Potter in Guided Reading but moved on to a different topic in writing – we wrote short stories inspired by the animation 'Alma' and now we are using the first chapter of 'A Monster Calls' as a stimulus for our writing. In maths we have been learning about fractions. Outside the classroom, some of us took part in cross country and represented the school brilliantly! Those of us that did not take part stayed at school and created autumn-inspired pieces of art.



Next month, we will continue with our topics before carrying out our Key Assessment Tasks to find out what we have learned. We will practise for our Key Stage 2 Christmas Carol Concert, which takes place on Tuesday 3rd December. It will be our last one in primary school!


# All Age Christingle Annual Service

Thursday 5th December 2024  
At Wolverley CE Secondary School Chapel

Children aged 3 to 12 can come along and make a Christingle with us at 5pm, with an adult to help. We will provide all the materials.

At 5.30 pm we will hold our annual Christingle Service, where everyone in the community is welcome to attend.

Wolverley Secondary School  
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Register your attendance here 

Refreshments served after the service

Blakeshall Lane, Wolverley, Kidderminster, DY11 5XQ

# School Events

## Sports News

This month children from Years 5 and 6 (and a couple of brave Year 4 boys) represented the school at the Wyre Forest Cross Country event. We are so proud of the perseverance and resilience shown on a chilly, very foggy, Friday morning! The children also made sure they were cheering on their teammates in other races – what fantastic sportsmanship.

A particular well done to the following children for their great finishing positions – there were over 150 children in each race!

Year 5 girls – Billie (25th)

Year 6 girls – Rowen (17th)

Year 6 boys – Josh (29th) and Ethan D (43rd)

The following Friday a Year 6 team took part in the Basketball Festival at Wolverley High School, competing against the local primaries. A huge well done to the children for their fantastic attitudes and support for each other!

Once again, a huge thank you to the staff who have enabled these sports trips to go ahead.



## Pudsey comes to visit!

On Wednesday 13th November we had a special visit from Pudsey! The children loved meeting him on the playground and he gave out lots of high fives and hugs!

We also enjoyed dressing up in our spotty clothes to raise £115 for Children in Need on Friday 15th November.



## Music News

On Wednesday 13th November we were lucky to have Miss Kay visiting during collective worship to play her harp and share a bit about her musical experiences. The children loved hearing her play a range of musical styles including one of their favourite pop songs!

The choir were lucky enough to perform at Kidderminster Carpet Museum on Saturday 16th November to celebrate the switching on of the Christmas lights. They sang beautifully and were accompanied by Miss Kay on the harp. The choir will be performing again at Broadwaters Park on Saturday 30th November at 3:30pm.



## Christmas!

A reminder that the KS2 Carol Service takes place at 9.30am on Tuesday 3rd December at St John the Baptist Church, Wolverley. Families are welcome to attend – please let the Office know so that we can make sure there are enough seats in the Church! We can't wait to see you for a morning of festive carols and the story of Christmas, shared by the children.

## Remembrance Service

On Monday 11th November Year 5 led our Remembrance Service in school. During the service, each class brought their class cross to the front of the hall. Each child in each class has thought about who they would like to remember and written their reflections onto a tag.



# DOWMAT Vacancies

## Teaching Assistant (TA2) - 27.25hrs

EDV/2024/SOCPS/94275

St Oswald's CofE Primary School

Required for January 2025 or sooner Teaching Assistant (TA2) Salary Scale: TA2 (SCP 5-6) - £15787-16036 Actual (FTE £24955-25348) 27.25 hours per week, Mon-Fri, Term time only + 5 days for...

- 📍 Sion Avenue, Worcestershire, DY10 2YL
- 🕒 Permanent | Part-Time
- 💷 £15,787.00 - £16,036.00 Annually (Actual)



Apply Now

8 Days Remaining • Apply by 10:00am, Tuesday 10th Dec, 2024 • Job start: January or soon after

## Teaching Assistant (TA2) - 30 hrs

EDV/2024/SOCPS/72611

St Oswald's CofE Primary School

Required for January 2025 or soon after Teaching Assistant (TA2) Salary Scale: TA2 (SCP 5-6) - £15787-16036 Actual (FTE £24955-25348) 30 hours per week, Mon-Fri, Term time only + 5 days for...

- 📍 Sion Avenue, Worcestershire, DY10 2YL
- 🕒 Fixed Term | Part-Time
- 💷 £15,787.00 - £16,036.00 Annually (Actual)



Apply Now

8 Days Remaining • Apply by 10:00am, Tuesday 10th Dec, 2024 • Job start: January 2025 or soon after

## Teaching Assistant (TA2) - 15 hrs

EDV/2024/SOCPS/66241

St Oswald's CofE Primary School

Required for January 2025 or soon after Teaching Assistant (TA2) Salary Scale: TA2 (SCP 5-6) - £8690-8827 Actual (FTE £24955-25348) 15 hours per week, Mon-Fri, Term time only + 5 days for...

- 📍 Sion Avenue, Worcestershire, DY10 2YL
- 🕒 Fixed Term | Part-Time
- 💷 £8,690.00 - £8,827.00 Annually (Actual)



Apply Now

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## KS1 Class Teacher

EDV/2024/SBCFAMS/57627

St Barnabas CofE First and Middle School

St Barnabas CE First Middle is currently seeking to appoint an enthusiastic classroom teacher who is driven to join a team of highly skilled and dedicated professionals and who will nurture each...

- 📍 Stonebow Road, Drakes Broughton, Worcestershire, WR10 2AW
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- 💷 £30,000.00 - £41,333.00 Annually (FTE) Teacher Pay & Conditions



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## KS2 Class Teacher

EDV/2024/SBCFAMS/63271

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## KS2 Teacher with SEND responsibility

EDV/2024/SBCFAMS/83592

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Apply via the link to My New Term here:

<https://mynewterm.com/trust/The-Diocese-of-Worcester-Multi-Academy-Trust/147498>

# Community Information



## Christmas Disco



Dear Parents/Carers,

The extras will be holding a Christmas disco on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December**, KS1 3.15 – 4.15 and KS2 4.30-5.30. The cost of the tickets will be £3.50 per child. Entry includes a drink and small sweet for each child.

KS1 children are welcome to bring their clothes into school on the day. Please make sure that they are in a named bag. Children will get changed in their classroom before being escorted by staff to the hall. Please note that there will be no additional refreshments on sale at the KS1 disco. No spending money is required.

At the KS2 disco there will be a refreshment stall where children can purchase additional refreshments. Please send any spending money to the disco when they return at 4.30.

Please return all completed slips to the box in reception labelled 'The Extras' by **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**. If you are paying by cash, then please ensure you put the correct amount in a sealed envelope with your child/children's full name on. A link for online payments will be sent out via text. **If you choose to pay online, then please make sure you still return the permission slip for your child to attend.**

We look forward to welcoming the children. Thank you for your ongoing support.

The Extras.

## TFA FRIDAYS

TERM 2

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# Community Information

## Own a dog?

DOG Awareness 

## We need your help

Seven postmen and women are bitten every day

Here are **FIVE WAYS** you can help keep our Royal Mail family **SAFE**:

**MAKE SURE**  
children don't open the  
door to the postman.

**1**

**TRAIN YOUR DOG**  
to move to another  
room before the postman  
or woman arrives.



**2**

**3**

**OCCUPY YOUR DOG**  
with food or a toy while  
mail is being delivered.

**4**

**INVEST** in a letter cage  
or an external letterbox.



**ENSURE YOUR DOG**  
has a collar and tag, and  
an up-to-date microchip.

**5**



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