

St Oswald's CE Primary School and Nursery



MAY 2025

Message from the Headteacher, Mrs C Reece

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are already at the end of the first half of the summer term! It's been a busy few weeks, not least of all because of SATs week which is a landmark time for our Year 6 children. We were proud of their determination and resilience - their efforts were rewarded with bacon rolls and croissants at the start of each morning and an ice-cream factory treat at the end of the week! Year 4 visited the Carpet Museum and Year 3 had a day out at the Iron Age Fort at Kinver Edge. Upon their return, both classes were keen to share their experiences and learning.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the VE Day Celebrations. It was lovely to see the community picnicking together, making the most of the lovely weather and enjoying ice-creams (kindly organised by the Extras.) Perhaps the highlight of the occasion, however, was the vintage car, uniforms and artefacts brought in by Grace's Dad, Mr Cooper. Adults and children were transported back in time and we were all able to appreciate the significance of this period in history.

We hope that you have a happy and restful half term break and that the children return refreshed and ready for the second half of the summer term.

Mrs C Reece

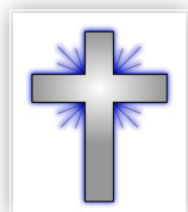
Our vision is to:

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"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'



Time to reflect:

In the story of David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17), David found the courage to face an impossible situation because he believed that God would protect him.

Have you ever faced a difficult situation? The Bible says

'Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.' Joshua 1 v 9

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
May 2025

Reception

96.5%

Year 1

89%

Year 2

93.4%

Year 3

95.9%

Year 4

95.5%

Year 5

87.5%

Year 6

95%



Attendance Ladder



Attendance winners: Well done to Reception!

Diary Dates

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date and Time	Event
Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th May	Half Term – School Closed
Monday 2 nd – Friday 13 th June	Y4 Multiplication times table checks
Monday 9 th – Friday 13 th June	Y1 Phonics Screening check
Wednesday 11 th June 2.30pm	Nursery - Dads and Heroes Day
Friday 13 th June 2pm	Midsummer Musical concert
Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th June	Y4 and Y6 Bikeability
Wednesday 18 th June PM	Nursery Sports Day
Wednesday 25 th June 9.15am	Reception and Y1 Habberley Trail
Wednesday 25 th – Friday 27 th June	Y6 Residential
Monday 30 th June	TED Day – School Closed
Wednesday 4 th July	KS2 Sports Day AM KS1 Sports Day PM
Wednesday 16 th July	Y2 Bodenham Arboretum

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

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 to Friday 30 th May 2025
School reopens	8.40am Monday 2 nd June 2025
TED Day	Monday 30 th June 2025
School closes	3.15pm Friday 18 th July 2025
TED Day	Monday 21 st July 2025

Autumn Term 2025

TED Day 1	Monday 2 nd September 2025
TED Day 2	Tuesday 3 rd September 2025
DoWMAT TED Day	Wednesday 4 th September 2025
School reopens	8.35am Thursday 5 th September 2025
Half term	Monday 27 th to Friday 31 st October 2025
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 Feb 2026
School closes	3.15pm Friday 27 th March 2026

Summer Term 2026 – TED Days

TED Day 4 - Friday 19th June 2026
TED Day 5 - Monday 20th July 2026



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Trauma

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Our Learning in Nursery

This month we have been focusing on our topic 'I wonder where we have been'. The children have enjoyed activities based around visiting the shops, woodlands/forests and the seaside. We have also enjoyed celebrating VE Day, the nursery children got to look at a classic car, make union jacks and paper Spitfires, as well as spreading their own jam sandwiches for the picnic. This week on the 20th May, we planned our activities around World Bee day. The children used playdoh to make their own bees, and we used focused words including pollen, nectar, antenna and beehives.

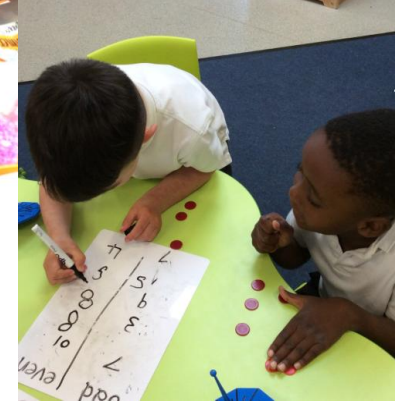


Next month, our topic is 'I wonder what is in the garden'. We have lots of planting to do and activities around insects and minibeasts. We also have a nursery sports day to practice for.

