

# SS OSMUND & ANDREW'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL, BOLTON

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### Thought for the Week:

Please chat through at home with your child(ren) the school's Thought for the Week which on Monday will be:

**I can tell you how I look after myself.**



### Year 2 Children

If your child is in Year 2, is a baptised Catholic and you wish them to make their First Holy Communion in Year 3, details of all the dates you need to attend will come out in September. If your child is not baptised and you wish your child to make their First Holy Communion, please contact Fr Heakin on **01204 522770** **as soon as possible** to arrange a baptism that will also allow them to go on the First Holy Communion Programme. Thank you.

### Miss Rawlinson

After 17 years at our school, Miss Rawlinson will be leaving in a few weeks to take up a new challenge and a new post at Church Road. Miss Rawlinson has been a great servant to our community for many years, and we are sad that she is leaving. Her last day with us will be 10<sup>th</sup> November. She will be replaced by Mrs Ivill who will also be training to be a teacher with us.

### Mrs Gordon

After 23 years as a foundation governor of our school, Mrs Gordon is handing the reins to a new member of the school's governing body. She has made a huge contribution over the years to many, many children in our school and she has provided strategic direction, support and challenge as part of the leadership that the governing body provides. She has executed her duties well, a great example of this being how Mrs Gordon has scrutinised the children's results as part of her "Data Governor" role. She will be greatly missed and on behalf of the whole school community and I would like to say a massive THANK YOU for everything over the last 23 years.

Our school will still continue to benefit from Mrs Gordon's expertise and experience as a highly valued member of staff.

Congratulations to Mrs Simms who has been appointed by the Diocese to be our new foundation governor. We are all very much looking forward to working with her. Mrs Simms has already demonstrated the skills and attributes that will make her a wise selection to be on our governing body.

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### Children in Need

Message from our House Captains:

Own Clothes Day – **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**. Children to wear at least one colour from their House Team: Blue, green, red, yellow. Whichever Team that you are in, please wear that colour. If you've not got that colour, something similar, please. £1 (or less) per child (suggested donation). Thank you.

### Odd Socks Day

All you need to do is wear odd socks! It's a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique in Anti-Bullying Week! Odd Socks Day 2023 will take place on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November**. Please note that we are not asking for donations for this, the day is all about raising awareness.

### PE Kit

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct PE kit.

The PE kit is:

- White t-shirt (*The school polo shirt can be worn or a 'round neck' white t-shirt*)
- Blue shorts
- Black slip on pumps for indoor lessons
- Black pumps or trainers for outdoor lessons
- Black tracksuit bottoms for (winter) outdoor lessons
- School jumper for outdoor lessons (over the top of the t-shirt)

Sometimes children turn up in a kit for PE that includes branded (e.g. Nike, Adidas, Puma, etc) t-shirts and tops, hoodies, football shirts, and so on, often without their parents' knowledge.

When it is your child's PE day, please ensure that they come to school in the correct PE kit. If your child is unable to wear the correct kit, please send them with a letter so that we know that you are aware they are wearing something different. Thank you for your support in this matter.

### YEAR 6 PARENTS

Mr Townsend and Miss Comer would like to meet all Year 6 parents to give them information and answer any questions about the SATs and the trip to Robinwood.

There are two meetings – parents only need to attend one.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 3.30pm in Year 6O's classroom.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 6.00pm in Year 6O's classroom.

### CHRISTMAS FAIR IN THE SCHOOL HALL

Please note the new date: **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December: 3.30pm – 5.00pm**

### Roll of Honour

*Please check if your child is on this list.... If they are, you are warmly invited to come into school on the following Monday morning for our 9am assembly to see them be awarded their certificate!*

Nursery - Star of the week is Isla B for showing great respect and understanding in our learning of 'In November We Remember' and for painting a beautiful Poppy. Well done Isla.

Reception 1 – Star of the week is Pennie N for creating a beautiful Rangoli pattern using art sand.

Reception 2 – Star of the week goes to Aria G for working really hard in class especially with her letter formation and phonics!

10 – Star of the week is Isaac H for his fantastic questions and super listening during our visit from Maria.

1A – Star of the week is Willow T for settling back in brilliantly and being such a kind member of our class.

20 – Star of the week goes to Franco C - Franco always works super hard in maths and produces beautiful English work.

2A – Star of the week is Florence D - for excellent commas in list work in English - super star!

30 – Star of the week is Cooper B for being resilient and trying his hardest in maths even though he found column subtraction with exchange very tricky. Well done!

3A – Star of the week goes to Anashe B for her brilliant attitude to learning and really working on her reading at home.

