

St Oswald's CE Primary School and Nursery

APRIL 2026

Message from the Headteacher, Mr A Hackley

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Summer term, and some bright sunshine, the last term for our Year 6 pupils who are looking forward to completing their SATs in May (surprisingly they normally actually enjoy SATs week). Year 1 will complete phonics screening checks in June and Year 4 their multiplication table checks. Every school day is important and we need your support to ensure that the children are in school as often as possible. Holiday requests will not be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances and the Local Authority has fined some parents for taking holidays during term time.

May I also remind you that children should come to school in school uniform and that it is important to arrive at school on time. The school gate is opened at around 8.35 and all children should be in school before 9.00 at the latest. Your support as parents and carers in this is greatly appreciated.

We are looking forward to exciting school events such as Sports' Day and school trips for some classes including the residential visit for Year 6 to the Pioneer Centre – hopefully we will have fine weather for these occasions.

Thank you all for your continued support.

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 VISION

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 still be via phone or text.

Christian Values

'Thankfulness'



'Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.'



Time to reflect:
Thankfulness is not just saying 'thank you' it's about being thankful for everything we have and life itself.

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

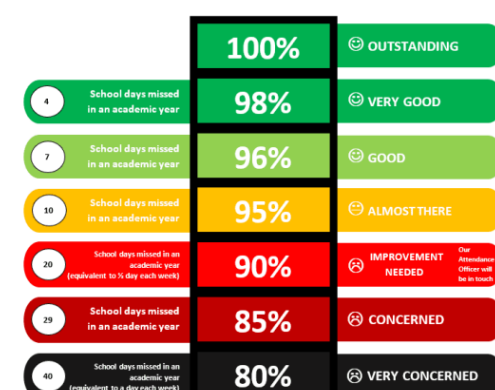
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Our school target is 96%

Reception	87%
Year 1	99%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	96%
Year 4	92%
Year 5	90%
Year 6	97%



Attendance Ladder



Attendance winners: **Well Done to Year 1**

Diary Dates

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date and Time	Event
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Monday 11 th May	SATS Assessments and Mental Health Awareness Week
Friday 15 th May	Y1 – Think Tank Trip
Wed 20 th May	Y2 – Bodenham Arboretum
Thursday 21 st May	Census Day - Special Lunch Menu
Monday 26 th May	Half Term
Wed 10 th June	Y3 – Kinver Edge
Thur 18 th June	Y4 & Y5 – UoW Lakeside Campus
Fri 19 th June	TED
Wed 24 th June – Friday 26 th June	Y6 - Residential
Tue 30 th June - AM	KS1 Sports Day
Fri 3 rd July - AM	KS2 Sports Day

Year 6 Transition Days

Date	High School
Wed 1 st July – Fri 3 rd July	Hagley High School
Thur 2 nd July – Fri 3 rd July	Kinver High School
Mon 6 th July – Wed 8 th July	Wolverley High School



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SMS: Arbor In-App Message (free)

E: office@stoswalds.worcs.sch.uk

W: www.stoswalds.worcs.sch.uk

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 2026

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

Polite Reminder

We are a Cash Free School. All purchased items can be found on Arbor.



