



# St Osmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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## Homework



As detailed on the curriculum letters, we have been reviewing our homework practices and expectations recently. Staff are explaining these expectations in the *Meet the Teacher* meetings. First and foremost, homework should not be stressful! It might not be everyone's favourite activity but it has been proven to have a positive impact on children's learning. It helps reinforce key concepts, develops essential skills, and enables children to apply knowledge to real-life situations. Completing homework also helps instil discipline and time management skills, preparing children for the challenges of secondary school and beyond.

We encourage you to support your child in developing good homework habits. Create a quiet and organised study area at home, establish a regular routine, and provide guidance and assistance when needed; crucially, the homework set should only cover concepts that have already been taught in class so it should be a useful, achievable and maybe even enjoyable experience for you and your child.

Homework expectations vary from year to year and are progressively more demanding in terms of challenge and time from Reception to Year 6. Reading is a common theme for all classes – 5x per week. Your child should be able to decode the words in their books when they are reading the scheme books – what we call 100% phonically decodable. This helps the children to build their fluency as readers. If your child is struggling to decode (translate the sound-letter correspondances) then please let us know so we can reassess the book they have been given. Please read with them, a good model to work from when reading with your child is the 'I read' (parent), 'we read' (together) followed by 'you read' (your child). Finally, please record your reading in the record book and see your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

## Free School Meals

All children in Reception class, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to free school meals regardless of your household income.

If you believe you may be entitled to free school meals and help with other areas of school life, school uniform or trips for example, please log on to the Establishment portal to apply.

<https://parentportal.wiltshire.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/home>

## Raring2go! Magazine

Raring2go! Magazine covers events and activities throughout the autumn and is a great read. Why not click on the link to access it and see for yourself?

<https://8bbal.r.ag.d.sendibm3.com/mk/cl/f/sh/SMK1E8tHeFuBlatU4pbXVeBAmm0q/kcTlIXD9BrHG>

## School Gateway

We use School Gateway to communicate with you via email and text message, and you are encouraged to download the app so that our texts to you are free. For all new users please remember to download the app and then register as a new user using your email address. You will be sent a pin number to activate your account by text message. If you have any problems please speak to the Admin Staff in the office.

## Naming Belongings

Please ensure all of your children's belongings are clearly named, in particular jumpers, cardigans and water bottles.

## Star of the Week Awards

Year 1: Lilla and Oscar  
Year 2: Miya and Oscar C  
Year 3: Semira and Adrian  
Year 4: Josh and Isabella  
Year 5: Edwin and Aysha  
Year 6: Adam and Erin



## Trafalgar School Open Evening

The Trafalgar School in Downton are holding an open evening for Year 5 students and their parents on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023 from 5.30 – 8.00pm.

# Dates for your diary...

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

18.09.23 ~ Meet the Teacher ~ Y6 ~ 3:25pm  
19.09.23 ~ Meet the Teacher ~ Y4 ~ 3:25pm  
20.09.23 ~ Meet the Teacher ~ Y1 ~ 3:25pm  
21.09.23 ~ Meet the Teacher ~ Y5 ~ 3:25pm  
27.09.23 ~ Reception Parents Meeting ~ 5:30pm  
06.10.23 ~ Anti-Bullying Workshops  
10.10.23 ~ Parents Evening  
11.10.23 ~ Parents Evening  
17.10.23 ~ Last day of Term 1  
18.10.23 ~ Teacher Training Day  
30.10.23 ~ Term 2 begins  
20.12.23 ~ Last day of Term 2 ~ 1:30pm



Mr R Sanderson  
Headteacher

## Safeguarding Team

If you have any concerns about a child's welfare or safety, please speak to a member of the school safeguarding team:

Mr Sanderson – Designated Safeguarding Lead  
Mrs Chapman – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead  
Mrs Sambrook – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead  
Mrs Windsor – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

## School Uniform

From next week, 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023, we will be returning to the normal uniform and saying goodbye to the summer ☹️ uniform until next April!

Please see this link for the details of our main uniform  
– [CLICK HERE](#)

Lord, we pray that you would be  
with all who are traumatised and  
deeply grieving. Show us, Lord, how  
to serve you by helping our  
neighbours in Libya. When we are  
daunted by the scale of the disaster,  
inspire us with your Spirit that we  
may know how to make a  
difference.

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