Our Learning in Reception Class

This month we have been thinking about things from the past. Children have been enjoying accessing the old telephone and typewriter in the classroom and comparing everyday situations such as buying an ice-cream with that from the past. Children have read 'When I was little like you' in Drawing Club and compared boats, planes, ice cream vans, shops and trains from then and now. This has really captured their interests, and we have set up a role play ice-cream shop and even made our own ice cream using cream, sugar and ice cubes!

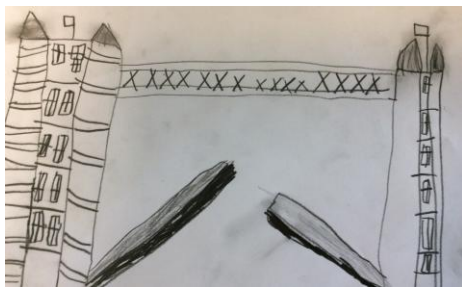
In maths, we have been securing our knowledge of 3d shapes and number – especially the numbers that can be shown as a double.



Next month, we will be developing our theme of 'I wonder what happened Once Upon a Time' by focusing on traditional tales. We will be growing beanstalks as well as developing our vegetable garden at forest school.

Our Learning in Year 1

This month we have continued to learn all about London. We have discovered its physical human features and used a map to plan out a tour of some of the famous landmarks. We have loved using the story 'The Queen's Hat' to inspire our writing. In our writing lessons, we have looked particularly at using verbs to enhance our writing. We have looked at the artist Jo Peel and how she uses vertical and horizontal lines to create pictures of buildings. The children have loved using her style to create their own drawings of London buildings. We hope you like our pictures!

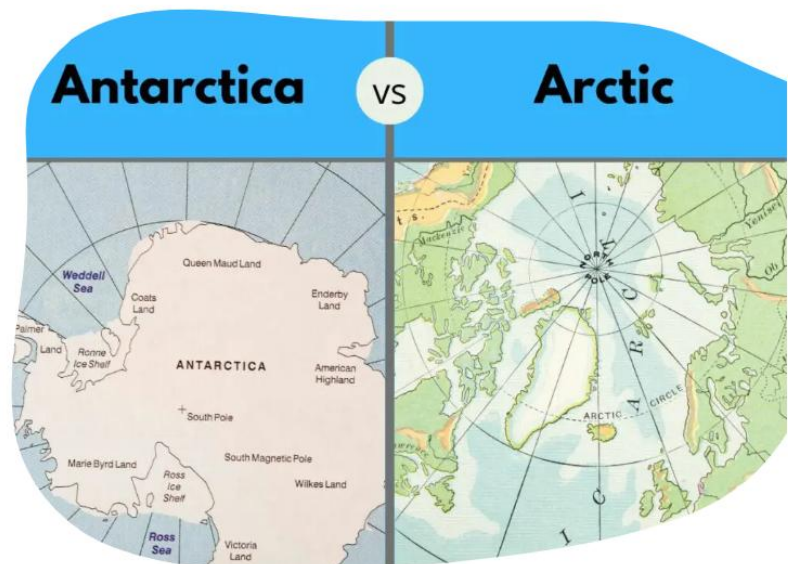


Next month, we will be finishing off our London topic by comparing and contrasting London with Sydney. We will begin to name and locate some of the countries involved in World War 1 and start to understand why they started fighting each other. Our new text in our English lessons will be 'Grandad's Island' by Benji Davies. In June, the children will participate in the phonics screening. They have worked very hard on their phonics this year! Please continue to support them by reading daily and practising the words that are sent home.

Our Learning in Year 2

This month we have been learning about money in maths, we have been using our knowledge in real life situations and exploring how we can make different amounts using different coins/notes. In literacy, we have written our persuasive letter using techniques that we have been learning about over the last few weeks. The children really enjoyed the drama aspect of "hot seating" for this topic.

In geography, we have learnt about the Arctic and Antarctica. We have also started to learn about Ernest Shackleton and his expeditions to Antarctica.



Next month, we'll be focusing on volume in Maths. In our Guided Reading sessions, we'll continue reading Fantastic Mr. Fox. For Science, our topic will be Animals including Humans, where we'll explore animal growth and survival. We'll also be using all the techniques we've developed in Art to create our own Lowry-inspired picture.

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Our Learning in Year 3

This month we have been continuing our learning of the Iron Age. Children thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the Kinver Iron Age Hill Fort. They listened to the guides talking about the rare wildlife that is found there and how the ramparts were formed. We all role-played a game called 'Traders and Raiders' where children got into character chanting their tribe names and traded in resources such as leather, wood and crafts.

