

SS OSMUND & ANDREW'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL, BOLTON

NEWSLETTER: Thursday 21st March 2024



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Our Next Break:

Our next break is the Easter holiday. School closes at 3.15pm on Thursday 28th March and re-opens at 8.45am on Monday 15th April.
Happy Easter from everyone at SSOA!



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 know HOLY WEEK is about LOVE: Jesus died because he loves me.

Down Syndrome Awareness

Friday March 22 (**TOMORROW**) is when we will observe Down Syndrome Awareness Day, when all are invited to wear odd socks for the day... this is symbolic because people with Down syndrome have 3 copies of their 21st chromosome. Socks were chosen because the karyotype of Ds chromosomes actually looks like mismatched socks!
No donation required... just odd socks if you wish to join in!

Class Honours

Golden Bin – **Year 6O** – What a tidy classroom all last week!
Top Class for Attendance – **Year 6O** – 98%!

Roll of Honour – Half Term Awards

The parents of all children on the list below are warmly invited to our school assembly on Monday at 9am to see their child receive their award. Well done to the following children:

Foundation 1 - Ollie K for a fantastic first term at St Osmund and Andrews.

Foundation 2 - Eliza B - Eliza is an always child, always trying her best, always following the rules, always making the right choices and always making us so proud of her!

10 - Kayden L for always working hard and for being a pleasure to teach.

1A - Aria L for her amazing progress this half term and the effort she is putting into learning at school and at home! So proud!!

20 - Carter RD - Carter has worked super hard to make improvements to his handwriting and phonics.

2A - Nylah S - Nylah is a role model student who puts her all into everything she does! As a result, she's made some great progress in her work this term, especially English! Keep up the amazing work, Nylah!

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3O - Clarissa W for making great progress in all her work, having lovely handwriting and for being a super swimmer. Well done Clarissa.

3A - Oscar R for amazing effort in maths, brilliant progress in reading and giving 100% in swimming! He's a super star!

4O - Zuza S for showing resilience in all subjects across the curriculum. You try so hard in everything you do, we are all so proud!

4A - Lottie C for always being hardworking, always being polite, always being kind and making great progress in her writing. Well done!

5O - Charlotte G - Charlotte is polite, hard-working, follows direction and was fully invested in the Y5 assembly.

5A - Lenni L for consistently being ready to learn and for always showing respect and kindness to everyone!

6O - Muhammad T - for always helping adults and showing kindness.

6A - Sienna P for being a consistent role model for all year groups and fantastic member of the gift team!

Music Award – Evie M (4O) for good work ethics and determination.

Reading Award - Natalia S (6O)

Assistant Headteacher Award - Bobbi N (6A) for being an excellent role model and for always being kind and caring towards others.

Deputy Head Award - Natalia N (3A) for a superb letter writing to a unicorn!

Headteacher Award - Jonah M (6O) for a huge improvement in spellings.

Holy Week Services at St Osmund's Church

Palm Sunday: Mass at 5.30pm on Saturday and 11.00am on Sunday.

Maundy Thursday: Mass at 7.00pm (at St. Teresa's Church).

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross followed by Confessions at 11.00am.

Good Friday: Passion of the Lord at 3.00pm.

Easter Sunday: Saturday Vigil Mass at 5.30pm and Mass on Sunday at 11.00am.

Happy Easter



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Easter Performances – Year 3 & Year 4

The Year 3 & Year 4 Easter Performances will take place on **Tuesday 26th March at 1.30pm** and **Wednesday 27th March at 6.00pm**. A letter was emailed to parents last week and tickets are available to order online using the link sent home. Tickets are limited to 2 per family initially, any spare tickets are being allocated this week.

End of Term Mass

We will be having an end of term Mass in school on Friday 22nd March at 10.30am. All are welcome.

St Joseph's Penny Boxes

Last week our wonderful GIFT Team distributed St. Joseph's Penny boxes to classes. Every year boxes are sent out to schools across Salford Diocese, to help raise money for various Caritas projects, providing urgent and practical help to those in need. If you are able to, please pop any change you can spare into your box and return it to school by **Friday 28th June**.

