January's Monthly Newsletter

We would like to warmly welcome all our families back to school for a new term and the start of 2026. We hope you all enjoyed a lovely Christmas with your families and have had a positive start to the new year.

All of our staff would like to thank you for the kind Christmas wishes, cards, and generous gifts received at the end of the autumn term. Your thoughtfulness and continued support are truly appreciated.

As we begin this new term, we are delighted to welcome our new pupils and their families to St. Oswald's and hope they quickly feel settled as part of our wonderful school community.

We would also like to remind parents and carers that we have an open-door policy and value working in partnership with you, with our children at the heart of everything we do. This term, we look forward to inviting parents and carers into school for as many events as possible. Dates will be shared in advance through our newsletter.

We look forward to working closely with all our families and making this term a positive and successful one for everyone.

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 5th January – INSET DAY. No school for pupils
Tuesday 6th January – Children return to school following Christmas break.
Friday 30th January – House Morning - Sustainability challenge with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors - Making an eco home from recycling.
Wednesday 4th February – Year 5 and 6 Football Tournament - girls and open
Thursday 12th February – Urdd Year 3 and 4 Mixed football.
Monday 16th - 20th February – Half term
Monday 2nd - 6th March – Welsh Week
Monday 2nd March – School Eisteddfod Celebration 9:30
Friday 6th March – 1pm - 2pm - Welsh Week exhibition of work for parents. Parents are invited to come into school to look at work displayed for each class.
Parents are then invited to stay to participate in our Dragon Drive activity with their children at 14:30.
Wednesday 25th March – Year 5 and 6 Urdd Netball Competition
Wednesday 26th March – Dosbarth Oak's Easter Performance 13:30 and 18:00. Letters for tickets will be sent out closer to the date.
Friday 27th March – Break up for Easter
Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April – Easter Holidays
Monday 13th April – Summer Term begins for staff and pupils.

Dosbarth Little Acorns

Conor - 5 oed

Dosbarth Willow

Delilah - 6 oed
Connie - 6 oed

Dosbarth Sycamore

Millie R - 9 oed
Grace - 9 oed

Dosbarth Oak

Alice - 10 oed
Isla - 11 oed
Harvey - 11 oed
Zara - 11 oed

December's Attendance
93.60%

Our Target is
96%

Reporting Student Absences – Important Reminder

To ensure student absences are recorded accurately and promptly, we kindly ask all parents and carers to follow the school's absence reporting procedures.

Absences should be reported by one of the following methods:

Ringing the school office

Sending an email to the school office

Sending a message via ClassDojo

If your preferred method is to report an absence via ClassDojo, please ensure that you also send the message directly to Mrs Morgan on ClassDojo. This is important as teachers are not always able to check ClassDojo during the day, and not all teachers work every day.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping us keep accurate attendance records.

Important Message

We understand that when children come home feeling upset after a disagreement or falling out with a friend, this can be quite distressing for parents and carers. We kindly ask that, if a situation like this arises, parents do not contact other children's families directly. Instead, please contact your child's class teacher, who is best placed to look into the matter and advise on how it can be resolved.

If you are concerned that your son or daughter is coming home upset on a regular basis and the situation involves the same child or group of children, we encourage you to make an appointment to speak with Mrs. Grieve or Mrs. Rees so the matter can be investigated further.

Please be assured that we take all concerns about bullying very seriously and will always do our best to support all parties involved to ensure issues are addressed promptly and do not continue. It is also important to talk to your children about what bullying is, as misunderstandings can sometimes occur and cause unnecessary distress to everyone involved.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Prayer of the Month

Dear God,
Thank you for a brand new year.
Thank you for fresh starts and new beginnings.

Please help us to be kind,
to try our best,
and to look after one another.

Help our hopes and dreams to grow,
and guide us as we learn and play each day.

Thank you for being with us
today and all year long.
Amen.