We explored sandstone caves and made clay pots and roundhouse wicker walls. Finally, children were taught how to use flint and steel to start their own fires, just like the iron age!



Next month, we will be thinking in RE about how and why religious and non-religious people try to make the world a better place. We will be learning about the Romans in our history topic and learning about animals, including humans in science. Our Spanish topic is 'ice-creams.'

We will continue our sessions in Forest School on Thursday afternoons.

Our Learning in Year 4

This month we have completed our unit on fractions in maths and have been practising hard our times tables. In English we have completed the book Arthur and the Golden Rope and retold Norse myths using lots of descriptive writing. We had a fantastic time on our trip to the carpet museum and the children were a credit to the school.

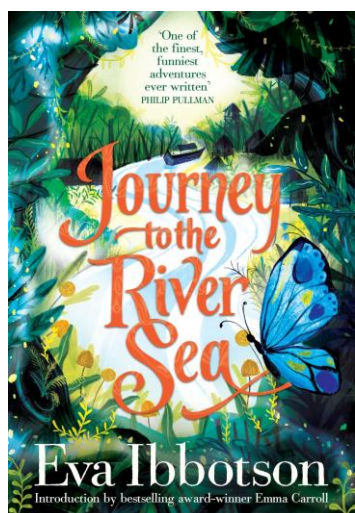


Next month, we will be taking the Multiplication Times Table Check so it would be great if children could practice their times tables over half term.

In English we will be using an animation called 'Feast' to complete our writing and in guided reading we will be looking at our new book The Firework Makers Daughter. In science we will continue with electricity and our history unit about Kidderminster.

Our Learning in Year 5

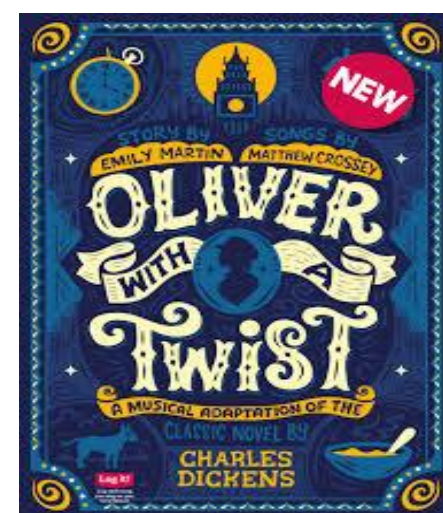
This month we have written journals imagining that we have been stranded on a planet in space! We had to consider how we would solve problems such as our oxygenator breaking down. During Guided Reading lessons we have started reading Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson, meeting Maia and starting to find out about her new life in the Amazon rainforest. We have also been learning about the achievements of the Early Islamic Civilisation in history and finishing off our topic about life cycles in science.



Next month, we will be practising the events for Sports Day on 4th July – this will include javelin, hammer and shotput. We will continue with our text in Guided Reading and start to learn about the desert and savannah biomes in geography. During maths lessons we will learn about measures and how to convert these into different units, including imperial measures such as miles and ounces. Some children will also be spending the day on the canal bell boating.

Our Learning in Year 6

Mrs Buckley, Mrs Calcutt and Mrs Wilding are very proud of the hard work and perseverance the children in Year 6 have demonstrated this month, while preparing for their SATs tests! During SATs week, they continued to work hard and tried their best in every test. As always, they also enjoyed their SATs breakfast each morning! At the end of the week, they enjoyed an ice cream sundae treat while Mrs Buckley announced this year's leavers' play... 'Oliver With a Twist'! Once the auditions had taken place, the children were allocated their roles and responsibilities.



Next month, we will complete our writing assessments. It is therefore important that the children continue to attend school regularly, despite the SATs assessments being over. We will be using our new Guided Reading text: 'The Eye of the Wolf' as a stimulus for our writing. We will also begin our final history topic for the year, all about the ancient civilisation of Benin. As well as all of this, we will begin rehearsals for our end of year play!

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SUMMER

FESTIVAL

**TUESDAY
10TH JUNE 2025**

WEATHER DEPENDENT


5.30PM - 8.30PM


**RESERVE DATE
THURSDAY 12TH
JUNE**

- Talent Show
- Bouncy Castle
- Sumo wrestling
- Crafts
- Dog Show
- Animal Centre
- Tubing
- Cake competition
- Food / Bar / Ice Cream Van
- plus lots more.....

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