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4O – Star of the week is Rio R - for an outstanding improvement in his concentration during learning time and trying extra hard to improve his Maths skills.

4A - Star of the week goes to Lottie C for her superb biography of Roald Dahl.

5O – Star of the week is Fatima E for settling in so well in her first week at SS Osmund and Andrew's. Well done!

5A – Star of the week goes to Nuala T for being so dedicated to always give her best and for such wonderful responses during class discussions.

6O – Star of the week is Charlie P for such hard work in writing and a huge jump in maturity.

6A – Star of the week goes to Cassius N for having a positive attitude towards everything he does and for trying extremely hard to improve his writing skills.

Deputy Head Award - Eliza G (2O) for her fantastic work in maths!

Headteacher Award - Deitrick A (6O) for super behaviour, being very creative with art and the guitar and for a great sense of humour.

### **Foundation Unit – Important Notice**

After much thought, advice from Bolton LEA and from seeing how successful this is in other settings, the governors have taken the decision to place the Reception classes and the Nursery class alongside each other to create a Foundation Unit. As our numbers have been affected by the low birth numbers for the year, this has presented itself as an opportunity.

It means that we will have around 50 children in the Foundation Unit. The Nursery class will stay as a class, and the 34 children in Reception will merge together. Mrs Davis will move to Key Stage 2, and the unit will be staffed by Mrs Passarello, Mrs Callaghan, Mrs Eddisford, Mrs Valentine, Mrs Lucan, Miss Budd and Miss Beard. Mrs Passarello and Mrs Callaghan will be the teachers of the Reception Class – which will be known as Foundation 2 – and Mrs Eddisford and Mrs Valentine will be the teachers of the Nursery – known as Foundation 1. However, as an amalgamated Foundation Unit, the children will have the opportunity to engage with all the teachers in the unit, regardless of the class they are in! The children in Foundation 1 (Nursery) will enter and exit through their current classroom door and the children in Foundation 2 (Reception) will all enter and exit through the current Reception 1 classroom door from January 2024.

### **Mrs Qadeer**

We are very sad to announce that Mrs Qadeer is leaving us at Christmas. She has been with us for 12 months and we are very grateful to her for all she has done for the children in our school. She will be missed.

You may remember that a few years ago, Mrs Davis was very successful when teaching a Y3/4 class.

The creation of the new Foundation Unit means Mrs Davis will be coming out of the Nursery and will teach Year 3O in January for the rest of the year. Mrs Davis is very excited as there are some children in the class who she taught in Nursery!

### **Miss Palmer**

Congratulations to Miss Palmer who has been appointed Deputy Headteacher at Holy Family in Aspull from January. Whilst this is fantastic news, it is tinged with sadness as we will be sorry to see her leave and we will miss her. Thank you to Miss Palmer for all she has done for our children, staff and parents.

You may remember a teacher called Miss Marrs from a couple of years ago who taught in Year 1. We are pleased to announce that Miss Marrs will be returning to teach Year 2A from January.

### **Class Assemblies**

All our parents are welcome to come along and join us for the following assemblies:

Nursery	Friday, 5th July (9am)
Reception	Friday, 21st June (9am)
Y1	Friday, 16th February (9am)
Y3	Friday, 24th May (9am)
Y4	Friday, 10th November (9am)
Y5	Friday, 15th March (9am)
Y6	Thursday, 18th July (Leavers' Assembly 2pm)

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### **Thank you!**

Well done and THANK YOU to Oliver D (30) and Thomas D (20) who spent every day for a week litter picking on their way home from school. I believe they had lots of people thanking them for their hard work!

### **School Car Park**

For the safety of our families and staff, the school car park is not to be used by parents. Thank you.

### **Parking**

Please do not park on Falkirk Drive. Thank you for parking respectfully for our neighbours. Thank you.

### **Code of Conduct: Parents & Visitors**

Thank you for:

- Respecting the school's caring ethos.
- Working with teachers for the benefit of children.
- Always remaining calm and respectful.
- Always resolving issues through school.
- Always correcting your child's behaviour when you need to.

A more detailed version of the Code is on our school website.

