



# St Oswald's CE Primary Newsletter

## March 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

*The spring sunshine has arrived in time for Easter and the next few weeks look to be lovely. We will be celebrating the end of spring term with a big Easter sing at 9am on Friday, to which you are all very welcome. I hope that you all have a wonderful spring break and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.*

Jemma Dunne

### Learning for all

It has been wonderful to see so many of you in school sharing your children's learning over the past half term. We have been delighted with your show of support at our stay-and-share-a-story sessions, parents' evenings, collective worships and phase events. Thank you for continuing to work with us in partnership – working together is the very best way to help your child to enjoy their time at school and to be successful.

Each half term we share the **key learning journey** from each phase in school in a slideshow that you can find here: <https://www.stoswalds.york.sch.uk/look-at-what-we-have-been-learning>

Family Learning sessions will be held in Fulford Library each Wednesday morning after Easter from 9-10.45am, with hot drinks on offer from 8.45am. These will be a fantastic way to prepare your pre-school children for school life. The first 5 sessions will be based on **stories, songs and rhymes**, followed by a **Getting Ready for School** programme. We cannot recommend these highly enough!

### Caring for each other

We'd like to thank you for sharing your views with us via our various surveys recently. Responses to the **smartphone survey** were extremely encouraging with a vast majority of families showing they would support a smartphone-free childhood for their children. Therefore, we will be joining with other local schools to introduce a ban of smartphones in school from September. We will share more information in preparation for the new school year, but for now, would encourage families with Year 4 pupils or younger, to delay giving your children a smartphone for the duration of primary school.

Our **Night Owls survey** showed that adding an additional session from 5.15-6pm would be useful for some of our families so we will trial a later opening next term. Bookings for summer term will open at **5pm on Wednesday**. Please find attached our Night Owls newsletter with all the information you need to know.

**Mr Norman's epic run** for Oswald the Owl was an epic success thanks to his determination and your overwhelming support. In total, he raised £2422 towards a new wooden Oswald for the front of school. We couldn't be more proud of Mr Norman and his incredible achievement!

**Healthy Child drop-in clinics** are now open on the first Tuesday of every month. The team are really friendly and supportive, so please do pop-in for a chat or any questions you may have.

**FOSOSF** – Our new team at Friends of St Oswald's School Fulford (FOSOSF) are doing a wonderful job planning fundraising activities to help our school. Our first ever Easter 'Bunny Bounce' will take place this week in school and you can find out more about how to support via this [link](#). The children are excited to get bouncing and we can't wait to see who will be our 'Champion Bouncers' by the end of the week.

We are looking for donations of the following items (in good condition) to help develop our wild area:

- Plain wooden pallets (not coloured please)
- Plain planks/ off-cuts of timber (no screws or nails)
- Bagged compost
- Children's gardening tools
- Children's wheelbarrows
- Picnic blankets
- Crates
- Watering cans
- Magnifying glasses
- Woodchips or bark (for floor covering)

We would be hugely grateful for anything you may be able to contribute from this list. Thank you!

### Preparing for the future

**Our Big Walk and Wheel Week** was a real success. The children were happy arriving at school and the difference it made to our car park congestion was fantastic. Thank you so much to all who put the extra effort in to walk or wheel to school! Now that the nicer weather has arrived, and school building work soon due to start, we really hope that we can keep the momentum going to walk or wheel to school regularly. Congratulations to Dormice Class, who were our most active class overall. They will be rewarded with ice lollies at the end of the week.

Plans for the **school expansion work** have been approved which is very exciting. The work is due to begin in May half term and we will share more details with you closer to the time so that you know what to expect of the changes on site.

We have a **vacancy** in school for a breakfast club supervisory assistant. If you would like to find out more or to apply, please visit our school website [vacancies page](#).

City of York Council are still looking for our new crossing patrol person. Please see the advert below for more details:



**Together we  
can make our  
communities safer** →

Crossing patrol vacancies are at an all time high. Are you free for an hour a day? If so, you can support road safety in your community, whilst earning around £11.94 per hour up to 8 hours per week.

Visit the council's website to find out how you can play a part in your community.

Or, for a chat about the role, call: 01904 555579  
[www.york.gov.uk/SchoolCrossingPatrols](http://www.york.gov.uk/SchoolCrossingPatrols)

### Dates for the diary

Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Apr: Healthy Child Service drop-in clinic in Fulford Library 9.30am-10.30am – open to all Fulford families

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Apr: 9am Easter Sing (school hall – all welcome) **Last day before the Easter holidays**

#### **Summer term key events to follow**

### Dates for the Diary – Term Times

Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr: Summer term 1 begins

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> May: Bank holiday (school closed)

Wb 26<sup>th</sup> May: Half term (school closed)

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> June: Summer term 2 begins

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> July: Last day of term before the summer holidays