World Art Day – Monday 15th April

We are having a non-uniform day on the first day back at school after the Easter break (Monday 15th April – No donations required). This is to celebrate 'World Art Day' and we invite the children to wear something bold, bright and colourful or if they wish they can come dressed as an artist of their choice. The theme is 'See Art, Do Art, Be Art' through "A Garden of Expression: Cultivating Community Through Art".

Thank you (Mrs. Davis - Art Subject Lead)



Parking

Please do not park on Falkirk Drive. Thank you for parking respectfully for our neighbours. For the safety of our families and staff, the school car park is not to be used by parents. Thank you.

Vaping

Vaping is not allowed on school grounds and we would recommend to all parents that the children do not see their trusted and influential adults vaping. There are a variety of dangers that are associated with vaping and I would ask that parents reinforce our message to children which is around the damage that can be caused to children's health.

The dangers of vaping include asthma, lung scarring and damage, damage to the heart and brain, addiction to nicotine, cancer, and serious injuries and burns from the devices exploding. People tend to think of vaping as "safer" than smoking, but it's not safe.

There is a lot of information available on the internet. The information above was taken from <https://my.clevelandclinic.org/health/treatments/21162-vaping#risks-benefits>

Thank you for your support in this matter.

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Holidays in Term Time

Please note that our school does not have the power in law to authorise absences for family holidays.

Own Risk – Valuables and Money

Please remember that school does not take any responsibility for loss or damage to valuable items including money, and thus we ask children not to bring them into school.

Please note these forthcoming dates, which can also be found on the [calendar on the school website](#)

Class Assemblies

Parents are welcome to come along to see their child in the following assemblies:

Nursery	Thursday 4th July (9am) – <i>PLEASE NOTE THIS HAS CHANGED TO A DAY EARLIER</i>
Reception	Thursday 20th June (9am) – <i>PLEASE NOTE THIS HAS CHANGED TO A DAY EARLIER</i>
Y3	Friday, 24th May (9am)
Y6	Thursday, 18th July (Leavers' Assembly 2pm)

Other Dates for the Diary

Easter Bingo – Thursday 21st March **Please note that the Easter Bonnet Parade has been replaced with Easter Bingo.*
Afternoon Easter Performance (Y3/4) - Tuesday 26th March 1.30pm
Evening Easter Performance (Y3/4) - Wednesday 27th March 6.00pm
End of Term Mass in school on Friday 22nd March at 10.30am. All are welcome
World Art Day – Monday 15th April – Non-Uniform Day (No donations)
Y5 Mass at St Osmund's Church – Tuesday 7th May, 1.30pm ****NEW DATE**** all welcome
Y4 Mass at 1.30pm at St Osmund's Church – 11th June at 1.30pm, all welcome
Y3 Mass at 1.30pm at St Osmund's Church – 2nd July at 1.30pm, all welcome
Afternoon Summer Play Performance (Y5/6) - Tuesday 9th July 1pm
Evening Summer Play Performance (Y5/6) - Wednesday 10th July 6pm



Prayers

Sometimes we all need that extra support and as a school we come together every day to say prayers. If you would like the school community to pray for you, your family, friends or any other intentions please email the office (office@ss-osands.bolton.sch.uk), speak to the office or write a little note and send it in with your child.

You do not need to write a prayer if you don't wish to, just your intention. For example: please pray for my friend who is having difficulties at this time; please pray for my grandma who is in hospital; please pray for the people of Ukraine etc. We will not mention your name or other names if you do not wish us to but we can add your prayer intentions to our prayers in class and in assembly.

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First Holy Communion

The dates that you need are as follows...

EVENT	VENUE	DATE & TIME
Sunday Liturgies	Church	21 April 2024 @ 11:00am 19 May 2024 @ 11:00am
Second Parents' Meeting	Church	Wednesday, 15 May 2024, 6pm
<i>First Holy Communion</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Saturday, 8 June 2024, 11am</i>

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](#).