### **Dates for the Diary:**

#### Parents Evenings:

- Thursday, 23rd November 1.30pm - 6.30pm
- EYFS stay and plays week commencing 20th November all week
- Thursday, 29th February 1.30pm - 6.30pm
- EYFS stay and plays week commencing 12th Feb all week

#### Christmas Events

- EYFS Nativity: Wednesday, 13th December 9.30 and Thursday 14th December 2pm
- Y1/Y2 Nativity: Wednesday 13th December 1.30pm and 6pm for parents

End of term Mass - Friday 15th December

Carols around the playground - Wednesday 20th December 2pm

- EYFS Christmas Party - Tuesday 19th December morning
- KS1 Christmas Party - Friday 15th December afternoon
- LKS2 Christmas Party - Monday 18th December afternoon
- UKS2 Christmas Party - Tuesday 19th December afternoon

#### Easter Events:

- 21st March - Easter Bonnet Parade
- Afternoon Easter Performance (Y3/4) - Tuesday 26th March 1.30pm
- Evening Easter Performance (Y3/4) - Wednesday 27th March 6pm

#### Summer Events:

- Afternoon Play Performance (Y5/6) - Tuesday 9th July 1pm
- Evening Play Performance (Y5/6) - Wednesday 10th July 6pm

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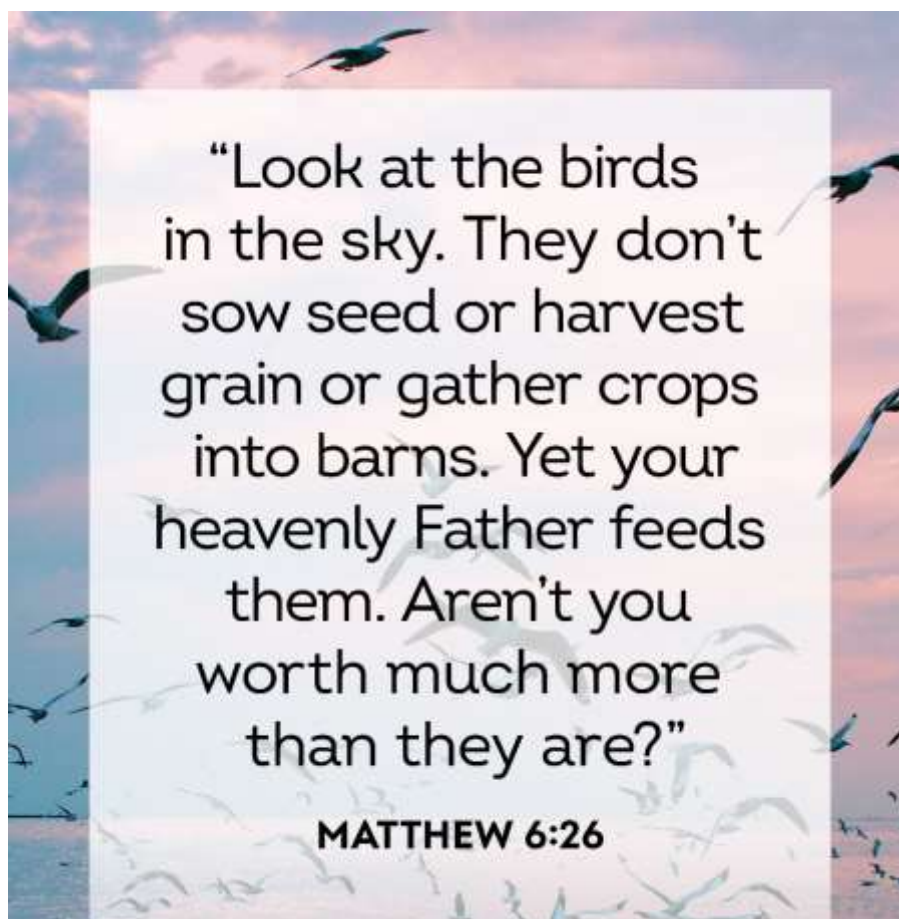
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### First Holy Communion

The dates that you need are as follows...

EVENT	VENUE	DATE & TIME
First Confessions	Church	Wednesday, 6 December 2023, 7pm
Sunday Liturgies	Church	3 December 2023 @ 11:00am 14 January 2024 @ 11:00am 11 February 2024 @ 11:00am 17 March 2024 @ 11:00am 21 April 2024 @ 11:00am 19 May 2024 @ 11:00am
Second Parents' Meeting	Church	Wednesday, 15 May 2024, 6pm
First Holy Communion Rehearsal	Church	Friday, 7 June 2024, 10am
<b><i>First Holy Communion</i></b>	<b><i>Church</i></b>	<b><i>Saturday, 8 June 2024, 11am</i></b>



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### **SEND**

At SS Osmund and Andrew's RCP School, we follow the Local Authorities statutory advice for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. This involves a Graduated Approach, where we assess, plan, do and review. This means that we assess a child's learning, we plan intervention to support them, we then carry this out and review it.

To give a child the best chance to learn we aim to reduce any barriers to their learning and create a calm and safe learning environment. Over a period of a term, the teacher and SEND practitioners are able to reach a decision on what action to carry out next. This would normally involve meeting with a parent to discuss.

