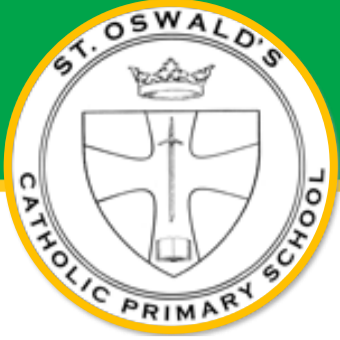


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Parents' / Carers' Newsletter

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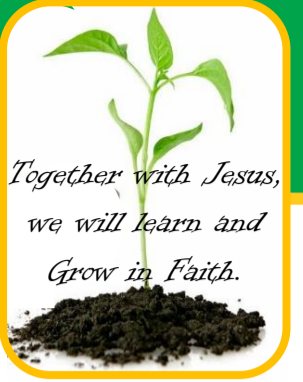
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A message from Mrs Walsh

For we walk by faith, not sight.
-2 Corinthians 5:7

We have finally reached the end of the spring term, it has been such a busy time with lots going on in school. This term we have been ensuring that the children's curriculum gaps have been identified and ways forward planned to catch up. Though there have been no formal testing, teachers have assessed your children and have caught up with the vast majority of parents over phone calls.

The junior building project has been progressing at rapid speed, there has been disruption and inconvenience but it will all be worth it in the end.

Congratulations to our year 5 children who made their Holy Communion over the last few weeks, the services were lovely and Father Liam made sure everyone was accommodated through socially distanced planning.

As the country has started to ease lockdown restrictions and hopefully the weather improves, we hope that there may be some relaxation of the risk assessments in school so that we can plan for some summer events, I will make sure you stay updated. In the meantime, have a wonderful break, enjoy your children!

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*Attendance
Winners*

Congratulations to our class attendance winners:

EYFS - **RJ 94.2%**

KS1 - **1HH 96.4%**

LKS2 - **3BW 96.3%**

UKS2 - **6TL 96.4%**

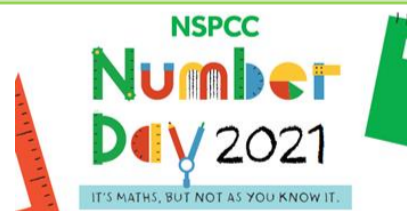
Whole School attendance was **94.8%** Our target is- **97%**

Winning house team is **Sheppard!** Well done!



All of the children thoroughly enjoyed Captain Tom's 100 challenge and better still, we raised **£254!**

Well done and thank you to all of our amazing, generous children and families.



Thank you for all of your kind donations on NSPCC number day!

We managed to raise **£457** across the whole school.

For more information or to donate please follow the link below:

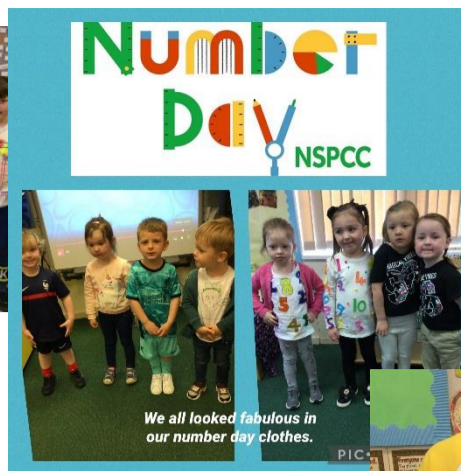
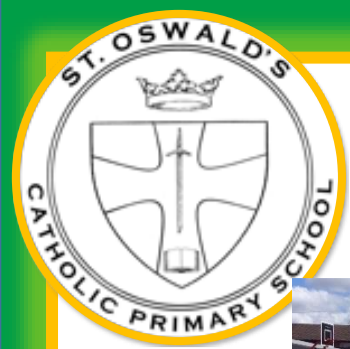
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/support-us/events-fundraising/social->



We have raised **£207** by taking part in the 'Heads up for Kate - The Virtual Everest Challenge' to commemorate what would have been Kate Griffin's 41st birthday.

All proceeds have gone to Rainbows Bereavement Support GB.





NSPCC Number Day 2021 Buddy's Key Challenge



NSPCC Number day

The children got creative with their numbers on NSPCC number day, from completing Buddy's key challenge to number scavenger hunts around school, and not to mention all of the fabulous number themed outfits!

We also managed to raise a fantastic

£457!

Thank you to everyone who donated for such a special and meaningful cause.



Year 2 loved creating sea creatures using Tangrams.



Year 2 enjoyed a Maths scavenger hunt during NSPCC Number Day.



YEAR 5 COMPLETED A MATHS SCAVENGER HUNT AS PART OF THEIR #NSPCCNUMBERDAY ACTIVITIES.

OUTFITS.



