



St Oswald's CE Primary Newsletter

May 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are quickly approaching the final half term of the school year. It has been a fast, but fantastic, 5 weeks since Easter and we are so proud of how hard the children are working in lessons, displaying the potential that has been developing all year. Seeing so many of our pupils flourishing and showing real confidence in themselves around school has put a smile on my face every day. We are all looking forward to an exciting final half term and wish you a happy half term break before it begins.

Jemma Dunne

Learning for all

Many of our children have worked so hard as part of our final assessment week of the year. The increase in resilience, concentration and can-do attitudes has been wonderful to see alongside the progress in learning. A special mention to our Year 6 pupils who have completed their end of Key Stage 2 SATS. They impressed us all with their high levels of calm, confidence and positivity. **Well done Year 6!**

Key Stage One enjoyed their very first **'stay and learn'** session this week. A huge thank you to the families who were able to join us – the turnout was amazing, as were the pizzas!

Family Learning sessions will be held in Fulford Library each Wednesday morning after half term from 9-10.45am, with hot drinks on offer from 8.45am. These will now be the **Getting Ready for School** sessions and we cannot recommend them highly enough to parents/carers of pre-school aged children.

Caring for each other



This week, we had our long-awaited **church schools' inspection (SIAMS)**. The inspector, Mr Goffee, spent a full day in school with leaders, staff, children, parents and governors to judge how well we are living out our school vision and enabling all to flourish. It was very much a typical day in the life of St Oswald's (bar some smarter outfits – quickly noticed by the children and much to their amusement) and Mr Goffee was kept very busy by the children who were eager to tell him all about our wonderful school. We are delighted that the feedback we received reflects the exceptional work taking place and look forward to sharing the report with you once it is published.

This half term we have been exploring the value of 'Trust'. Our school worship team led a beautiful collective worship and in it, they challenged the other children to try something new over the half term holiday. Their message was to **'trust in yourself and try something new'**. If your child is brave enough to challenge themselves, for example tasting a new food, joining a new club or completing an adventurous activity, please do share this with me, as I would be delighted to celebrate some of these achievements in a Friday morning celebration worship next half term.

Please update the school office if you require information around your child, such as end of year reports, to be shared with both parents/carers separately.

Preparing for the future

We have so much to look forward to as we near the end of the school year. Please keep a record of the **key dates** attached to this newsletter as we have a jam-packed summer diary!

Our **school building work** begins during half term and things will look and feel a bit different when you return. If you have any questions that haven't been answered in the attached update, please feel free to contact the school office who will do their best to assist.

