



St Oswald's CE Primary Newsletter

May 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy but brilliant half term since Easter. We have had: several visitors to enrich our learning; visits out; stunning starts; stay and learn sessions and even hatched our own butterflies and chicks! We are all looking forward to more excitement in our final half term of the year and wish you a restful half term break before it begins.

Jemma Dunne

Learning for all

Our children have worked so hard as part of our final assessment week of the year. It has been fantastic to see the progress in learning from the start of the year to now and every child has something significant to celebrate and feel proud of. A special mention to our Year 6 pupils who have completed their end of Key Stage 2 SATS. They conducted themselves brilliantly, with confidence and 'can do' attitudes. **Well done Year 6!**

A special thank you to our **Y3/4 parents and carers** who spent a morning in school baking with their children. It certainly wasn't for the faint-hearted with almost 80 families making biscuits in the hall at once, but was so much fun and something the children will remember for a long time.

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 half term we have been exploring the value of **trust** and what it means to be trustworthy. We have been encouraging the children to make the right choices even when nobody is watching. Please support us by encouraging your child to use their amazing manners and to show care for others each day. Remembering to speak nicely to others, saying please and thank you, holding a door open, all make our school a place that we want to be and feel valued in.

On **June 16th** we are hosting a very special day in school. **Our School, Our Stories Day** will be an opportunity for each of us to celebrate who we are and what makes us special. It will also be a chance for us to celebrate being part of such a special school community – one that is over 250 years old! Over the day, the children will be taking part in a wide range of activities and learning. We have some special visitors joining us in school and will even be unveiling our new Oswald Owl sculpture at the front of school. We would love to welcome you at the end of the school day to support your child to create a clay sculpture that will form part of an art installation for our arts evening later that week. They will be very easy to make and staff will be on hand to support you. Parents and carers will be welcome to collect their children from 2.30pm onwards and will create the sculptures in the playground, weather permitting, before going home for the day. Every child will be given the opportunity to create their sculpture at some point that week so please don't worry if you are unable to take part on the day.

We are hosting a **parent/carer coffee morning** on Thursday 4th June between 9-10am. You are warmly welcome to drop in to chat with other parents/carers and to access information regarding wellbeing and SEND support. Mrs Utey, our SENDCO, Mrs Bland, our SEND governor, and Miss Benjamin, our emotional literacy support assistant (ELSA), will be on hand to speak to families and Alice Hawken, the local area co-ordinator will also be there to discuss available community support.

Preparing for the future

Please could you 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.

A separate letter regarding **wraparound care** is attached to this newsletter. If you use Early Birds or Night Owls provision, it is important you read this as we need to share some key changes that are being made from September with you.

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** below as we have a jam-packed summer diary!



Dates for the diary

Wb 25th May: Half term (school closed)

Mon 1st June: Summer term 2 begins

1st-3rd June: Year 6 residential at Robinwood

Thurs 4th June: Coffee morning (all parents/carers welcome) 9-10, SEND/Wellbeing information sharing

Wb 1st/8th June: Year 4 MTC (multiplication tables check) week

Wb 8th June: Phonics screening check week (Year 1 and some Year 2s)

Mon 8th June: FOSOSF Web Adventure Evening

Friday 12th June: Class photographs (no whole school collective worship this day)

Friday 12th June: Year 5 Night Under the Stars

Tues 16th June: Our School, Our Stories Day - own clothes - parents/carers invited from 2.30pm for clay making

Weds 17th June: EYFS Beach Day

Thurs 18th June: Arts Evening 5pm

Tues 23rd June: KS1 trip to Wonderlab/NRM

Tues 23rd June: York Schools Choral Festival

Tues 23rd June: New reception starters parent/carers information evening 5pm

Weds 24th June: Y3/4 Sports Morning 9-10.15am (parents/carers welcome to all sports days)

Thurs 25th June: EYFS Sports Morning 9am/ KS1 Sports Afternoon 2pm

Fri 26th June: Y5/6 Sports Morning 9-10.15am (no whole school collective worship this day)

Tues 30th June: Primary Engineer event (6 selected pupils)

Weds 1st July: Year 6-7 transition day

Weds 8th July: FOSOSF Summer Picnic 4.30-6.30

Thurs 9th July: Year 5/6 performances @ 2pm and 6pm

Mon 13th July: Y3/4 Yorkshire Wildlife Park Visit

Tues 14th July: End of Year Open Classrooms for parents and carers 3.30-5.15pm

Fri 17th July: Last day of term before the summer holidays



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School Year Dates

Mon 7th Sept: Inset day (school closed)

Tues 8th Sept: Inset day (school closed)

Weds 9th Sept: Autumn term 1 begins - School reopens

Wb 26th Oct: Half term week (school closed)

Mon 2nd Nov: Autumn term 2 begins

21st Dec – 3rd Jan: Christmas holidays (school closed)

Mon 4th Jan: Inset day (school closed)

Tues 5th Jan: Spring term 1 begins

Wb 8th Feb: Half term week (school closed)

Mon 15th Feb: Spring term 2 begins

22nd Mar – 4th Apr: Easter holidays (school closed)

Mon 5th Apr: Inset day (school closed)

Tues 6th Apr: Summer term 1 begins

Mon 3rd May: Bank holiday (school closed)

Wb 31st May: Half term (school closed)

Mon 7th June: Summer term 2 begins

Fri 23rd July: Last day of term before the summer holidays

Mon 26th July: Inset day (school closed)

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Let us encourage one another – Hebrews 10.25***