

St Oswald's CE Primary School and Nursery

OCTOBER 2025

Message from the Headteacher, Mr A Hackley

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe that we are at the end of the half term – I think everyone has earned a half term break.

It was fantastic to see so many costumes, robots and rock stars, throughout the school today – the children (and staff) seemed to have really enjoyed dressing up. Hopefully it will inspire the children to engage further with TTRS and Numbots.

During this half term Year 3 led a very thoughtful presentation during their Harvest Festival – many thanks to everyone who donated towards the local food bank, your contributions will help make a difference to families in need locally.

We have also had children take part in several sporting events including multi-skills, tag rugby and football. It has been fantastic to hear so many positive comments about the children when they are representing the school; they are always polite and show good sportsmanship.

As we approach Halloween and Bonfire Night, please do talk to your children about staying safe during these exciting celebrations. While these events can be great fun, they also come with the potential risks such as fireworks, unfamiliar costumes and busy streets after dark.

To ensure you never miss important updates from school, please make sure your Arbor app notifications are switched on. This allows you to receive in-app messages instantly – including reminders, event details, and urgent announcements.

To check your settings:

- Open the Arbor app
- Go to your profile or settings
- Enable notifications for messages

Thank you for staying connected and helping us keep communication smooth and efficient. We will be moving to using this method of communication as much as possible in the future.

Finally, may I wish you all a peaceful half term break and I look forward to seeing you all again on November 3rd.

Mr A Hackley

Our vision is to:

Inspire Embrace Succeed

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

Our main port of communication is via **Arbor In-App Messages** – please allow notifications on your device, to ensure you receive essential communication sent out. Emergency communication will be via phone or text.

Christian Values

Our Christian value this half term is
'Respect'



'Do to others as you would have them do to you.' Matthew 7.12



Time to reflect:

Often we show respect to someone by the way we speak to them. What do you think this means in practice?

Do you treat one another's possessions with respect? How do you show it?

Think of some practical ways that you show respect to each other in your family.

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**.

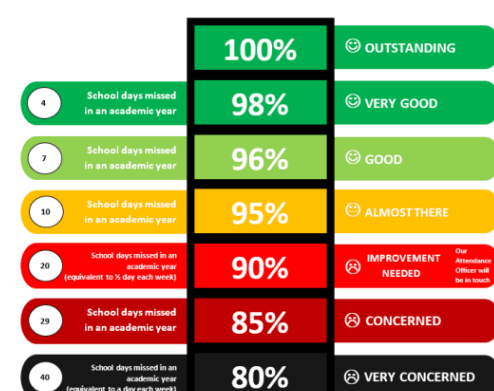
Attendance and Attendance Awards

Our whole school attendance for the month of
OCTOBER 2025
93.3%

Reception	90.9%
Year 1	93.4%
Year 2	91%
Year 3	97.7%
Year 4	92.4%
Year 5	94.9%
Year 6	93.1%



Attendance Ladder



Attendance winners: Well Done to Year 3

Diary Dates

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date and Time	Event
Friday 31 st October	Year 7 Applications for High School Close – Visit Apply for a secondary or high school school place Worcestershire County Council to secure your place.
Monday 3 rd November	School Reopens
Monday 10 th November	Flu Vaccinations in School
Tuesday 11 th November	Y5 – Remembrance Service 9am. Y5 parents and carers welcome to join us
Friday 14 th November	Y5-6 Cross Country Event – By invitation only
Monday 17 th – Friday November	Road Safety Week
Tuesday 25 th November	Y5 Performing Arts Day at Wolverley High
Saturday 6 th December – 3.30pm	Choir Performance – Broadwaters Christmas Light Switch On.
9 th and 10 th December	KS1 Nativity
12 th December	KS2 Christmas Carols

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Date and Time	Event
Autumn 2 - Nov-Dec Thursdays 3.15pm - 4.15pm	Y4-6 – Football
Autum 2 – Nov-Dec Fridays 3.15pm - 4.15pm	Y1-3 – All Stars Cricket
Autumn - Sept-Dec Mondays 3.15pm - 4.15pm	Y3-6 – Choir



