Newsletter

Thursday 22nd October 2026



Dear parents, pupils, governors, staff and parishioners,
As we approach the end of a very busy first half-term, I would like to thank all our children, families and staff for such a positive start to the school year. There has already been so much to celebrate at St Osburg's, both in our children's learning and in the way they live out our Catholic faith each day. I hope all our families enjoy a restful and happy half-term break.

Reminder: Staff Training Day - Tomorrow Friday 23rd October 2026.
This is a reminder that Friday 23rd October is a staff training day and therefore will not be open to pupils. This will lead us onto the half term break and then children will return to school on Monday 2nd November.



Boot Fund Some of our families may be eligible to access vouchers for new school shoes from local charity Coventry Boot Fund. Please contact the school office to enquire if this is something you would like to access. Many of our families benefit from this opportunity. The cut-off date for applications this term is Wednesday 18th November.



Year 4 & 5 Remembrance Family Mass On Sunday 8th November, Year 4 and Year 5 will lead our Family Mass for Remembrance Sunday at 10.30am. As a school and parish community, we will gather in prayer to remember those who have lost their lives through war and conflict, to give thanks for those who have served others, and to pray for Christ's gift of peace throughout our world.

Year of Reading: Keep Reading This Half-Term!
As we continue to celebrate our Year of Reading, we would love children to keep enjoying books during the half-term break. Just 10–15 minutes of reading each day can be a lovely opportunity to slow down, share a story and enjoy some special time together. Reading doesn't always have to mean sitting down with a school reading book either! Why not try some of these half-term ideas?

- 📖 Share a bedtime story and take turns reading aloud.
- 📚 Visit your local library and choose something completely new.
- 🍰 Read a recipe and make something together.
- 🚶 Go on a reading walk and spot road signs, shop names, posters and notices.
- 📰 Read something different, such as a comic, magazine, newspaper or information book.
- 🐶 Read to someone else, perhaps a grandparent, younger brother or sister.
- 🎃 Choose an autumn or spooky story to enjoy together.
- ✏️ Become a book reviewer and write a few sentences about your favourite half-term read.
- 🎨 Draw your favourite character or scene from a book.
- 🔍 Go on a word hunt and collect five interesting new words you discover during the week.
- 📸 Reading in unusual places challenge: enjoy a book somewhere different and tell us about it when you return!
- ❤️ Parent's childhood favourite: ask a grown-up what they loved reading when they were young and, if possible, read it together.

Most importantly, reading should be enjoyable. Whether it is a novel, picture book, comic, recipe or football magazine, every bit of reading counts. We would love children to come back after half term ready to tell us what, where and with whom they enjoyed reading!



We Are Rail Safe Friendly Gold We are delighted to share that St Osburg's has achieved the Gold Rail Safe Friendly Award! This follows our recent school visit with the Heart of England Community Rail Partnership and recognises our commitment to helping children understand the importance of staying safe around railways. We are very proud to receive this award and will proudly display our Rail Safe Friendly Gold logo as part of our commitment to keeping our children safe and informed.

Top Tweets from This week (X)

Some spooky spiders were created at art club this week 🕷️



Today in our literacy lesson, we used feathers to mimic the soundless flight of an owl. Year 2 children built a bank of fantastic verbs and adverbs!! 🦉🪶 @janeconsidine



Following their learning about the sacrament of Baptism, the reception children enjoyed role-playing a Baptism. Father Moses guided the children through the sacrament, explaining the importance of the signs and symbols. Thank you, Father! ✝️🙏



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Coventry Big Book Bash – half term fun!

Coventry libraries are organising a FREE day out for children 0-11 years old this half term: THE BIG BOOK BASH!
Holidays are expensive for parents so we wanted to offer a fun and free day out to Coventry families.
There will be workshops (yoga for children, sci-fi writer's workshop, sport), a silent disco, an author event (Aaron Ashmore) with a hundred books give away, themed activities tables (dinosaurs, music, comics, etc…), rhyme time, story time, face painting, badgemaking and more.
In addition to this families attending the Big Book Bash will get 50% off the ticket price to visit the Transport Museum
When: 28th October 10am to 3.30pm
Where: Transport Museum
More information: Culture and creativity – Coventry Libraries Big Book Bash

Winter Uniform **Once we pass half term it is expected that all pupils are wearing full 'Winter Uniform'. This means grey trousers, skirts, pinafores and no shorts or summer dresses. All pupils in Key stage 2 (Years 3-6) should have a shirt and tie and either a school jumper or cardigan. No polo shirts in Key Stage 2. Black shoes only, not trainers. Thank you for your co-operation in ensuring our pupils all look smart. Children may come to school in PE kits on their PE days – However this MUST be St Osburg's PE kit which consists of our logo PE T-Shirt worn with either a PE hoodie or school jumper/cardigan, with black or grey bottoms and any trainers.**

Dancing with Ricky – **This half term Years 1, 2 and 3 have loved having their weekly dance sessions each Tuesday with Ricky. Next term it will be the turn of Years 4, 5 and 6 so they need to wear their PE kits on that day too.**

Attendance & Punctuality

Thank you to all our families for supporting good attendance and punctuality this half-term. Being in school every day and arriving on time gives children the very best opportunity to learn, thrive and enjoy all that school has to offer. Let's continue this positive start when we return after the half-term break.

Attendance & Punctuality – Whole school for this week: 95.3%

Mrs Roberts Year R		Miss Doran		Mrs Oluermi Year 2		Mr Dingley Year 3		Mrs Bardell Year 4		Mr Jordan Year 5		Mrs McDevitt Year 6	
97.3%	1 late	87.9%	6 late ☹	99.1%	0 late 😊	97.1%	7 late ☹	89.6%	5 late	98.7% 😊	8 late ☹	96.3%	2 late

Next Week at a Glance:

Date	Time	Activity
Monday 2nd November Y5 swimming – wear PE kits to school. Year 3 PE day.	9am 3.15-4pm 3.15-4pm	Mission Assembly. Netball club – Year 6 Creative Club – Y1/2 Lego Club -Y2-5
Tuesday 3rd November Years 4,5,6 wear PE kits to school	AM AM 3.15-4.15pm	Ricky Dance Guitar lessons with Mr Shepherd Football Match v St Thomas More (home) NO FOOTBALL TRAINING THIS WEEK
Wed 4th November Y1 & 2 wear PE kits to school	9.10am 3.15-4.15pm 3.15-4.15pm	Mass with the Parish Football with Sky Blues in the Community -Y2,3,4 Pop Choir – Y3,4,5,6.
Thursday 5th November Y4 wear PE kits	11.15-12.15pm 3.15-4pm 3.30-4.30pm	Year 4/5 to visit Co-op Poppy Project KS2 Sports Club (Y3,4,5,6) Netball Match v All Souls (Away)
Friday 6th November Year 6 and Reception wear PE kits	9am	Friday assembly

Wishing you all a lovely half term break. Stay safe and God bless.

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