

Newsletter

Friday 27th March 2026



Dear parents, pupils, governors, staff and parishioners,

Yesterday the whole school gathered together for our final Lenten Mass and it was the perfect end to our busy term as we all now look forward to the joys of Easter. We hope the grown ups all enjoyed their hot cross buns afterwards. 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 28th March at 4.30pm Sunday 29th March 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

Lenten Fundraising – We have had the greatest response that I can remember for our Lenten fundraising this year raising nearly £900. The Cafod Big Lent Walk, Easter Raffle, Fundraising Fair and Break The Rules Day were all great successes. In addition, some children have been looking at ways of raising funds individually. Special mention must go to Thea in Year 5 who has raised £93.57 so far with her craft sales – how fantastic is that?



Return To School Easter Celebration day – Monday 13th 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, draw our Easter Egg Raffle prizes, 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!

Building work – Nursery entrance

We are having some building work completed on the pathway up to Nursery Class from the car park. Please can we ask all Nursery parents to drop off and collect from the main school office for the first two weeks of the Summer Term. Thank you.



Good bye and Thank you Mr Vernon

Today we say goodbye to our Caretaker Mr Vernon who is leaving St Osburg's to take up a new position at another school.

We thank him for all his hard work and the care he has taken over our school for the past 2 years, and we wish him the very best for the future. We have appointed a new Site Services Officer, Mr Murray who will be joining us in April.

Top Tweets From This Week

Junior PCSOs graduated this week. They have been learning some of the duties of our local PCSOs and the phonetic alphabet.



Year 4 had a battle with Rufus and had a great day finishing off on the battle bridge 😊



To mark the beginning of our new reading unit, Year 2 children have visited our school library. We talked about the rules of using the library and how to find interesting books. 📖 🐰 🐣



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Year 1 Phonics – parents meeting.

Miss Doran would like to invite all Year 1 parents to a short meeting after school at 3.15pm on Friday 17th April to explain about the phonics screening that all Year 1 pupils need to take part in later this academic year. Please do try to join us as we explain the process and how you can help your child to prepare and further develop their phonics skills.

Positive Family Foundations

After Easter, Family Learning will be in school running another one of its popular sessions for parents, this time about supporting children's learning and development. Our Positive Family Foundations programme focuses on child development, parenting styles, behaviour and SEND. We will provide practical resources and activities to try at home.

Day – Starts Monday 20th April (for 10 weeks)

Time – 9-11am

Please contact the school office or Miss Carey/Mrs Fowler to reserve a place.

Year 6 SATs Our Year 6 pupils will be taking their Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) from Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May 2026. 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.

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 summer dresses. In addition, Key Stage 2 pupils may choose to wear a white polo shirt instead of shirt and tie.

Summer Term PE – Monday – Y3 (swimming starting 20th April) & Y5, Tues (Y3/4) Wed (Y4 just on 15th April and 20th May)). Thurs (Y1/2) Fri (Y5/6) Children should continue to wear their kits to school on PE days.

Attendance & Punctuality – Whole school for this week: 94.7% Great punctuality this week – thank you 😊

Mrs Roberts Year R		Miss Doran		Mrs Oluermi Year 2		Mr Dingley Year 3		Mrs Bardell/Mrs Crowley Year 4		Mr Jordan Year 5		Mrs McDevitt Year 6	
96.1%	3 late	100%	0 late	93.5%	3	90.9%	0 late	99.1%	2 late	94.4%	0 late	91.5%	4 late
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First week back at a glance:

Date	Time	Activity
Monday 13 th April Easter Celebration day	9am PM	Mission Assembly - Alleluia Assembly Year 5 – Joy of Moving Science and Fitness sessions with Sky Blues in the Community
Tuesday 14 th April Year 3 PE day	AM PM	Guitar lessons Year 3 – skint 2 Mint money sessions
Wednesday 15 th April Y 4 PE day – this week only		
Thursday 16 th April Year R, 1 & 2 PE day	All day 3.20pm	Year 1 trip to Tamworth castle (in school uniform – no PE this week for Year 1) Parents meeting for Year 3 pupils making First Holy Communion
Friday 17 th April Year 4 & 6 PE day	9.00am 11am 3.15pm	KS2 Assembly led by Cardinal Newman students Eastertide Live Steam – One Life Music Phonics meeting for Year 1 parents

Wishing you all a very happy and holy Easter and a lovely break.

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