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Our Learning in Nursery

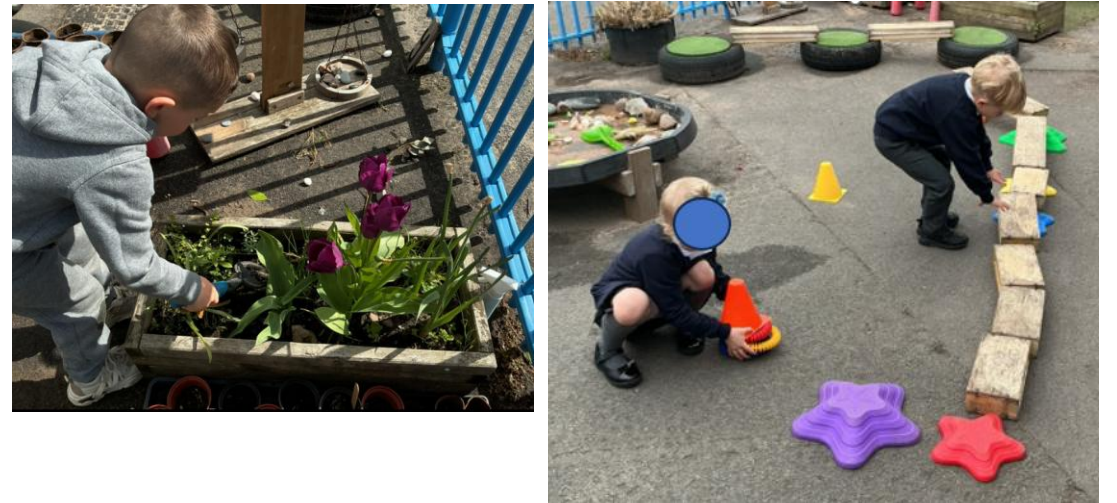
This month we have started our new topic 'I wonder what is in the garden'. Mrs Barnes started the new term planting sunflowers. These are currently in our nursery garden and have started to sprout. Our star word last week was 'blossom'. We focused on this word and made our own blossom trees, we found the blossom tree in the playground and noticed that the blossom felt soft to touch, some of the children described as being silky. Our rhymes of the week so far this month have included Wiggly woo, The grand old Duke of York and I hear thunder. The children now have an array of nursery rhymes learnt and look forward to finding out what our next one will be.



Next month, we will be continuing with the same topic and making a start on growing our own vegetables. We are planning on planting beans, lettuce, beetroot and parsnips. We will also be doing a nursery scavenger hunt to spot what is in our garden.

Our Learning in Reception Class

This half term we are wondering how to save the world. We have loved reading the books 'Sharing a Shell' and 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley' and have been exploring what happens to our rubbish, how we can reuse things instead of throwing them away and we have met some interesting sea creatures along the way, a bristleworm, turtle and hermit crab to name a few. In maths we are continuing to deepen our understanding of shape, seeing and using them in different orientations. We are also revisiting our work on doubles knowing that 4 is made of 2 and 2, 2 and 2 make 4. In PE we are using the book 'Giraffe's Can't Dance' to explore a range of different types of dances and having a go at a few moves ourselves.



Next month, we will be continuing to wonder how to save the world, exploring different materials, thinking about how to reduce our waste and considering the impact of pollution on our planet. We will no doubt be enjoying our outdoor areas more and more over the next few months and hopefully see some of our seeds grow into food that we can harvest. Keep your fingers crossed!

Our Learning in Year 1

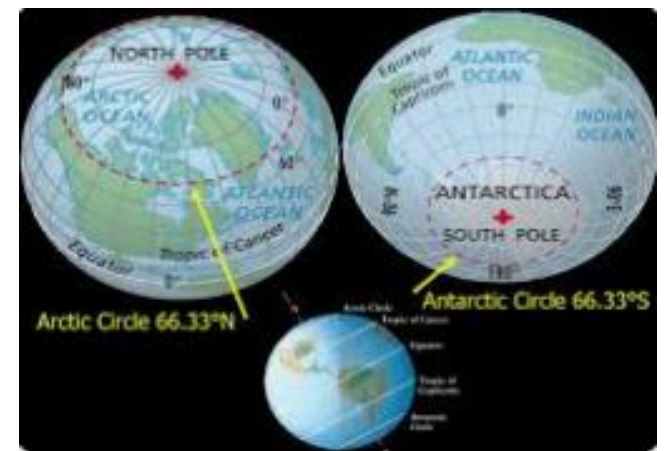
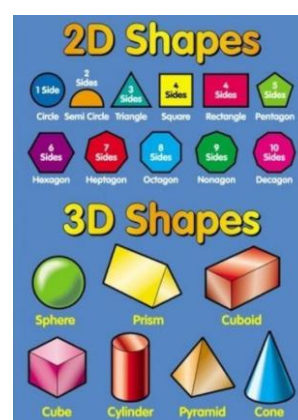
This month we have worked very hard on our writing. We have extended our sentences and made adventurous language choices to write our stories about an alien crash landing on Earth! In history we have compared the astronauts Neil Armstrong and Tim Peake and thought about why they are such significant people. We have been very busy in our science lessons studying plants. We have also continued our study of the seasons and have observed the signs of spring in our environment. We can't believe how much our tree has changed from autumn and winter! An animal visit also helped us to remember our learning about animal groups such as carnivores, herbivores, and omnivores.



