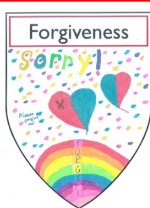


Oldswinford Cof E Primary School

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Autumn Newsletter: 13th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a good week. We have been thrilled with the launch of OPAL at lunchtimes. The feedback from the children and the adults with them has been amazing. The children have been digging, dressing up, creating, imagining and it has been a joy to see them. Next week sees the opening of Mucky

Pups Café... it already seems like it's going to be a hit!

Thank you for all of your support with donations so far. We couldn't have done it without you!

Have a brilliant weekend and I look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Best wishes,

Ellie Game

Value of the half term...

St Mary

This week we looked at the difference between St Mary and Mary Stevens as some of the children were getting a bit confused. We began to think about questions we would like to know the answer to about St Mary and then we learnt a little bit about the history of St Mary's Church. We also had our first visit from the Open the Book team. It was great to have them back in school!

Attendance

So far our attendance has been...

Reception - 96%

Year 1 - 93.2%

Year 2 - 98.8%

Year 3 - 99.1%

Year 4 - 97.9%

Year 5 - 98.7%

Year 6 - 98.3%

Well done **Year 3** for your amazing attendance this week.

Can I send a little reminder that any snacks sent at break time need to be a healthy snack. This could be fruit, vegetables, bread sticks - anything without added sugar. If children do go to choose chocolate or crisps from their lunch box they will be asked to go and choose something else.

Many thanks.

Following feedback from a parent after our End of Year reports it was suggested that we should share our SATS results across school.

We are really proud of them as the children did really well.

All the details can be found on our school website under the yellow 'key information' tab. Then by clicking 'inspection reports and performance data' then 'performance data' again.



Starting secondary school in September 2025

Why not apply for a place online?

If your child is due to start secondary school in 2025 then you will have to apply for a school place before 31 October 2024.

You **MUST** complete an application form either online at www.dudley.gov.uk/admissions or by completing the application form provided by your home local authority. You can include six school preferences on the application form; there is nothing to gain by only putting one preference.

Benefits of applying online

- E-mail decision received by 2pm on day of offer
- It's quick and easy to use
- You can apply 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- There's no risk that your application will be lost in the post
- You will get email confirmation that your application has been received
- It's safe and secure

The online system will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from 1 September 2024 until the closing date for applications on **31 October 2024**.

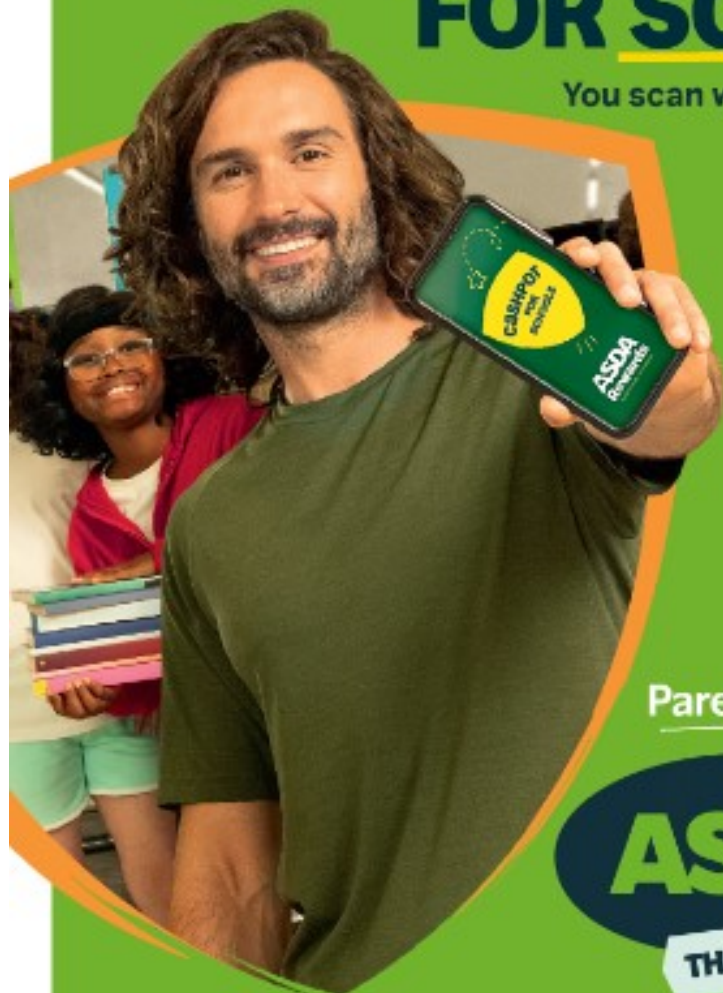
You should not assume that your child will get a place at a secondary school without you having to apply, even if you have an older child already attending the same school. This is a common misconception and often the biggest cause of disappointment for parents who believe otherwise.

For further information please contact Dudley School Admissions Service on **0300 555 2345**.



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St Mary's Youth Group



Every Friday at 6pm in term time

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Extensive sports facilities mean many teams hold regional or national titles. Plus with 45 co-curricular clubs and 10 music ensembles; excellent STEM laboratories; teaching kitchen and two climbing walls; and new art, drama and dance studios, there's plenty to get involved with.

Boarding is at the heart of the community where students live together, learn together and thrive. The impact on the individual is threefold: boarders develop great resilience, independence and genuine confidence; show humility alongside aspiration; and grow lifelong friendships.

As Year 7 student Maisie-Grace says "No matter who you are, you always have a place at OSH."



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You and your child will have all the advantages of boarding at our outstanding school with the opportunity to choose when and how often they access our boarding facilities and co-curricular activities. You have the freedom to decide when and how often your child stays over, or comes and goes before and after the school day, to fit with their busy club and social schedules both in and out of school, integrated alongside your home life.

At OSH, your child will get the best of both worlds: an education and a home away from home with their friends, and time with family. Plus, they will have a space to call their own in the boarding house, however frequently they use it.

Tailored Boarding is available now for September 2025

We are excited to share a new series of videos which we hope will give you a real sense of our boarding community and experience:

www.youtube.com/@OldSwinfordHospital

If you would like to discuss Tailored Boarding and how it may work for your family, please do get in touch. We would love to hear from you.

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Join Us

At Old Swinford Hospital we pride ourselves on the breadth and depth of our education both within and beyond the classroom.

We aim to enable pupils to realise and exceed their potential. Our boarding teams provide a uniquely stimulating and supportive environment in which all can flourish, and grow in understanding, self-confidence and self-esteem.

Our Matrons are here to help support students in the boarding houses. They ensure the boys and girls in their care are looked after, safe, tidy, well-fed, and are often the first person they turn to with any problems. Matrons run the day-to-day of our boarding houses so that boarders feel at home away from home.

We understand how important it is for parents and guardians to build a good relationship with boarding staff. Therefore, as a starting point we invite you to 'Hear from the Housemasters' and 'Meet the Matrons' in our new videos.



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Our programme of co-curricular activities for Tailored Boarders is rich and far reaching:

- STEM Club • Music Ensembles • Hockey • Debating • Art Club • Chess Club • Climbing
- Pottery • Choir • Public Speaking • Rugby • Netball • Chef's Club • Football • Craft Club

...and there's so much more, including an exciting range of weekend activities.

So why not join us and give your child the opportunity to be part of the OSH community?



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