



Friday 10th October 2025

Dear Families,

World Mental Health Day – Supporting Wellbeing

In recognition of World Mental Health Day today, we wanted to remind you about *The Wellbeing Hub* - a fantastic resource developed by experts in child and adolescent mental health and wellbeing. We're pleased to continue offering all parents and carers free access to this valuable support tool.

For more information and details on how to register, please see the flyer attached to this email.

Attendance

A few weeks ago, I wrote to highlight the importance of regular school attendance and to inform you of our aim to achieve a 98% attendance rate at St Oswald's. I am pleased to report that our current attendance stands at 98.2% - a significant achievement and one that reflects the commitment of our children, families, and staff. As previously mentioned, you can view your child's up-to-date attendance record via the Arbor app.

While we continue to promote the highest possible levels of attendance, we fully appreciate that children may occasionally be unwell, and their health and wellbeing must always take priority. However, if your child is well enough, we would encourage them to attend school - even if only for the last day or two of the week.

Please be aware that when a pupil's attendance falls below 90%, they are classed as a 'Persistent Absentee'.

Should this occur, and if there is any way in which the school can support you in improving your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to get in touch. In addition to the support available through school, every Newcastle school also has an Attendance Officer who can offer further assistance to families.

Parents Evening

As you know, Parents Evening is due to take place in our school hall on Tuesday and Thursday next week. If you have yet to make an appointment to see your child's class teacher, please do so via the Arbor app.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Sponsored Bounce

The ever-popular Sponsored Bounce will be returning to St Oswald's on Wednesday 22nd October. Keep an eye out for a letter from the PTA coming home at the beginning of next week, which will include all the details about this exciting event.

Please find below some key dates for the Autumn term (recently added dates in red):

October

Monday 13th October – Science Workshop in Year 3 and Year 4

Tuesday 14th October – Parents' Consultation Evening in school 3:20pm – 6:00pm

Thursday 16th October – Newcastle PE Service leading Team Games sessions for Year 5 & Year 6

Thursday 16th October – Year 2 trip to the Laing Art Gallery

PTO



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Wednesday 22nd October – Sponsored Bounce in school (Details to follow)

Thursday 23rd October – 'Be Bright, Be Seen' non-uniform day

Friday 24th October – Reception & Year 5 'Special Friends' Liturgy for parents from both classes in school 9am

Friday 24th October – Break up for half term holidays

November

Monday 3rd November – School re-opens for children

Wednesday 5th November – Annual Nasal Flu Vaccination for all classes in school (Details to follow)

Friday 7th November – Year 3 Celebration of the Word for parents in school 9am

Thursday 13th November – PTA AGM in school 8:45am (Details to follow)

Friday 14th November – Children in Need

Friday 14th November – Year 4 Celebration of the Word for parents in school 9am

Tuesday 18th November – Year 5 Keswick Residential meeting for parents 5pm (Online)

Tuesday 18th November – Year 6 Borrowdale Residential meeting for parents 5:45pm (Online)

Wednesday 19th November – Year 4 Youth Village meeting for parents 5pm (in-school)

Friday 28th November - Year 1 Celebration of the Word for parents in school 9am

Sunday 30th November – School Choir singing Carols in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall after 10:30am Mass

December

Wednesday 3rd December – Year 5 Carols at St Mary's Cathedral with other Newcastle Catholic Primary Schools

Friday 5th December – Christmas Fair in school from 3pm

Tuesday 9th December – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity in school 9am

Wednesday 10th December – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity in school 9am

Thursday 11th December – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 11th December - Year 3 & Year 4 Nativity in school 9am

Friday 12th December - Year 3 & Year 4 Nativity in school 9am

Monday 15th December – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Party in school

Tuesday 16th December – KS2 Christmas Party in school

Wednesday 17th December – Christmas Lunch day

Wednesday 17th December – Year 5 & Year 6 Christmas Production at Sacred Heart church 7pm

PTO



Friday 19th December – Christmas Carols/Songs on the KS2 yard (Reception – Year 6) 2:30pm

Friday 19th December – Break up for the Christmas holidays

Other important dates:

Monday 5th January 2026 – Staff Training Day (School Closed to children)

Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May 2026 – Year 6 SATs week (Please do not book holidays during this week)

Friday 22nd May 2026 - Staff Training Day (School Closed to children)

With my very best wishes,



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