Next month, we will be learning all about London. We will study its features and create our own guided tours. We will also encounter the landmarks of London in our lead text 'The Queen's Hat'. In our science lessons we will learn about garden plants and design our own gardens. We will understand the difference between deciduous and evergreen trees and spot these around the school. In maths, we will apply our skills of addition and subtraction to solve word problems.

Our Learning in Year 2

This month, in English, we have jumped into our new text, 'Stardust' where the children have been working really hard to include all the skills they have learnt so far into their writing. In Maths, we have been exploring 2D and 3D shapes identifying lines of symmetry and moving and turning shapes on a grid. In Science, we have just finished our plant unit, which the children have absolutely loved, especially watching their plants grow and investigating what makes a healthy plant. The children have thoroughly enjoyed forest school so far, making all sorts of concoctions for me and Mrs Noble to 'eat' and 'drink'. In geography, we will be learning about the Arctic and Antarctica. We will begin the topic by looking at the different continents and oceans and then explore the different animals and plants that survive in these places.



Next month, we will be continuing with our English text and we would have written our own independent narratives based on the 'Stardust'. We are looking forward to reading those! In Maths, we will be moving onto Fractions and Time, focusing on halves, quarters and thirds and telling and writing the time. In RE, we will be continuing with our unit, 'What is the good news Christians believe Jesus brings'. In guided reading, we will continue developing our reading skills through the text 'Fantastic Mr Fox' which the children have been really enjoying. Following on from our geography topic, in history we will begin to research and explore Shackleton's great expedition.

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Our Learning in Year 3

This month we have focused on time in Maths, being able to tell the time and solve word problems involving durations and looking at interpreting and drawing our own pictograms and bar models. In English we have been focused on our book 'The secret of Black Rock' and have recently started creating a poster on a variety of sea creatures. In Science we have continued our unit on plants and in Geography we have started our unit on climate change.



Next month, we will be learning all about fractions in maths, looking at adding and subtracting as well as finding equivalent fractions. In English, we will be continuing with our unit, looking at writing a setting description for the beautiful ocean. In guided reading, we will be continuing 'Charlotte's Web' and in Art we are looking at sketches still life with links to Paul Cézanne.

Our Learning in Year 4

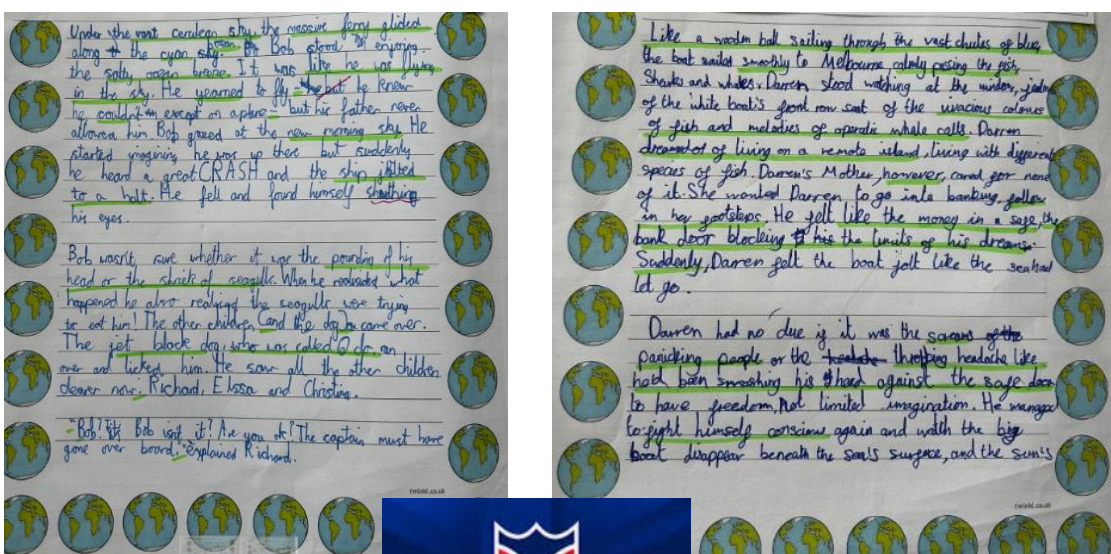
This month we have been learning to add and subtract fractions in maths. We have been looking at how to turn mixed numbers into improper fractions to make it easier to work out the problem. In English we have started a new unit on digestion looking at the book 'Gut Garden' by Katie Brosnan. The children were excited by the demonstration we did on how our digestive system works! In geography we have started looking at Earthquakes and Volcanoes, specifically at the different types of plate boundaries.