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St Oswald's CE Primary School Term Dates 2024/25

Autumn Term 2025

TED Day 1	Monday 1 st September 2025
TED Day 2	Tuesday 2 nd September 2025
DoWMAT TED Day	Wednesday 3 rd September 2025
School reopens	8.35am Thursday 4 th September 2025
Half term	Monday 27 th to Friday 31 st October 2025
School reopens	8.35am Monday 3 rd November
School closes	3.15pm Friday 19 th December 2025

Spring Term 2026

TED Day 3	Monday 5 th January 2026
School reopens	8.35am Tuesday 6 th January 2026
Half term	Monday 16 th to Friday 20 th February 2026
School reopens	8.35am Monday 23 rd February 2026
School closes	3.15pm Friday 27 th March 2026

Summer Term 2025

School reopens	8.35am Monday 13 th April 2026
Early May Bank Holiday	Monday 4 th May 2026
School closes	3.15pm Friday 23 rd May 2026
Half term	Monday 25 th to Friday 29 th May 2026
School reopens	8.35am Monday 1 st June 2026
TED Day 4	Monday 19 th June 2026
School closes	3.15pm Friday 17 th July 2026
TED Day 5	Monday 20 th July 2026

Congratulations to Mrs Bray



We wanted to share with you all the fabulous news, that Miss Hall (Lunchtime Supervisor) happily married her long-term partner last month. Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Bray.

“What God has joined together, let no one separate“

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Our Learning in Nursery

This month has been very busy. The children are all fully aware of the nursery routine and taking it in their stride. Mrs Barnes has set up a teacher box as one of the children's favourite things to do at nursery is to follow our carpet time routine and be teachers. We have continued with our topic 'I wonder who I am'. The children have been looking at photos of themselves as babies and talking about what has changed. The children have also made their own small world people using their faces to play with in the nursery. As part of black history month, our inspirational person is the American gymnast, Simone Biles. The children have thoroughly enjoyed listening to the story about Simone, watching her gymnastics routine and practicing their own gymnastic skills in P.E. To end the term the children have been pumpkin carving, celebrated with our own spooky party and are looking forward to the performance of Jack and the Beanstalk.



Next month, we will be starting our new topic 'I wonder what it is'. This topic will include lots of focused activities to help the children learn about their five senses. We will also be starting our nursery phonics sounds and introducing some new group exercises.

Our Learning in Reception Class

This month we have been learning lots of new sounds and finding objects that have that sound at the start of the word. I wonder how many items you can find at home with the 's' sound at the start? In maths, we have been recognising, counting and sorting items into groups of 1, 2 and 3. In PE we have been looking at different ways of moving our bodies, moving over and under equipment and moving backwards, forwards and sideways safely. We continue to look at the school rules of Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe, focussing in particular on our emotions. We have looked at what our faces look like when we feel certain ways and what we can do to regulate ourselves if necessary. As part of Black History Month we have been celebrating our differences and researching more about different cultures. We have focussed on St Lucia, made and tasted Callaloo soup and created our own carnival based on stories we have read by JoJo and Gran Gran.



Next, we will be learning more about Autumn and the signs we are seeing of the changing seasons. We will be continuing our phonics sounds and looking forward to the different events that the following months will bring.

Our Learning in Year 1

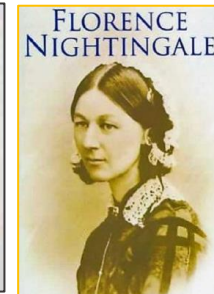
Year 1 have had a very busy and active month! On Friday 3rd October, we were lucky enough to go to Wolverley High School to take part in their multi skills festival. We had a lovely time with other local schools learning some new PE skills! We have also been exploring Forest School with Mrs Noble. The children have written about their Forest School experiences in their English lessons. I have been very impressed with their first extended writing task! In science and geography, we have continued to observe and record the weather and have started to learn about extreme weather. In maths we have used part whole models to represent number bond and addition stories.



