



# St Osmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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## Books and Reading!

What a fabulous week we have had at St Osmund's! We have had bedtime stories with hot chocolate and biscuits in school – what a novelty to come back to school in your onesie!! While the stories were taking place, Mrs Sterck held some reading talks for parents which we hope you enjoyed and found useful.

Yesterday was World Book Day and what a pleasure to see the children enjoying workshops across the whole school, exploring the story in imaginative ways. I saw children making pom poms out of wool for rabbit tails; I saw children mixing colours, making fruit pies (edible ones too!) and egg designing! What an array! Seeing the children dressed up as their favourite book characters was the icing on the cake 😊

Finally, the grand opening of the Library Bus with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and directors from Salisbury Reds and Salisbury Signs who all contributed to the amazing learning space was a lovely occasion. The Mayor said that St Osmund's is a truly wonderful school. Other visitors this week have all commented on what a vibrant school we have and it is clear that so much care goes into making St Osmund's a place where children love, are loved, and learn with enthusiasm. It is a privilege to be the head of this super school.

### Masses

This week we were back in Church for our face-to-face Masses. Year 2 had their Class Mass on Tuesday and the children read extremely clearly and with confidence! Then the whole school went to Church on Wednesday for Ash Wednesday. The parishioners and Father Anthony were almost moved to tears by the wonderful contributions from the children and of course, their beautiful singing.

Lent is that time of repentance, where we think about giving more – an extra special effort! We think about giving more to God, more sacrifice of our time, and giving more to others. The children's Lenten promises, now on display in the hall, show the whole community how the children are making that effort this Lent. Ask your child about their Lenten promise.

### Praying for Ukraine

Today is a non-uniform day to fundraise for the people of Ukraine. We are supporting the charity UNICEF which is raising money for children suffering in this war. This is a worrying time and after the two years which the world has had, it is the very last thing the people of Ukraine and Eastern Europe could have possibly contemplated. Let us pray for a peaceful resolution as soon as possible.

The children will be hearing about this on the news on a daily basis and because of that, they can develop all sorts of worries and fears. We support our children in school in prayer and worship to reassure them. There are also some very good explanations and resources on CBBC Newsround such as 'Advice if you are upset by the news' <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13865002> and content on the War in Ukraine - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround#more-stories-2>

### Easter Holiday Tennis Club

Salisbury Tennis Club are holding Easter Tennis Clubs for children aged 5-16 years old from 19<sup>th</sup> April until 21<sup>st</sup> April, which include an Easter Egg hunt. For further information or to book a place please click on the link below:

<https://www.salisburytenniscoaching.co.uk/tenniscamps>

### Golden Book Awards

Rec : The Whole Class  
Year 1: Angel-Grace and Kevin  
Year 2: Luna and George  
Year 3: Leila and Agata  
Year 4: Erin and Stefan  
Year 5: Michelle and Eddie  
Year 6: Jasmine and Oliver



## Dates for your diary...

08.03.22 ~ Class Mass ~ Year 1 ~ St Osmund's Church ~ 10am

[@St\\_OsmundsCP](https://www.twitter.com)

05.04.22 ~ Stations of the Cross ~ School Hall ~ all day

07.04.22 ~ Easter Egg Hung & Easter Bonnet Parade ~ Playground and Woodland Area

08.04.22 ~ Class Photo Day

08.04.22 ~ End of Term 4 ~ 1.30pm

15.04.22 ~ Good Friday

17.04.22 ~ Easter Sunday

18.04.22 ~ Easter Monday

25.04.22 ~ School re-opens for Term 5



Mr R Sanderson  
Headteacher

*Loving God,*

*We pray for the people of Ukraine,  
for all those suffering or afraid,  
that you will be close to them and protect them.*

*We pray for world leaders,  
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.*

*We pray for the world, that in this moment of crisis,  
we may reach out in solidarity to our sisters and brothers in need.  
May we walk in your ways, so that peace and justice  
become a reality for the people of Ukraine  
and for all the world.*

*Amen.*

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