

# Newsletter

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025



Dear parents, pupils, governors, staff and parishioners,

This morning the whole school gathered together for a final reflection on the Stations of the Cross and it was the perfect end to our busy term as we all now look forward to the joys of Easter. Please take a look at the times of various Easter services at St Osburg's church, detailed below. I know that Father Pontius and Father Sunday would love to see our families represented at some of the services.

**PALM SUNDAY - Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 4.30pm Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 11.30am & 6pm**  
**HOLY THURSDAY 7.00pm. Mass of the Last Supper and Washing of Feet**

**GOOD FRIDAY** At 3pm, the time when Jesus died for us on the Cross, we gather in St. Osburg's for the **The Solemn Liturgy of the Passion and Veneration of the Cross at 3.00pm** We hear the Passion account read by several voices. We kiss the Cross as a sign of belief and love, and have the opportunity to receive Holy Communion.

**HOLY SATURDAY 8.00pm – Easter Vigil.** The Church celebrates Our Lord's rising from the dead. The Easter candle is carried into the darkened Church. The great events of God's love for us are recalled, the water of Baptism is blessed. The first Mass of Easter is celebrated.

**EASTER SUNDAY Family Mass at 11.30am**

**EASTER MONDAY – Deanery Mass at 10am**



## Visitors From Ofsted

As you all know, we had the pleasure of welcoming three Ofsted inspectors into our school for two days this week. Staff and pupils were very proud to show the inspectors all we could about our wonderful school and I know that they were very impressed. Thank you to all parents and pupils who completed the surveys too as I have been told that these were overwhelmingly positive. We have to wait for a few weeks to receive their report which I will look forward to sharing with you all as soon as I can. 😊

## Connections Coffee Afternoon

Thank you so much to everyone who came along for our first "Diverse Families Connect" coffee afternoon. It's was a fantastic opportunity for parents to meet each other and also to hear from some outside agencies' representatives who were able to provide useful advice and information as well. We hope that you enjoyed it and we will be putting on these coffee afternoons each half term. Thank you to Mrs Oluremi and Mrs Fowler for organising.

Return To School Easter Celebration day – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April The first day back after the holidays is when we will be having a special Easter Celebration day to celebrate the Risen Lord. We will start the day with a whole school assembly where we will pray together, share the Easter story and have some fun! During the rest of the day pupils will be taking part in an Easter Bunny hunt around the grounds, creating Easter cards and making sure that classroom prayer areas have changed from the sombre purple of Lent to the joyful colours of gold, white and are showing signs of new life!



Alton Castle Last Friday, Year 5 pupils returned from their Lenten Retreat at Alton Castle. The main theme of the retreat was 'Come close, listen to the story'. In moments of quiet reflection and collective worship, we followed the events of the Holy Week in preparation for Easter. The whole class took part in a variety of exciting and adventurous activities, including: rock climbing, mountain biking, trekking and survival. The staff members were all proud to see how beautifully behaved the children were and how they cared for each other while overcoming obstacles and difficulties. We all had a lovely time, made new friends and created some amazing memories. *Mrs Oluremi*

## Top Tweets From This Week

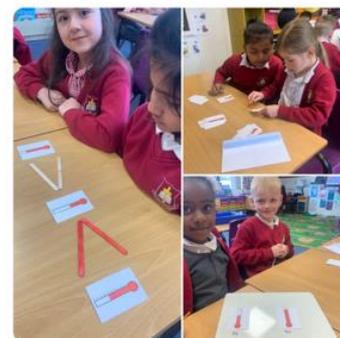
As part of Y3's new Theme topic 'Canals', this morning they have made their own canals, using sand as the banks and water to pour onto the plastic to make the canal part. 🚢 🌊



Year 1 have been counting in 10s, using a large hundred square on the playground  
#mathsoutside



To consolidate our understanding of temperature, Y2 mathematicians compared two (and three) different temperatures 🌡️ 🌡️



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## Nursery Class Spring Showcase

As part of their learning about the season of Spring, the Nursery children had learnt songs about life cycles and God's wonderful world which they did an amazing job of performing for their families. They jumped like a frog, hopped like a bunny and laid eggs like a chick.



**Spring Photo Competition.** The theme for this year's Science week that we all took part in was Change and Adaptation. Our follow-up annual Science Competition is open until Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. We are asking children to take a photo of something that links to the theme of change or adaptation during this season of Spring. Please see the competition flyer that was sent out previously for more information. There will be Science themed prizes and certificates for the winning photographs

**Summer Uniform** After the Easter holiday 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 summers dresses. In addition, Key Stage 2 pupils may choose to wear a white polo shirt instead of shirt and tie.

**Summer Term PE** – Wed (Y5/6), Thurs (Y3/4 & Reception) Fri (1/2). Children should continue to wear their kits to school on PE days.

**Year 6 SATs** Our Year 6 pupils will be taking their Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Year 6 Summer Dates

Some parents had been enquiring about dates for some of our Year 6 events in July. For your information we can confirm:

Year 6 SATS week – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May.

Year 6 performance at Bablake Theatre – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm

Leaver's mass & awards – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 9am

**Attendance & Punctuality – Whole school for this week: 96.3%** 😊

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	
91.4%	0 lates 😊	97.9%	2 lates	95.9%	3 lates	97.9%	2 lates	93.3%	0 lates 😊	98.7%	3 lates 😊	98.7%	4 lates 😊

## Last week at a glance:

**After school activity clubs will resume on the second week back after Easter. Please ensure your child is booked on.**

Date	Time	Activity
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	9am All day	Alleluia Assembly Easter Celebration day
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	AM	Guitar lessons
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April Year 5 & 6 PE day		Year 1 trip to Selly Manor
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> May Year 3 & 4 PE day	3.15-4pm	Parent and daughter session with the school nurses (Y5/6)
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May Reception, Year 1 & 2 PE kits	11am	One Life Music Livestream Easter liturgy

*Wishing you all a very happy Easter and a lovely break. See you all on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April.*

*N. Rynott*

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