Next month, we will be continuing with our English unit on digestion. We will be starting a new book in guided reading called 'The Firework Maker's Daughter'. In maths we will be starting a new unit on decimals and continuing to practice our times tables ready for our MTC check at the start of June. In geography we will be looking at the Pacific Ring of Fire.

Our Learning in Year 5

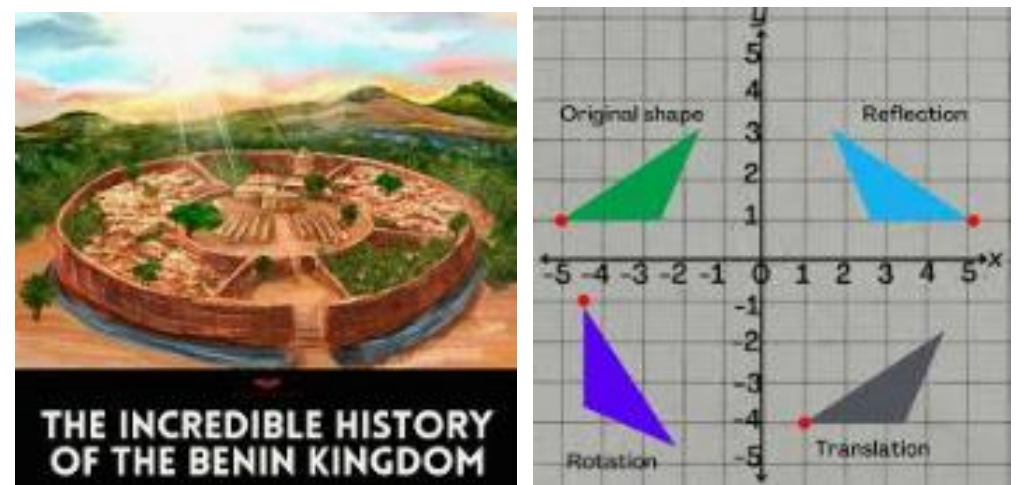
Since Easter, we have learnt what a percentage is in maths and have been making links between equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages. We have also learnt how to use a protractor to accurately measure and draw angles. In English we wrote a narrative based on 'The Explorer', carefully thinking about the Year 5 skills we have learnt as well as our presentation. In PE we have started practising different athletics disciplines and have been lucky enough to use the brand new golf equipment donated to us by Majesticks Golf Club!



Next month, we will be writing a narrative based on Anthony Browne's 'Zoo' about a family day out that doesn't quite go to plan! We will learn about different life cycles in Science and about Ancient Greek myths in History.

Our Learning in Year 6

This month, we have started our new history and RE topics. In history we are learning about the ancient civilisation of Benin, and in RE we are focusing on the question 'What kind of king is Jesus?' In English, we have been debating the existence of zoos and using this as a stimulus for writing balanced arguments. Do they do more harm than good? As well as this, we have been preparing for our SATs tests by revising our reading skills and finishing our maths curriculum. We have now learned how to translate and reflect shapes in four quadrants!



Next month, we will continue to revise in preparation for our SATs tests. It is crucial that the children attend school every day so that they can benefit from this. Don't forget, they have also been provided with plenty of revision materials to use at home too! SATs week is week commencing the 11th May and breakfast will be provided in the hall from 8.15am Monday to Thursday that week. After SATs, we will finally announce this year's play! It will soon be time for auditions and then rehearsals!

PE Information

Hall/PE/ Forest School Timetable Summer 1 2026

	9:00				12:15-1:15 Lunch			15.15
M						Year 4	Year 2	
T			Nursery Hall			Year 5	Year 6	
W			Nursery Hall			Year 1	Year 3	
T			Year 1			Year 5 Y2 and Rec Forest School	Year 6 Y2 and Rec Forest School	
F			Reception			Year 4	Year 3	



All Stars Cricket provides a fantastic first experience for all children aged between 5-8 years old. They will have 8 weeks of jam-packed fun, activity and skills!

Dynamo's Cricket provides a perfect introduction to Cricket for all 8-11 year olds! Dynamo's is all about fun and provides children with a more social offer, focusing on the skills to play the game.

