



'Learning and growing hand in hand together, following the footsteps of Jesus.'

Welcome Back!

We are delighted to welcome you all back to St. Oswald's for the start of a brand-new academic year. We hope you enjoyed a wonderful summer break filled with rest, fun, and time with family.

A special welcome goes to our new children and their families as they begin their educational journey with us. We are confident that you will quickly feel part of our caring and supportive school community.

Throughout the year, we will continue to share important updates and key dates through this monthly newsletter. Please do take a moment to note down the events relevant to your child(ren) so you don't miss out.

Today, we are also thinking of our former pupils who are beginning their next chapter as Year 7 pupils in secondary school. We are so proud of all they achieved during their time here at St. Oswald's, and we trust that the values and skills they developed with us will guide them in the years ahead. We wish them every success and happiness as they continue to flourish as part of our extended St. Oswald's family.

Communication Procedures

We encourage you to use Class Dojo as the main way of communicating with your child's class teacher. If you would like to arrange a face-to-face meeting, please contact Mrs. Morgan in the school office who will be happy to assist.

For complaints, we kindly ask that you follow the process below:

1. **Class Teacher** – Please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance.
2. **Acting Assistant Headteacher (Mrs. Grieve)** – If you feel your concern has not been resolved, please arrange to discuss it with Mrs. Grieve.
3. **Acting Headteacher (Mrs. Rees)** – If you remain dissatisfied, you may then request a meeting with Mrs. Rees.
4. **Chair of Governors (Mrs. Kath Jones)** – Finally, if you are still unhappy, you may contact Mrs. Jones directly.

It is very important that we follow this process so that concerns can be addressed fairly and effectively.

Diolch yn fawr for your cooperation and support.

Parking at Pick-Up and Drop-Off

A gentle reminder that parents are **not permitted** to park in the bus bay or in the staff car park. Parking is available in the visitors' car park next to the Play Station or on the school playground.

Please note: the school playground gates will be locked at **3:10pm** and will reopen once all children have safely been dismissed at the end of the day. For everyone's safety, we kindly ask all drivers to approach the school and drive on school grounds at a slow and appropriate speed. Thank you for helping us keep our children safe.



Penblwydd Hapus i

Little Acorns

Elis – 4 oed

Darcey – 5 oed

Dosbarth Willow

Ember – 6 oed

Stan – 6 oed

Lili – 7 oed

Alfie – 7 oed

Jake – 7 oed

Dosbarth Sycamore

Becky – 8 oed

Morgan 8 oed

Mia – 8 oed

Florrie – 8 oed

Felicity – 9 oed

Josiah – 9 oed

Dosbarth Oak

Rosie W – 10 oed

Zoe – 11 oed

Our Attendance for July was:

95.40%

Our Target is:

96%

Our Right of the Month

Article 28 - You have the right to learn and go to school

Changes to Christmas Performances

This year, we are making a small change to how we organise our performances. Instead of every class taking part in the Christmas play, we will be spreading performances throughout the school year. Christmas is an exciting but very busy time, and we want to ensure our children enjoy performing without feeling overly tired or out of routine.

Our plan is to rotate performances each year so that every class has the opportunity to shine at different times of the year.

- **This Christmas:** *Dosbarth Little Acorns* and *Dosbarth Willow* will lead our Christmas Performance.
- **At Easter:** *Dosbarth Oak* will present an Easter Performance.
- **In the Summer:** *Dosbarth Sycamore* will showcase a summer musical.

We hope this new approach will give each class the chance to enjoy their moment in the spotlight while spreading the excitement across the year.

Important Dates

Wednesday 3rd September – Pupils return to school.

Tuesday 9th September – School Photos

Monday 15th September – Meet the teacher evening

Friday 3rd October – Pet Assembly. Details to be confirmed.

Monday 6th October – INSET DAY. No school for pupils.

Monday 13th October – Parent evening week begins. Invites will be sent home in due course.

Monday 20th October – INSET DAY. No school for pupils.

Monday 27th October – Half term

Monday 3rd November – Pupils return to school following half term break.

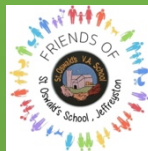
Tuesday 9th December – Acorns and Willow Christmas Play Dress rehearsal.

Wednesday 10th December – Acorns and Willow Christmas play afternoon and evening performances.

Monday 22nd December – Christmas Holidays

Monday 5th January – INSET DAY. No school for pupils

Tuesday 6th January – Children return to school following Christmas break.



The Friends of St. Oswald's work tirelessly to support our wonderful school, raising vital funds that help pay for classroom resources, school trips, transport, and much more. Thanks to their efforts, we enjoyed some fantastic fundraising events last year — occasions that our pupils loved and that really brought our school community together.

As parents and carers of St. Oswald's pupils, you are all warmly invited to join the Friends and play a part in supporting and improving our school for every child. We completely understand that life is busy, and there's no expectation to attend every meeting or help at every event — any time or support you can give will always be greatly appreciated.

Our next Friends meeting will take place in school at **3:30pm on Thursday, 11th September**. We'd love to see as many of you there as possible!

Prayer of the month

Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of a new school year.

Bless our friends, teachers, and families as we learn and grow together.

Help us to be kind, to try our best, and to care for one another each day.

May this year be filled with joy, learning, and new opportunities.

Amen.