Next month, we will be developing our narrative writing based on Little Red Riding Hood. After half term, we will have a history focus and will be thinking out Rowland Hill who was born in Kidderminster. In science, we will be thinking out our senses and how they help us find out about the world. In our maths lessons we will develop addition and subtraction strategies within 10.

Our Learning in Year 2

Year 2 have been very busy this month! In maths, the children have been consolidating their learning from the adding and subtracting topic and have now moved on to multiplication, focusing on the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Practising at home can really help build their confidence. In literacy, they have written a recount of the Great Fire of London and followed this by creating a diary entry about the three days of Christmas in their own homes – it's never too early to get festive!



Next month, we will continue exploring the Great Fire of London before moving on to learn about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. In literacy, the children will learn how to write a biography and will choose a famous person to write about. In science, we will be moving on to the topic of 'Materials' and will be identifying and comparing the suitability of a variety of everyday materials as well as finding out how the shapes of solid objects can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching. We'll also begin our preparations for the school nativity – watch this space!

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Our Learning in Year 3

This month we have started our new unit in English based around our new book of 'Stone Age Boy'. The children started with a research lesson to introduce the topic to discover facts on the Mesolithic and Neolithic periods. In Maths, we have been learning about addition and subtraction with a focus on the column method. In Geography, the children went on a walk to Broadwaters to support our topic of 'Our local area' and from this they were able to discuss the physical and human features within the area and how the local area has changed over the years.

I also want to thank everyone again who attended our fantastic Harvest Festival assembly. All the children worked hard, and I was very proud of them all.



Next month, we will be focusing more on the Stone Age in our History lessons which will further support our English unit. We will also be moving onto Multiplication and Division in our Maths. The children will be continuing to read 'Paddington' in guided reading and in science we will learn all about 'light'.

Our Learning in Year 4

This month we have been learning about column addition and subtraction in Maths. The children have shown a great understanding of the column method! In writing we have completed our first independent write of Year 4! The children worked extremely hard to write their own version of the lost thing!

A huge thank you to all the adults that attended the MTC workshop, there was a really good 'buzz' in the room and I know the children really enjoyed it.



Next month, we will be continuing learning about addition and subtraction and moving on to looking at word problems. In writing we will be planning our second independent write where the children will write the lost thing story from the perspective of the lost thing. We will be continuing with The BFG in guided reading.

We will be moving on to our first geography unit looking at Europe and putting our map skills to the test!

Our Learning in Year 5

This month in English we have used the short film 'The Piano' as a stimulus for our writing. We thought about how we could use something as a thread running through the memories that keep coming back to our main character. We have continued to learn about WW2 and enjoyed a trip to Bewdley Museum. In maths we have learnt how to identify a prime and square number based on the number of factors a number has. In science we have finished investigating the effects of different forces on objects.



Next half term we will begin learning about Earth and Space in Science. This will also feed into our writing in English. We will learn how to successfully use long multiplication to find the product of two two-digit numbers. We will begin the month by practising for our remembrance service on the 11th November – parents and carers are welcome to join us for this!

Our Learning in Year 6

This month, we have been continuing with our Harry Potter topic in English. The children wrote some fantastic short stories about Harry's adventures so far! In maths, we have finished our place value topic and moved on to learning about the four operations, as well as how to solve calculations that use a mix of operations. In history, we have continued with our Tudors topic and found out all about the Spanish Armada, as well as Tudor exploration. In science, we investigated the impact of exercise upon the body and particularly our pulse rate. As part of Black History Month, we also found out about three inspirational people: Rosa Parks, Harriet Tubman and Sam Cooke. Earlier this month, it was National Poetry Day, so we took part in a 'Poetry Hunt' around the playground!



