

St Oswald's CE Primary School and Nursery



September 2024

Message from the Headteacher, Mrs C Reece

Dear Parents and Carers

As we embrace the autumn term, it is lovely to see our pupils settling well into their new classes, adapting to their new environments with enthusiasm and eagerness to learn. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude for your support and patience regarding the new start times to our school day. Your cooperation has been invaluable, particularly in light of the temporary traffic lights currently in place presenting a challenge!

As we approach the harvest season, a time of abundance and gratitude, we are reminded of the importance of community support. In keeping with our school's ethos of caring for others, we will be participating in a food drive to benefit our local food bank. This initiative provides an excellent opportunity for our pupils to learn about the value of giving and supporting those in need within our community.

If you are in a position to contribute, we will be accepting donations from Monday, 30th September to Wednesday, 9th October. Your generosity, no matter how small, can make a significant difference in the lives of local families facing hardship.

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to all the new families who have joined our school community this term. We are thrilled to have you as part of the St. Oswald's family and look forward to working together to support your child's educational journey.

Mrs C Reece

Christian Vision



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“In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds” Matthew 5:16

The Good Samaritan helped someone in need (who was actually their enemy) when they showed them compassion at the side of the road. The Samaritan healed their wounds, led them to safety and paid for their stay at an inn while they recovered.

Time to reflect:

- **When is the last time that you did a 'good deed' and carried out an act of kindness?**
- **Has someone recently shown compassion to you and helped to make your life easier in some way?**

Attendance and Attendance Awards

Our whole school attendance for week beginning
23rd **September 2024**

Our school target is 96%

Whole School Attendance is 98.3%

Reception	98.5%
Year 1	95.7%
Year 2	99.6%
Year 3	97.2%
Year 4	97.8%
Year 5	97.9%
Year 6	98.5%



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
Wednesday 25th October	Nursery & reception open day
Tuesday 8th October	School individual photographs
Thursday 10th October	Year 3 Harvest assembly
Tuesday 15th October	Year 5 trip Bewdley Museum
Tuesday 22nd October	Parents Evening
Thursday 24th October	Parents Evening
Friday 25th October	Teacher Training Day

TERM DATES and TED DAYS 2024-2025

Autumn Term 2024

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

Spring Term 2025

TED Day	Monday 6th January 2025
School reopens	8.40am on Tuesday 7th January 2025
School Closes	3.15pm Friday 14th February 2025
Half term	Monday 17th February 2025 to Friday 21 st February 2025
School reopens	8.40am Monday 24th February 2025
School Closes for Easter	3.15pm Friday 11 th April 2025

Summer Term 2025

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



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OPEN EVENING

Tuesday 8th October
Reception and Year 7
September 2025 Intake - 5pm to 7pm

Deadline for on-line applications:

31st October 2024 (Year 7) - Closing date for the Common Application Form (CAF) to be with the LA, by post or online.

15th January 2025 (Reception) - Closing date for the Common Application Form (CAF) to be with the LA, by post or online.

For further details of Open Mornings please check our website:
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Our Learning in Nursery

We have had a very busy few weeks at nursery, getting to know our new children who started with us this term and talking about what they have all been doing over the summer.

Our topic for the next half term is 'I wonder who I am?'. The children have enjoyed making self portraits of their faces using a range of eyes, noses and mouths. We used the mirrors to look at our facial features and how our faces are all different.



Next week, we are introducing our new nursery pet. His name is Peter and he is a toy Rabbit. Peter will be able to go home with the nursery children on weekends, he has a backpack of supplies and is looking forward to his adventures.

Our Learning in Year 1

The children in Year 1 have settled really well into their new class and have been trying hard with all of their learning. They have particularly enjoyed visiting forest school and they have been using their experiences to inspire their sentence writing. In geography, we have started to learn all about the weather and how weather experts use symbols to represent the weather. In science, we are beginning to learn about the seasons and their effect on the world around us. Maths this week has been all about counting accurately and comparing numbers.



Next week we will continue to write sentences about our forest school experiences ready for our first longer writing task. We will learn how to observe and measure the weather using a range of equipment. We will also think about the weather patterns that are typical of each season.

