



St Oswald's CE Primary Newsletter

July 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

As our school year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your unwavering support and commitment to working together. My first year as headteacher has been an absolute joy. I am so proud that our recent Ofsted inspection recognised the special community that we have here at St Oswald's and the fantastic work that goes on day in, day out. And we end the year on a high, as we have been told that we are shortlisted as finalists for 'School of the Year' at the York Community Pride Awards 2024!

I hope to see many of you over the next few days at our various end of term events and wish you all a very happy summer break.

Jemma Dunne

Learning for all

You should now have received your child's end of year report, which details and celebrates the progress that has been made over the school year. Year 6 SATs results have since followed and I want to credit the way our pupils conducted themselves during the exams, showing a calm, 'can-do' attitude. We are proud of each and every one of them. We are hosting an **open evening** on Tuesday 16th July from 3.30-5.15pm for parents and carers to visit classrooms. This is an opportunity to celebrate some of the learning that has taken place over the year and to discuss your child's report with the class teacher.

Participating in the **Summer Reading Challenge** is a great way to spend your quieter summer days and an even better way of keeping your child's reading skills, and love of reading, developing whilst they are away from school. The Challenge invites children aged 4 - 11, to read six or more library books over the summer. There are stickers and other rewards for every book read, with a medal and certificate for every child who completes the challenge. Taking part is completely free and children have until the start of September to finish.

We plan to celebrate the children who complete the Summer Reading Challenge with a treat. Anyone who brings in their finisher's certificate will be invited to a **hot chocolate 'relax and read' event** in school time as a reward and will be entered into a prize draw to win a book of their choice from our '100 books to read at St Oswald's' list! We'll be hosting an assembly in school about the challenge tomorrow and children can sign up now at Fulford Library!

Caring for each other

Each month, we write an article for the **Church and People magazine**. Our articles are a small insight into life here at St Oswald's CE Primary School. We have compiled them all into a yearbook to share with you. We hope you enjoy reading them! <https://www.stoswalds.york.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Church-Magazine-Articles-2023-2024.pdf>

Collective worship this Friday morning will be led by our Year 6 pupils. Please feel free to join us at 9am as we reflect back on their school journey and celebrate the end of the school year.

We are delighted to announce that Miss Slater has been appointed as our Shadow Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Co-ordinator (SENDCO). Miss Slater's passion for supporting pupils with additional needs means she will be a real asset to our Pastoral Team and a fantastic support to Mrs Utley in school.

Preparing for the future

As we near the end of this academic year, we would once again appreciate your feedback on how well you feel we are moving forward with our school vision and provision. **Our parent survey** is open until the end of the week. If you can spare a few minutes to share your feedback with us, we would appreciate it.

<https://forms.gle/rqaksEkXGER3NA426>

School uniform has been maintained to a good standard this year. Thank you for your support with this. Our uniform policy is set out on our school website: <https://www.stoswalds.york.sch.uk/school-uniform> for those who would like to check the requirements ready for a new school year. Please note that studs are the only safe/appropriate earrings for in school. Children wearing hoop earrings will be asked to remove them.

Price rises

Night Owls £8.25 per session

From September there will be an increase in price of 75p per Night Owls session, taking the total cost to £8.25 per evening. The price increase covers the cost of a savoury snack that will be additional to the unlimited fresh fruit children receive, and will contribute towards other price increases we are experiencing in the running of our provision.

School Dinners £2.85 per meal

Due to increasing costs, ABM are having to increase the price of a school meal by 10p to £2.85.

The increase will not affect those pupils who are eligible for 'Free School Meals'. If you think that your child may be eligible for a free school meal and you currently do not claim, please visit <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> for further information and guidance. The school office team would be happy to support you in applying.

Dates for the diary

Tues 16th July: EYFS Stay and Play/ Teddy Bears' Picnic 2.30pm

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Weds 17th July: Key Stage 1 end of year picnic and games (no contributions needed)

Weds 17th July: FOSFEST Summer Picnic 4.30-6pm (all welcome – bring a blanket/picnic)

Thurs 18th July: Picnic lunch menu

Fri 19th July: Collective worship 9am (Year 6 leading – all parents/carers welcome)

Fri 19th July: Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2pm (Year 6 parents/carers welcome)

Fri 19th July: Last day of term before the summer holidays

2024-2025 School Year Dates

Weds 4th Sept: School reopens

Wb 28th Oct: Half term week (school closed)

Mon 4th Nov: Autumn term 2 begins

23rd Dec – 3rd January: Christmas holidays

Mon 6th Jan: Inset day (school closed)

Tues 7th Jan: Spring term 1 begins

Wb 17th Feb: Half term week (school closed)

Mon 24th Feb: Spring term 2 begins

7th Apr – 21st Apr: Easter holidays (school closed)

Tues 22nd Apr: Summer term 1 begins

Mon 5th May: Bank holiday (school closed)

Wb 26th May: Half term (school closed)

Mon 2nd June: Summer term 2 begins

Fri 18th July: Last day of term before the summer holidays

Term dates for next academic year are now available on our school website.

As per all York Maintained Schools, days taken off from school, with no exceptional reason, will be unauthorised and any family holidays taken over 5 or more days, will incur a fixed penalty notice by the City of York Council.