

Dear families,

19th July 2024

I hope you are all well.

Year 6

Today, we bid a fond farewell to our fabulous Year 6 children. It has been an absolute joy watching them grow and develop into the wonderful individuals they are today. As we celebrate all of their many, many achievements at St Oswald's, we look forward to the new and exciting adventures that lay ahead of them. They have always conducted themselves brilliantly in everything they have done and everywhere they have been during their time with us; they have been the most amazing role models for the other children in the school.

We wish them all the very best of luck, and look forward to hearing about their many successes in the future. Your new school is so lucky to have you!



Miss Rushton

It is not only the children in Year 6 who we will be waving goodbye to this summer. After 4 fantastic years, Miss Rushton is leaving us to take up a new role at Hadrian School in Newcastle. During her time at St Oswald's, she has thrown herself into school life whole-heartedly and created so many wonderful experiences and memories for so many children. She is a brilliant teacher and a lovely person, who we will miss greatly. On behalf of the whole school community, we wish her all the very best for the future! Good luck, Deborah.

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Summer Fair

This year, our Summer Fair took place on Saturday 29th June and was a huge success as always, raising a whopping £1,895! I would like to take this opportunity to thank our fantastic PTA and to everyone who came along to help out on the day. It was great to see so many people from our school and parish communities coming together to raise money and have fun. A special thank you to the very kind individuals and businesses who donated prizes for our raffle - it is greatly appreciated.

Term Dates 2024-25

As previously communicated, the following days have been identified for staff training on which school will be closed to children:

Monday 2nd September, 2024

Monday 6th January, 2025

Friday 23rd May, 2025

In addition, this year, school will close for the October half term at the end of the day on Thursday 24th October. **School will therefore be closed to both children and staff on Friday 25th October.** An extra day's holiday had to be allocated in order for school to be open for 190 days across the academic year.

For your information, a copy of the term dates (which were shared earlier this year) has been attached to the email this newsletter was sent out on.

Change to the end of the school day

A reminder, that in order to comply with the government's expectation that schools should be open to all children for a minimum of 32.5 hours per week, the pick-up time for children in Reception and KS1 will change slightly from September 2024. The doors will open as normal at 8:35am and the children will be collected at 3:05pm instead of 3pm.

Arrangements for KS2 will remain unchanged (8:30am doors open; 3pm pick-up).

Sports Day

On Thursday 11th July, after consecutive days of (horrendous) rain, we chanced our luck and went ahead with Sports Day. The children had a brilliant day, never letting the prospect of a potential soaking get in their way. The weather held off (just) and everyone, young and old, had a great time. Thank you so much to those who came to cheer the children along.



Class Blogs

A reminder that Class Blogs containing information and photographs of what your children have been doing in school throughout this year can be viewed on our school website at www.stoswaldsnewcastle.co.uk You can also follow us on X (formerly Twitter) at @StOswaldsRCgos

Finally, I would like to thank you all once again for your continued support, encouragement, and kindness. Thank you also for the very generous gifts and lovely messages that you have given us all at the end of another fantastic year.

I would also like to thank our wonderful staff. We are so lucky at St Oswald's to have such a caring, nurturing and talented team who always go above and beyond to try to make the children's experiences in school as happy and as rewarding as possible.

On behalf of myself, Governors and staff, I hope that you and your family have a lovely, well-deserved break over the summer and I look forward to welcoming you back when we return in September.

With my thanks and very best wishes,



Mr P Marley

