

23rd May 2025

Dear families,

I hope you are all well.

Children's Cancer Run

Last Sunday, we had another amazing turnout at Gosforth Park Racecourse for the Children's Cancer Run with over 100 runners representing St Oswald's! Children and families took part in a mini-mile, 3-mile or 5-mile run. The atmosphere was amazing as always even if the weather wasn't as kind as it has been in the past. Thank you to everyone who joined us on the day and to those who have kindly donated towards this excellent cause. I look forward to seeing you there next year!



Online Safety Meeting for Parents (via Zoom)

Alongside our school safeguarding partner, we are holding an online meeting for parents to address the very important issue of keeping your children safe online.

The presentation will take place via Zoom at **5:30pm on Tuesday 10th June**. Even if you have attended meetings previously, I would advise you to do so again as things like computer games and Apps change and develop at such a speedy rate that it is hard sometimes to keep track with what you need to be aware/concerned about.

It would be great to see as many of you there as possible – I will send the link nearer the time.

Minecraft is the best-selling game of all time, and played by hundreds of millions of people worldwide. With its popularity continuing to grow, it's more important than ever for parents to stay informed about how to keep children safe while enjoying the game. I've attached a guide for parents that includes tips on protecting children from common risks such as 'griefing', chat safety, and accidental purchases. At the same time, the guide highlights how Minecraft can be a powerful tool for creativity, learning, and teamwork.

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School Games Platinum Mark Award

We are delighted to announce the news that we have been awarded the School Games Platinum Mark Award for 2024/25! This recognition celebrates our ongoing commitment to high-quality physical education, school sport, and inclusive competition.

It is a tremendous achievement that highlights not only our dedication to promoting a healthy, active lifestyle but also the strong sense of teamwork and community spirit that runs through everything we do.

Staying on the sporty theme, a huge congratulations to some of our amazing Year 4 and 5 girls who won the Tony Knox Cup last week! They played brilliantly, winning the final on penalties. Well done, girls!



PE Days for after half term

The days that all classes have PE will remain the same when the children return after half term.

Dates for Diaries

Please find below some updated key dates for the Summer term:

May

Thursday 22nd May – Break up for half term

Friday 23rd May - Staff Training Day (School Closed to children)

June

Monday 2nd June – School re-opens for the second half of the Summer term

Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd June – Year 5 Bikeability

Thursday 5th June – Anti-bullying workshops for Year 5 & Year 6

Friday 6th June – Year 4 Celebration of the Word for parents in school 9am

Tuesday 10th June – Online Safety workshops for Year 5 & Year 6

Tuesday 10th June – Online Safety presentation for parents (virtual) at 5:30pm

Friday 13th June – School photographer in school

Saturday 14th June – Year 4 First Holy Communion Celebration at Sacred Heart Church

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Monday 16th June – School photographer in school

Thursday 19th June – Year 2 visit to the Laing Art Gallery

Friday 20th June – Year 5 Celebration of the Word for parents in school 9am

Monday 23rd – Wednesday 25th June – Year 6 residential to Borrowdale

Wednesday 25th – Friday 27th June – Year 5 residential to Keswick

Friday 27th June – Reception class Celebration of the Word for parents in school 9am

July

Thursday 3rd July – Year 6 Leavers' Mass at St Mary's Cathedral with other Newcastle Catholic schools

Thursday 3rd July - 'Rock Pool School' marine life Science session in Reception class

Friday 4th July – Year 2 Celebration of the Word for parents in school 9am

Friday 4th July – Year 5 Drama club's performance of 'Much Ado About Nothing' at the Northern Stage

Monday 7th July – Celebration of work drop-in afternoon (3pm – 5pm in classes)

Tuesday 8th July - Sports Day (Rec & KS1 9:30-11am/KS2 1:15-2:45pm)

Wednesday 9th – Friday 11th July – Year 6 Catholic Feeder Secondary school transition days

Thursday 10th July – Year 4 Camping experience on the school field (details to follow)

Wednesday 16th July – Year 6 Leavers' Mass in school 7pm

Friday 18th July – Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 9am

Friday 18th July – School closes for the Summer holidays

I hope you have a lovely half term.

With my very best wishes,



Mr Marley