Art week

During this half term, each year group has completed an Art day, as part of our catch-up curriculum. Year 1 explored nature sculptures in the style of Andrew Goldsworthy, while nursery and reception created their own animal habitats! Year 5 took inspiration from artist Antoni Gaudi to create their own 3D clay tile, as Year 4 created paper sculptures! Year 3 looked at recyclable materials to create shadow art in the style of Tim Noble and Year 6 designed and produced their own tote bags to represent 'Britishness'!

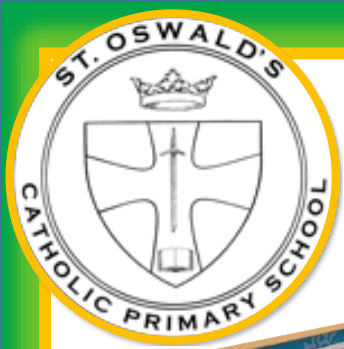
To see more, please visit our [virtual Art Gallery](#) on our school website!



Other faiths

In Year 5, to celebrate the start of Ramadan, Noor and Audy brought in dates for children to try and also explained about fasting and the spiritual reasons behind this in the Muslim faith!





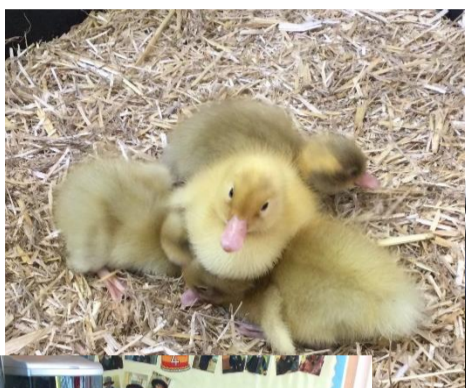
Helping in the community

The children have been spreading a very important message around our local community about recycling. They created eye-catching, informative posters, which have been displayed in our local Tesco store, to encourage more people to recycle! Thank you to our local Tesco store in Old Swan for displaying these!



Spring ducklings

Nursery have had some little visitors during this past half term! The children have been learning about new life, whilst observing the duck eggs and learning about the special conditions they need to hatch. Once arrived, the children wasted no time in naming the six ducklings... Marshmallow, Unicornia, Bo-Peep, Elsa, Olaf and Isabella!



Mental Health week 2021

Across the school, all children have been learning about the importance of their mental health, by learning strategies which they can use to keep their minds healthy! Nursery explored what made them happy, which was having their snack outside whilst listening to nature, while year 6 took part in guided meditation, focusing on the sounds of nature.



Captain Tom's 100 Challenge

In honour of the late Sir Captain Tom and his amazing achievements, each year group picked an activity they could do 100 times, inspired by his 100 garden laps, where he raised £38.9 million to thank our NHS! Year 1 and reception completed 100 laps of an obstacle course, while nursery completed 100-star jumps! Year 5 took part in circuit training, whilst other year group completed 100 exercises! All of the children had great fun and as a school we managed to raise a total amount of £254! In the remarkable words of Sir Captain Tom...

'Tomorrow will be a good day'





Covid-19 update



REMINDER- face masks must be worn on school grounds. If you have an exemption letter then please bring this into the school office to receive an exemption card.

If anyone in your household develop COVID symptoms, the entire household must isolate at home. Please inform school straight away and then book a test online through NHS testing. Alternatively, you can call NHS 119 to book if you are unable to access the internet.

Following these steps, you must also inform school immediately of the results of a test:

- If a pupil tests **negative** - return to school the following day if they are well.
- If a pupil tests **positive** - self-isolate for at least **10 days** from the onset of their symptoms. The rest of the household must isolate for 14 days.

Please email all positive results to positivecovid@stoswaldsschool.com

Remote Learning

If your child has been sent home to self-isolate due to their 'bubble' being burst, then there will be home learning available via our 'Google Classroom' platform.

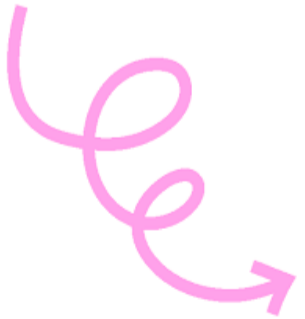
Children in years 1-6 have all been set up with a Google Classroom email address, one which can only be used to access google classroom, and **NOT** to receive/send emails. On here, they can access work set from their teacher, which they can complete, submit and have their teacher mark and return it to them.

EYFS-children will be able to assess work set through Class Dojo.

If you do not have internet access, then there are home learning packs available which can be picked up from our school office.



Term Dates



Summer 2021 Term 2
Monday 7th June - Tuesday 20th July
 Monday 7th June - **Year 1 and 2** Fancy dress and pantomime.
 Geography week
 DT week
 Sports day - children / staff only
 Transition week

We hope you all have a happy and safe half term and look forward to welcoming you all back for our final term of this academic year 2020/2021!