

Newsletter

Friday 9th May 2025



Dear parents, pupils, governors, staff and parishioners,

Habemus Papam: We have a Pope!

It was wonderful to hear that white smoke was billowing from the Sistine Chapel chimney yesterday afternoon! We welcome our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV - the first American Pope! "Peace be with all of you!" – were the first words of Pope Leo XIV as he appeared in St Peter's Square. We pray for our new Holy Father that he may serve and guide the Church for many years.

Ofsted Report

I was delighted to be able to share the final version of our Ofsted report following the inspectors visit to school on the 8th and 9th April. The report is full of praise for the school saying lovely things such as 'Pupils flourish at St. Osburg's Catholic Primary School' and commending pupils' 'exemplary' behaviour and our 'high expectations' across all areas of school life. The report has been emailed out to all parents but can also be found on our website. We are very blessed at St Osburg's to have such an amazing school community of wonderful pupils, hardworking, talented and caring staff, supportive parents and committed governors and I feel that this report truly celebrates this. Thank you everyone!

VE day 80th Anniversary and Celebrations

We enjoyed commemorating the 80th anniversary of VE day in school yesterday. We started with a whole school assembly to ensure that all the children knew what VE day was and why we remember and celebrate it. The children and staff looked great in their red, white and blue, especially as they all gathered reverently for 2 mins silence in remembrance. A special VE day themed school dinner was served, and we shared on X (twitter) our Year 5 and 6 pupils singing a fabulous medley of war time songs and Year 4 playing some 1940s songs on the ukelele. 😊



Early Years Pet Week

This week the children in EYFS have enjoyed a topic learning all about different pets and welcomed visits from Mrs Robert's family dog Albie and Mrs Smith's tortoise Toby. They also had an exciting handling experience led by Phil from Cool Critters. The children had great fun learning about lots of unusual pets such as a tarantula, a snake, a frog, a geko and a skink lizard. Some children and staff were even brave enough to hold Mia the python!

Year 6 SATs Our Year 6 pupils will be taking their Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) next week from Monday 12th May – Thursday 15th May 2025. This is the week when all year 6 pupils across the country who are eligible will be sitting the tests. Obviously, the children are busy preparing for the tests in school but there is information available on the Year 6 page of the school website about how you can also support your child at home. It is really important that Year 6 pupils are in attendance every day in the lead up to and during SATs week. We will be providing a special SATs breakfast session each day before the tests in order to settle the children and fuel them up for the busy days ahead. 😊



Easter Raffle Winners – Congratulations to Sim, Abisola, Arnold, Hanna and Finnola who were the winners of EYFS Easter raffle. The raffle raised £115 in total for our Lenten charities.

Year 1 Phonics Meeting for Parents – Wednesday 14th May at 3.20pm

There will be a meeting for parents of pupils in Year 1 on Wednesday 14th May at 3.20pm to share how you can continue to support your child in phonics and reading skills. It will also inform you about the statutory phonics test that every child in Year 1 is required to do. Please do try to attend if you are able

Top Tweets (X) from this week!

Y3 have been working with Mrs Clayton every week learning songs from the 1940's ahead of the 80th anniversary of VE Day. 'Run Rabbit Run' was a favourite after the war ended and everyone was celebrating.
#VEDay2025 #VE80Day 🇬🇧



Coding club - children were introduced to micro:bits and programming through make code.



Year 6 are working hard revising key mathematical concepts $- + \div =$



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Monitoring Your Child on Social Media

Please can we remind all parents to remember to monitor and check what your child is doing or being exposed to online, whether this is through group chats on social media or through live gaming. We have had an incident reported this week where some children have been using inappropriate language on a group chat in Years 5 and 6. However, it was also nice to read one of our pupils discouraging this and warning the children that the chats can be read by school staff, which they were!

Summer Uniform This term pupils are welcome to wear summer uniform if they wish. This means that in all year groups boys may wear grey tailored shorts instead of trousers and girls may choose to wear red gingham summer dresses. In addition, Key Stage 2 pupils may choose to wear a white polo shirt instead of shirt and tie.

We still have 9 school weeks left this academic year and expect all pupils to be wearing the correct uniform and PE kits. All pupils should be wearing black school shoes not trainers **or sandals** on uniform days.

Please can we remind all children to bring in a water bottle so they can have regular drinks of water inside and outside especially during the warmer weather.

Summer Term PE Days – Children to wear St Osburg's PE kit to school:

Monday	Year 3 Swimming – wear PE kits to school
Tuesday	No PE
Wednesday	Years 5 and 6 (PE) Years 1 and 2 (Gymnastics)
Thursday	Years Reception, 3 and 4
Friday	Years 1 and 2



Talk Topics Talk topic for this week : 'The pet I would most like to have is...'



Attendance & Punctuality – Whole school for this week: 96.1% 😊

Mrs Roberts Year R		Miss Doran Year 1		Mrs O'Shea Year 2		Mr Dingley Year 3		Mrs Bardell Year 4		Mrs Oluremi Year 5		Mrs McDevitt Year 6	
88%	1 late	93.8%	0 late 😊	99.1%	4 late 😊	96.6%	5 late 😞	97.9%	1 late	96.7%	5 late	100%	2 lates 😊

Next Week at a Glance:

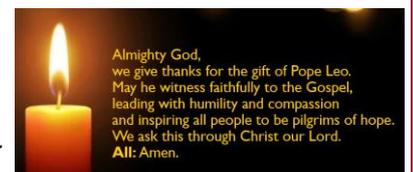
There are a few places available on some of our after school clubs including Creative Club (Y1/2) Mondays

Date	Time	Activity
Monday 12 th May Year 3 swimming – wear PE kits	AM	No assembly due to SATs week
	3.15-4.15pm	Netball club
	3.15-4pm	Creative club
Tuesday 13 th May	AM	Guitar lessons
	3.15-4pm	Year 2 to visit Central Library
	3.15-4pm	Lego Club (Y2,4) SPACES AVAILABLE Coding Club
Wednesday 14 th May Year 5 & 6 PE day Year 1 & 2 PE day	PM	Y3 Reconciliation before First Holy Communion
	3.15-4.15pm	Football with Sky Blues (Y2,3,4)
	3.15-4.15pm	Pop Choir – SPACES AVAILABLE
	3.15-4pm	Gardening Club
	3.20pm	Year 1 parents – phonics meeting
Thursday 15 th May Year 3 & 4 PE day	3.15-4.15pm	Y5/6 football training
	3.30-4.15pm	Summer Sports (Y3&4) SPACES
Friday 16 th May Year 1 & 2 PE day	9am	Friday Assembly

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

N. Rynott

Mrs N Rynott
Headteacher



Almighty God,
we give thanks for the gift of Pope Leo.
May he witness faithfully to the Gospel,
leading with humility and compassion
and inspiring all people to be pilgrims of hope.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
All: Amen.

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