Next month, we will be moving on to our new topics. In science, we will learn all about electricity. In geography, we will learn all about freshwater biomes. In RE, we will be finding out why some people do not believe in God. In maths, we will begin our topic about fractions and in English we will use A Monster Calls as a stimulus for our writing. We will continue to read Harry Potter in Guided Reading.

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Wednesday 22nd October was the relaunch of Times Table Rockstars and Numbots! Children in KS1 dressed as a robot whilst KS2 became their rockstar avatars. There were battles throughout the day to see which class and which children could become the ultimate rockstar!

All the children have been given their login so that they can play at home. Search for 'Numbots' (KS1) or 'TTRS' (KS2) and ensure you find our school page by searching for our postcode (DY10 2YL).

Numbots focuses on the crucial skill of subitising (recognising a number without having to count it) and then moves into additive relationships as the game progresses. TTRS focuses on times tables, including the 'Soundcheck' game which mimics the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check. Please encourage your child to play regularly to support these key maths skills.

If you need help with Numbots or TTRS, please speak to your child's class teacher or Miss Withams, who will be happy to help!



GAME MODE GUIDE

					
	GAME FORMAT	QUESTION TYPE	COINS	HEATMAP	
SINGLE	JAMMING	10, 20 or 30 questions	Select the tables and operations you want	8 coins for × ÷ mix 4 coins for × OR ÷	✗
	GARAGE	1, 2, or 3 minute games	× and ÷ questions chosen just for you	10 coins per correct answer	✓
	GIG	Up to 100 questions in 5 mins	× questions only up to 12×12	10 coins per correct answer	✓
	STUDIO	1 minute games	× and ÷ questions up to 12×12	1 coin per correct answer	✓
	SOUNDCHECK	25 questions, 6 seconds each	× questions only up to 12×12	5 coins per correct answer	✓
MULTI	FESTIVAL	1 minute games	× and ÷ questions up to 12×12	1 coin per correct answer	✓
	ARENA	1 minute games	× and ÷ questions chosen just for you	1 coin per correct answer	✓
	ROCK SLAM	1 minute games	× and ÷ questions up to 12×12	1 coin per correct answer	✓



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Sports News

This month has seen our school represented by groups of children from across KS2. Representatives from Year 3 and 4 went to the Tag Rugby Festival on Friday 17th October. They took part in some tag rugby skills drills, led by young leaders from local High Schools, and then played some games against other primary schools.

On Monday 20th October the Year 5 and 6 children who have been attending the after school football club took part in the Wyre Forest Football Festival. This tournament was against local primary schools.

All the children represented our school impeccably, showing our vision of 'Inspire, Embrace and Succeed' in action. They were fantastic sportspeople, making sure they were working as a team and being respectful to opposition teams and the referees. A huge thank you to the staff who have supported both these events, especially Mrs Broadhead and Miss Ratcliffe who stayed after school for the football tournament.