Find your nearest All Stars & Dynamo's programme using the link below!



<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/Search>



PE Information

junior parkrun - where everyone is

Join us on Sunday
10th May at the Wyre
Forest Visitor Centre
at 9am for the 'St
Oswald's Takeover' of
junior parkrun!



welcome

junior parkrun is a free, fun, friendly, weekly, community event organised by volunteers of all ages for children aged 4 to 14.

2k junior parkrun events take place on Sunday mornings and are for the whole community to come together to walk, jog, run and volunteer. Join in on the fun at junior parkrun!



junior parkrun

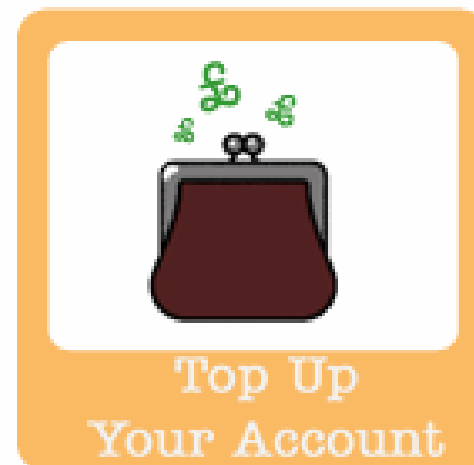
School Meals

**SCHOOL FOOD
UNITED**

A new online ordering system for
School Dinners is here!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to announce the launch of School Food United where you can:

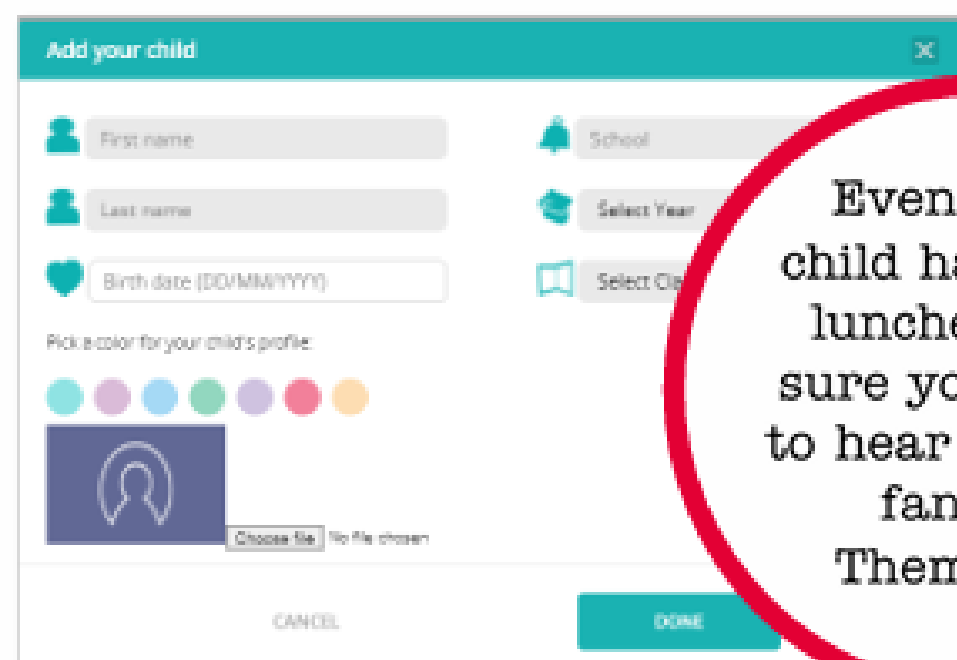


How to Register

1. Visit <https://parents.schoolfoodunited.com/login> & select the 'register' button at the top of the page.
2. Add your details* and create a password – You will then receive a confirmation email. Click on the link in the email to verify.
3. Log in and select 'add child' then add your child's details into the below online form, then choose from dropdown school, year and class options. Repeat for each child.

Your School Years:

N – Nursery
R – Reception
1 – Year 1
2 – Year 2
3 – Year 3
4 – Year 4
5 – Year 5
6 – Year 6



The screenshot shows a form titled "Add your child" with the following fields: First name, Last name, Birth date (DD/MM/YYYY), School, Select Year, and Select Class. Below these fields are color selection options and a profile picture upload area with a "Choose file" button. At the bottom are "CANCEL" and "DONE" buttons.

