

OUR LADY & ST. OSWALD'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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'Through Christ we Inspire and Flourish'

Headteacher ISR L9 (£60,644) – L15 (£70,293)

Required from 1 September 2025 or earlier

This is a fantastic opportunity to lead a vibrant Catholic school situated in the picturesque and growing market town of Oswestry where the rolling Welsh hills meet the beautiful Shropshire plains. We are fortunate to have excellent access to Liverpool, Manchester, Birmingham and North Wales.

The Governors are seeking to appoint a committed Catholic who is a highly motivated and inspirational leader to build on the successes of our school. There is a tangible sense of family and welcome at Our Lady and St Oswald's Catholic Primary School. The new Headteacher will be able to shape our school and ensure that we continue to strive for the very best outcomes for every learner, so that they are all able to achieve their full potential as citizens of the future.

The Governors invite applications from practising Catholic teachers.

"This 'small school with a big heart' is valued by pupils and parents. Leaders have high regard for pupils' personal development. They make sure that pupils feel listened to and valued. Pupils enjoy attending. Pupils play and learn well together."

[Ofsted July 2022](#)

"Pupils have a strong sense of worth, are happy in school, and know that they are loved and valued in this welcoming community. Relationships are a strength of the school, and as a result, pupils show a deep respect for others."

[Section 48 report June 2024](#)

"Supportive and joyful are exactly the right words! We love how welcoming the school is towards not only us as families but the wider Catholic and local community. We couldn't be more impressed."

[Catholic School Inspectorate Community Engagement Survey April 2024](#)

We are seeking a Headteacher who:

- is a practising Catholic who has a clear vision and understanding of Catholic education and a commitment to promote the Catholic ethos throughout the whole school community
- has successful senior leadership experience in primary education with an understanding of what is required to raise standards in teaching and learning
- is an inclusive and collaborative leader with the ability to engage with a range of internal and external partners
- can ensure our curriculum provides the best education and experience for our children

- is committed to promoting high standards of attainment and behaviour
- has a clear vision for the future of the school, building on our current success and has excellent interpersonal skills to make the vision a reality
- will continue to promote strong partnerships with parents, governors, our parish and the wider community

We can offer:

- an exceptionally welcoming ethos and an outstanding sense of community through our close partnerships with families, the parish and other community groups
- enthusiastic, caring children, who have a positive attitude towards learning and life
- a staff team committed to securing the best outcomes for all pupils
- a clear commitment to continuing professional development for you and ongoing support to reach your full potential
- a fantastic team of staff and governors that are friendly and committed

We would love you to come and have a look around and see if your next career move is to join the community at Our Lady & St. Oswald's. Appointments will be made on an individual basis. Please contact Mrs Heather Birch, School Administrator, on 01691 652849 to arrange a visit on the following dates:

2pm on 6 March 2025

10am or 1.30pm on 11 March 2025

11 am or 1.30pm on 19 March 2025

If you are unable to attend any of these sessions please call Mrs Birch and she will arrange an alternative date and time to visit.

The closing date for completed applications is noon on 24 March 2025

Interviews will be held on 31 March 2025

Full details and an application pack can be found via this [vacancy link](#) to the School website.

Shropshire Local Authority and Diocese of Shrewsbury are committed to equal opportunities in employment.

Applications must be made on a Catholic Education Service (CES) application form which is available from the school office and the Catholic Education Service website: <http://www.catholiceducation.org.uk>.

All completed applications must be submitted electronically to Julie English at the Diocese of Shrewsbury on Julie.English@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment. An enhanced Disclosure and Barring Check is required for the successful applicant. References will be requested prior to interview

Closing Date: Noon on 24 March 2025

Shortlisting Date: 25 March 2025

Interview Date: 31 March 2025