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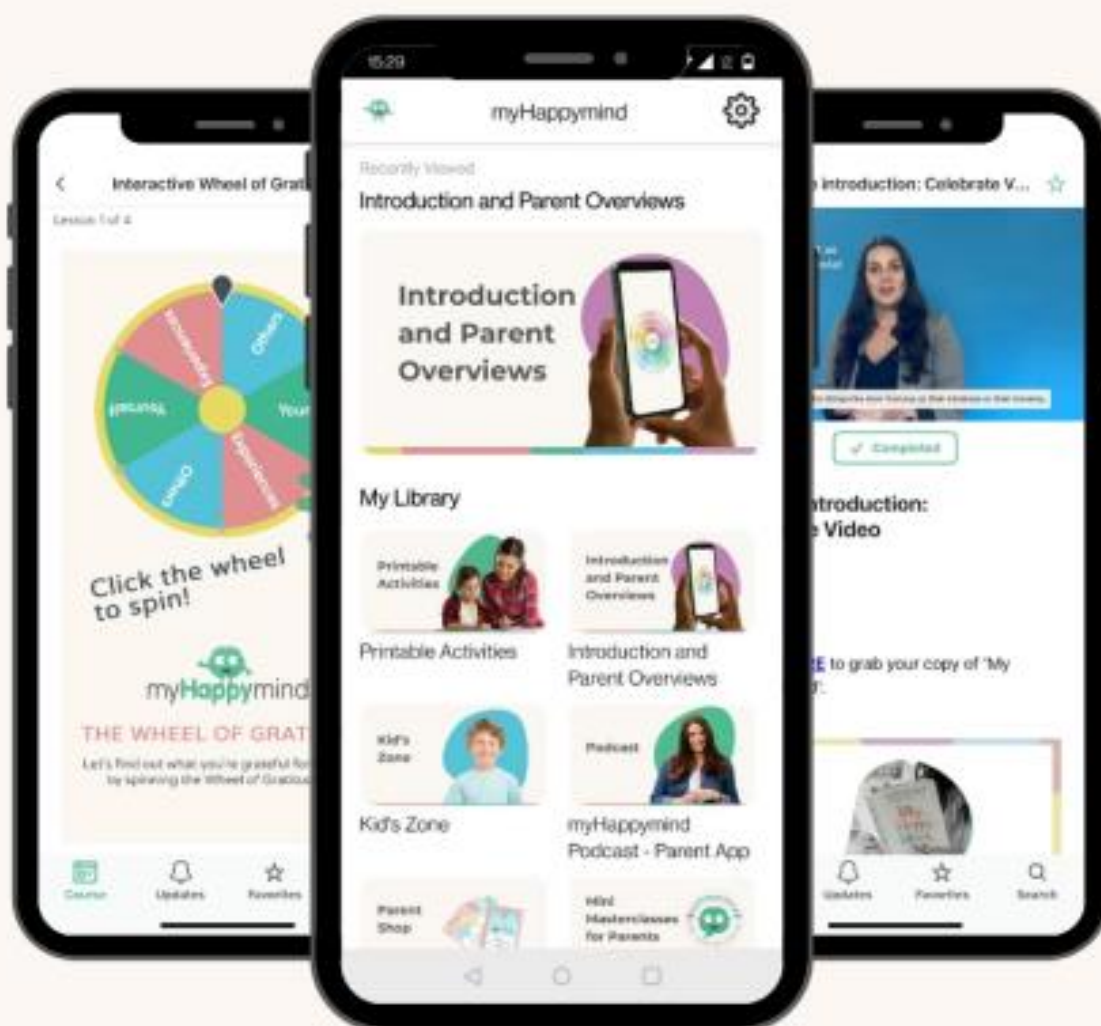
Jack and the Beanstalk Friday 24th October



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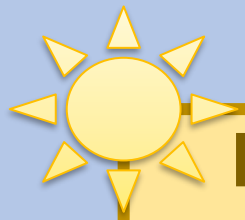
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Wraparound Care Provisions

Wraparound care provisions is a fun, nurturing environment with a range of enrichment activities tailored to the needs of the children. The children have the choice of free play which builds lovely new friendships. We offer toys, games, technology, relaxation, reading, role-play, outside play (weather permitting) and lots of seasonal arts and craft activities for your young person to enjoy.



Breakfast Club

We open our doors at 7.40am and charge £4.30 per session. You can drop at any time between 7.40 and 8.30am. Children can have a healthy breakfast of cereal, toast, bagel, fresh fruit and squash, making them ready for the school day ahead. Cut off for booking sessions will be 12 midday the day before.



After School Club

We close our doors at 5.30pm and charge £4.60 if collected by 4.30pm or £8.20 if collected by 5.30pm. You can collect any time between 3.30pm and 5.30pm, by ringing the bell at the side entrance to the back playground or by calling our wraparound mobile phone number 07507565364. Light healthy snacks are also provided in after school club. Cut off for booking sessions will be 12 midday for after school club on the same day.