Then a new target is set or a reasonable adjustment to the lesson is made to support the child. If the gap is increasing, in the next cycle of 'Assess, plan, do, review', the SENDCo will contact external agencies, funded by school. This may involve a meeting with an external agency, an observation or group intervention.

The school would open a plan known as Early Help to support the child further and a meeting would take place with the SENDCo and family. At the meeting, actions and goals would be agreed.

If the external agency or SENDCo begin to observe an increasing barrier to learning, further observations and diagnostic assessments would take place to determine whether or not there is a special need.

If the team arrive at a conclusion that there is a special need, the SENDCo would meet with the family/carer and teacher to discuss reasonable adjustments in school. The diagnosis will be added to the SEND Register.

If the barrier to learning increases significantly over a period of time, despite reasonable adjustments and the child's special needs greatly increase in school, the SENDCo will have a discussion with Parents/Carers about supporting a child with an application for an EHCP. Note: The Government has reduced funding for EHCPs. A diagnosis with a Special Educational Need will not automatically qualify for a pathway to an EHCP.

It is worth noting that it is not the school's decision as to whether a child gains an EHCP. Only around 1 to 2 in 100 children get an EHCP, and many of these do not advocate 1 to 1 support.

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**Win a Smiggle Advent  
Calendar worth £35!**



**How? Raffle tickets are £1 each.  
Bring into school and you will  
receive a raffle ticket in return.**

The winner will be drawn on the  
28/11/23!

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**TIMES TABLES  
ROCK STARS**

PRESENTS

**ENGLAND  
ROCKS**

**14<sup>TH</sup> - 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023**  
7:30AM TO 7:30PM (GMT)

**PLAY IN ANY  
GAME TYPE!**

**1HR TIME LIMIT  
PER PERSON!**

WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE THE HIGHEST  
NUMBER OF CORRECT ANSWERS PER PUPIL!

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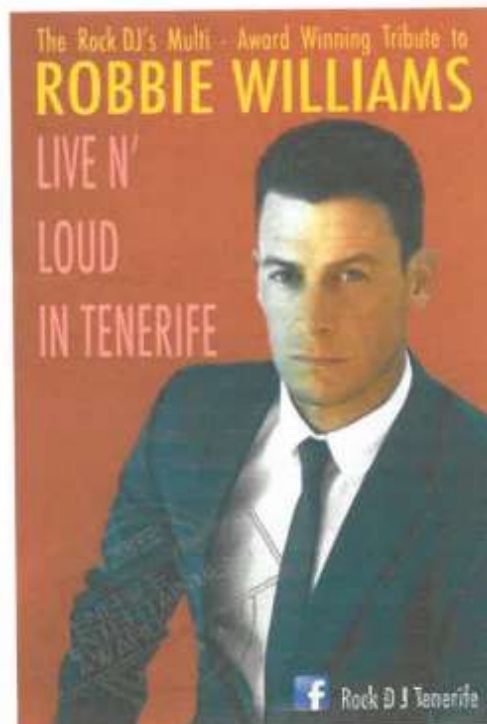
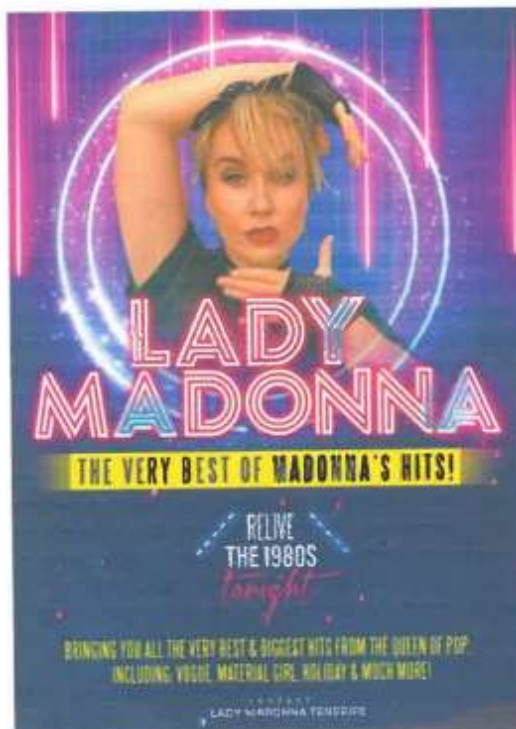
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# St Osmund's Hall presents...



Charity Night in aid of Bolton Hospice

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November

Doors open at 7.00pm until 11.00pm

Ticket only event

£10.00 (including pastie and peas)

Ring David and Maria on 01204 533118