Our Learning in Reception Class

This week in maths, children have been subitising quantities up to three. We have been on a '3 or not 3?' Tour of the school, using our developing noticing skills to spot numbers in the environment. We have also started 'Drawing Club' and enjoyed the text 'Rosie's Walk'. Children have produced some excellent representations of the fox and the farm and they have even created a map of Rosie's route! You might want to reinforce their learning from Rosie's Walk at home by encouraging the use of a range of positional language such as 'around', 'under', 'between', 'above', 'past', 'across' and 'through'.



Next week, we will be looking forward to parent visitors that come to our first reading session at 2:50pm on Monday and our Forest School on Thursday afternoon.

Our Learning in Year 2

In Year 2 this week we have been working very hard especially in maths, where we have focussed on simple addition and even adding trickier numbers that moved into the next ten! In English, this week the children were introduced to their new book 'The Dragon Machine'. Using the front cover of the book, the children worked to make accurate predictions about the characters in the story and what they think the story might be about. The children are very excited to learn more about the dragons that are hiding amongst us!

Next week, we will be continuing to learn about the book 'The Dragon Machine' and the main characters within the story building up to a piece of descriptive writing.

We will also be continuing to learn about the Great Fire of London and constructing our own fire engines that the children have been designing in DT.

Our Learning in Year 3

In Year 3, we have started the year by writing pieces based on the Disney Pixar short film *The Blue Umbrella*, which is about a blue umbrella falling in love with a red one. The children have really enjoyed the film (especially the music, which they sing along to every time we watch) and that enjoyment shines through in their writing. We have been reading *A Bear called Paddington* in guided reading, and the children have shown great empathy and compassion for Paddington arriving in Britain alone for the first time. Excitingly, we also started ukulele lessons this week, and the first one was great fun. We have looked at our local area via maps in geography, and we have started to study forces in science.

Next week, we will be starting our independent writing based on *The Blue Umbrella* and we will be performing an experiment to discover which of a selection of four surfaces might create the most friction. We will be continuing ukulele lessons, and we will draw some still-life sketches based on Paul Cézanne's work.

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Our Learning in Year 4

The children have had a great start to Year 4. They have really enjoyed our English text 'The Lost Thing' by Sean Tann and we have been using the film to inspire us with our writing. In history we have started learning about the Anglo Saxons and in guided reading we have started the BFG. In maths the children have been showing a fantastic understanding of place value. This week we have started to listen to the Young Voices songs to familiarise ourselves with them before we start singing them.

Next week, we will be continuing the reading of the BFG and The Lost Thing in English as well as continuing with place value in maths. In science we will be learning how to classify animals and in Spanish we will be learning more about our families.

Our Learning in Year 5

In Year 5, we have started the year with our World War II topic in History. The children have shown compassion and respect when learning about the treatment of Jewish people during the Holocaust. In English we have been reading 'Rose Blanche' and using this as inspiration for our own writing. We have started 'The Silver Sword' in Guided Reading, which is giving us even more of an insight into World War 2.

Next week, we will be continuing to learn about different forces and their effects in our science lessons. We will start to learn the songs for the Young Voices performance in January and will consolidate our learning from Year 4 in maths when adding and subtracting increasingly larger numbers.

Our Learning in Year 6

Year 6 have made an excellent start to the year! They have completed their place value topic in maths and started reading Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone in guided reading. They have used this story to inspire writing about the snake in the zoo and Hagrid. In history, they have learnt about the main events of the Tudor era and the royal family that lived during that time. In reading theatre, they have performed a section from Shakespeare's Macbeth and a section from a speech Queen Elizabeth I gave. They have made blood smoothies in science, with each ingredient representing a different blood cell, and they have started their RE topic Creation vs Science.



Next week, we will start our maths topic about using and ordering the four operations. In English, we will move on to writing setting descriptions. In guided reading, we will continue to read Harry Potter. We will find out about Henry VIII's decision to form the Church of England in history and examine how diet can affect the human body in science.




HOLIDAY CAMPS




28th October - 1st November 2024

Multi-Sports Activity Camp

Hurst Green Primary School (Halesowen), St Josephs Primary School (Stourbridge), Straits Primary School (Gornal), St Catherines CE Primary School (Kidderminster), St Michaels Catholic Primary Academy (Wolverhampton), Hallfield School (Edgbaston)

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