Even if your
child has packed
lunches, make
sure you sign up
to hear about our
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Theme Days

*Please be aware that School Food United will never share your data with a third party

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Parent App

YOU WILL NEED THIS AUTHENTICATION CODE TO SIGN UP

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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

Our Commitment to Low-Cost Uniform – Unbranded is fine with us! Take a look at our Uniform Policy on our website for more information.

Autumn, Winter and Spring Uniform Options

- Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore dress
- White plain polo shirt - White shirt for KS2
- St Oswald's navy-blue Crew Neck sweatshirt or navy blue sweat cardigan with embroidered logo (logo optional)
 - Black shoes (flat heeled, not trainers or high tops)
- Plain white, grey or black socks or plain grey or black tights
- St Oswald's school tie KS2 only

Summer Uniform Options Uniform as above, or:

- White school polo shirt
- Summer dress (blue and white check)
- Grey shorts can also be worn
- Summer caps for outdoor learning or play

PE Kit

- White t-shirt
- Navy skirt or shorts or skort
- Plain Navy-blue hoodie (no branding) for outdoor games
- Plain Navy-blue joggers (no branding)
- A named navy-blue pump bag for PE Kit
- Black pumps for indoors and trainers for outdoors.

School Accessories

- A labelled water bottle.
- Navy-blue school reading book bag (plain or with logo)
- Elastic bands or scrunchies for longer than shoulder length hair.
- Jewellery should not be worn except for stud earrings or a watch.

Make up and Jewellery

- Make up must not be worn to school at all by children, this includes nail varnish or false nails.
- Jewellery must not be worn except for stud earrings or a watch. These must be removed for PE.
- As a Health and Safety measure, hair longer than shoulder length should be tied back from the face at all times. No extreme hair styles or colours are permissible.
- Please remove earrings for your child before they come to school, on PE days if they are unable to do this for themselves

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St Oswald's V-Neck
£12.99 – £15.99



St Oswald's Cardigan
£13.99 – £15.99

Pre-
Loved
£2

St Oswald's stocks pre-loved 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 clubs – 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. In addition to the items pictured above we can also accept PE kits, shoes pumps/trainers, forest school items, coats and packaged underwear.

What's Happening in the Community



**Friends of
Broadwaters Mill Park**

Spring Plant Sale

**May 9th From 10am
In the Park**

**Buy your plants for the new growing
season**

- Bedding plants
- Annuals
- Perennials
- House Plants
- Alpines
- Fruit & Veg

**All donated by local businesses and our own
members**

26th - 29th MAY 2026



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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING CONFIRMED?

Aged 10 or older?
Want to follow Jesus for yourself?
Interested in exploring faith in 4
preparation sessions, then being
confirmed by a Bishop at a special
service?

Turn over to find out more!

Are you interested in being CONFIRMED?

Confirmation is a special church service where a young person or an adult decides for themselves that they would like to be a follower of Jesus.

It's possible to be confirmed at any age. For young people, confirmation can be a coming-of-age service, where they decide to be 'grown-up' Christians who believe for themselves, instead of just sharing in the faith of their family or school. It's usual to be confirmed from age 10, and I'm really happy to talk with anyone in Y5 or Y6 who might be interested. Once you are confirmed, you can receive Holy Communion (bread and wine) in church services.

You need to have been christened (baptised) before you can be confirmed, but it's possible to be christened and confirmed in the same service.

To get ready for confirmation, there would be a series of 4 preparation sessions (4pm-5pm, Wednesdays 6, 13, 20 May and 3 June, at St John's Church), where your young person would learn about the teachings of the Christian faith. We might discuss prayer, going to church, the values we live by, understanding the Bible. Your young person is welcome to attend the sessions and decide at the end whether confirmation is right for them.

There will also be preparation sessions for adults who wish to be confirmed, if any parents would be interested in being confirmed alongside their young person. There is no charge for the preparation sessions or for the confirmation service.

The confirmation service itself would be on Sunday 7th June at St John's Church Kidderminster (DY116RL) at 3pm.

Scan the QR code to read more about being confirmed.



If you or your young person are interested in joining the preparation sessions or would like to talk further about being confirmed, please get in touch – teamvicar.kwtm@gmail.com or 01562 228712.

Rev Laura