Booking and Cancelling Wraparound for All Children - Nursery to Year 6

All wraparound sessions are booked via Arbor, our parent portal (unless your child is of nursery age): <https://st-oswalds-primary-school.uk.arbor.sc/?/home-ui/index> – you will find wraparound services under clubs and payment is due at the time of booking also through Arbor. If for any reason you need to cancel the session, you can do this on Arbor by cancelling before the days cut off time of 12 midday for After School Club the same day and Breakfast Club for the following day. This will give you a full refund.

Universal Credit and Nursery Funded Hours

We are more than happy to supply a letter of evidence of your child's attendance at wraparound. Our school's URN number is 144456, should you need to provide this. We can also accept funded nursery hours as childcare providers, should you need a little extra time before or after nursery hours. Please contact us on office@stoswalds.worcs.sch.uk should you need assistance. For more information please take a look at the Government website to assist with funding childcare up to 11 years old: <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

Late School Pick Up: If your child is still on school premises at 3.25pm, they will be taken across to after school club, where an admin charge of £4 will be added to the usual ASC charges.

Late Collection Fee: If your child is not collected by 5.30pm, when ASC closes, this is charged at £5.10 for every 5 minutes after. If you have booked for a 4.30pm collection and arrive after this time, you will be charged the 5.30pm cost (an additional £3.60) plus the admin fee of £4.

Unattended Booked Sessions (eg due to illness) will still be charged unless 24 hours notice has been given of the cancellation. This should be done via the Arbor app.

School Uniform Shop



St Oswald's Book Bag
£6.99



St Oswald's Tie
£5.49



St Oswald's T-Shirt
£6.99



St Oswald's V-Neck
£12.99 – £15.99



St Oswald's Hoodie
£15.99

CRESTED SCHOOLWEAR

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27 Ryemarket Shopping Centre
Stourbridge
DY8 1HJ

Opening times are Monday, Wednesday, Friday and
Saturday 9.30 - 5pm

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Crested School Wear](#)



St Oswald's Cardigan
£13.99 – £15.99

Pre-
Loved
£2

St Oswald's stocks pre-oved uniform in the office foyer. All items are £2 and you can get a great bargain. The money raised stays in our school and is used for things like books and play equipment for classes and communal areas. Payable using the Arbor app, under School Shop – pre-loved uniform.

Donate

If your child has outgrown their uniform or they are moving on, please donate their freshly washed uniform to our Pre-Loved sales via the office. Asides from the items pictured above we can also accept PE kits, shoes pumps/trainers, forest school items, coats and packaged underwear.

Community Information



Public Consultation

Discontinuation of Sixth Form Provision

Holy Trinity School & Sixth Form are to propose and consult over the discontinuation of the Sixth Form provisions.

The consultation will run from 13 October to 12pm on 7 November 2025. Comments can be made by completing the online response form available on the school website:

<https://htsfreeschool.co.uk/sixth-form/sixth-form-consultation>



Understanding your Child/Teen



3rd November 2025 to 2nd February 2026
5.00pm - 7.00pm



This group is suitable for families with children and young people aged 8 to 19 years old.

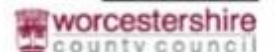
10 weekly sessions, covering development needs, having fun, communication, parenting styles, attachment, sleep, behaviour difficulties, bullying, relationships and why your teenage behaves the way they do.

Venue: Brookside Family Hub, Borrington Road, Kidderminster, DY10 3ED

To book your place please scan the QR code or visit <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EZIU>. For any queries please email admin.wyreforest@barnardos.org.uk or call 01562 827207.



www.worcestershire.gov.uk/FamilyHubs



Date And Time

4 Oct 2025 @ 10:00 to
2 Nov 2025 @ 16:00

Location

Whitlenge Gardens and Café,
Whitlenge Lane, Hartlebury

Phone

01299 250 720



THE FAMOUS WHITLENGE FAMILY HALLOWEEN TRAIL IS BACK!

