

Newsletter

Friday 11th September 2026



Dear parents, pupils, governors, staff and parishioners, of all the staff and governors,



St Osburg's Feast Day! We had a wonderful feast day on Wednesday with the whole school attending a beautiful Mass led by Year 6. Following this we all enjoyed ice creams in the sunshine. 😊 We ask St Osburg, our special Coventry saint, to bless us all during this new academic year. St Osburg – Pray for us.

Lady Godiva's Day

Today our Year 4 & 5 pupils joined Lady Godiva, the Godiva sisters representing ladies from around the world, the Lord Mayor and many other guests and visitors in the city centre to celebrate Godiva day. The children took part in a procession behind the banners through town and then sang one of our favourite hymns, 'Without Love' in the Priory Gardens for all the guests. Well done children – thank you for representing our school so well and your singing was fantastic!

Key Sacramental Dates This School Year:

- Y6 Confirmation - Tuesday 24th November 2026 at 6.00pm
- First Reconciliation (Y3) – Friday 12th March 2027 at 2pm
- First Holy Communion (Y3) – Saturday 22nd May 2027 at 9.30am



New Altar Servers

If there are any children in Years 4,5 and 6 who would like to become an Altar Server at church, Father Moses would like to invite them to attend 4.30pm Mass this Saturday 12th September. Please go to the Sacristy at least 10 mins before Mass where you can join the other servers and start your training. 😊

Education Sunday

This weekend, we celebrate Education Sunday, a special opportunity to give thanks for the gift of education and to pray for all who learn and work in our schools. Wherever you worship, it might be a nice idea for children to attend Mass wearing their school uniform if they wish, as a sign of pride in belonging to our St Osburg's family. We give thanks for the dedication of teachers, support staff, governors, parents and parish communities who help our children to flourish. Let us pray that God continues to bless all our schools and guide every child as they learn, grow and fulfil the gifts He has given them.



Reminder No Authorised Term-Time Holidays

The Governors would like to remind all families that holidays taken during term time will not be authorised under any circumstances. Regular attendance is vital to your child's education, and every school day matters.

Under current attendance regulations, if a pupil reaches 10 unauthorised sessions (equivalent to 5 school days) of absence, the school is required to refer the case to the Local Authority. This may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to parents/carers.

We kindly ask all families to plan holidays during the school holiday periods and thank you for your continued support in ensuring excellent attendance for all pupils.

Packed lunches - Please can we remind parents to try to ensure that they are sending a healthy lunchbox into school if their child is on packed lunch. There should not be any sweets, chocolate bars or fizzy drinks – we have seen all of these this week!



Dentists also recommend that the best drink for children is water, non sugar squash or milk at lunch time as even fruit juices contain a high amount of natural sugars that would then be present on teeth until they are cleaned (probably not until bedtime). Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Choking hazards - Please DO NOT send any meat with bones in and please can grapes be cut lengthways if you are sending these in too.



School Uniform and Shoes Thank you for sending your children back to school looking so smart! ☺ Just a reminder - only black school shoes (not trainers) are permitted as footwear. **Please make sure all items are labelled with your child's name!**

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 Thursday 17th September.



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Pupil Premium – Please Apply!

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium funding. By applying, the school can receive £1,550 per year in additional funding to support your child's education, even if your child prefers to bring a packed lunch from home. This funding helps us to provide additional support, resources and opportunities for pupils and is particularly important at a time when school budgets are under increasing pressure.

Applying may also enable your child to benefit from reduced costs for some school activities and visits.

Free school meal (FSM) eligibility in Coventry has expanded for the 2026/2027 academic year to now include all households receiving Universal Credit

Current Eligibility Categories

- **Targeted Free School Meals:** For households earning under £7,400 a year or receiving specific legacy benefits, which also qualifies students for the Holiday, Activities and Food (HAF) programme.
- **Expanded Free School Meals:** For households receiving Universal Credit with earnings over £7,400, who receive free school meals but are not eligible for the HAF programme.
- **Universal Infant Free School Meals:** Automatically available to all pupils in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 regardless of family income.
- **No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF):** Select groups meeting separate low-income criteria can apply directly through their child's school.

How to Apply or Check Status:

- **Online Form:** Submit details through the [Coventry City Council Free School Meals](#) portal or speak to Mrs Fowler or Miss Carey.

Bedtimes - Our busy term has started and while we recognise that it takes a little while to get into the routine, we have noticed a number of children being very tired in the mornings and some even falling asleep in class or in assembly! Please can you try to get your child into a good bedtime routine with no gadgets, so that hopefully they can have a good long sleep and are feeling refreshed and ready for learning the next day. It is recommended that children aged between 6-13 years old have between 9-12 hours sleep per night. If your child is struggling with bedtimes, please ask our pastoral team who may be able to support or signpost you to the school nursing team for assistance.

Attendance & Punctuality – Whole school for this week: 95.7%

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	
99.6%	1 late	97.2%	9 late	95.9%	3 late	90.4%	1 late	95%	5 late	95.7%	6 late	96.7%	1 late
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After School Clubs We are currently still organising the after-school clubs that we will be offering this term. A separate letter will be sent out and payment will be required via the Gateway app – please make sure to download this in advance.

Next Week at a Glance:

Date	Time	Activity
Monday 14 th Sept Y5 PE kit and bring swimming kit	9am AM	Mission Assembly Year 5 Swimming lessons at The Wave
Tuesday 15 th Sept Years 1,2,3, wear PE kits to school	AM 3.30pm	Ricky Dance Guitar lessons with Mr Shepherd Governing Body Housekeeping Meeting
Wed 16 th Sept Y1 & 2 wear PE kits to school		
Thursday 17 th Sept Y4 wear PE kits		
Fri 18 th Sept Reception & Y6 wear PE kits to school	9am AM	Friday Assembly Reception will start their PE lessons today.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

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