

SS OSMUND & ANDREW'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL, BOLTON

NEWSLETTER: Thursday 15th February 2024



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Have a lovely half term!

Next week school is closed for half term and reopens on Monday 26th February at 8.45am.



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:
In Lent I should pray more, fast and give to the needy.

Class Honours

Attendance Award – **Year 6A** – Best attendance in school last week!
Golden Bin – **Year 20** – What a tidy classroom all last week!

NEW PE DAYS TO THE END OF THE YEAR!!! – Changes on Tuesday and Wednesday from w/c 26th February

Monday – Year 1 and 2.

Tuesday – Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2

Wednesday – Year 3, 4, 5, 6

Thursday – Year 3 and 4

Friday – Year 5 and 6.

Please can children come to school in their PE kit on their PE day.

**** PLEASE NOTE THAT TUESDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS HAVE SWAPPED FROM OUR RETURN AFTER THE HALF TERM BREAK TO THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR IN JULY. ****

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.

Book Week

We will have the travelling book fair in school from Thursday 7th March to Tuesday 12th March. You are welcome to pop into the hall (after school 3.15 to 3.45pm) and browse the lovely books for sale. School receives commission from the sales that we use to purchase/replace books in the children's classroom book corners.

Before half term you will receive a £1 book token which you can use during the school holidays or spend at the Book Fair.

On Thursday 7th March it will be World Book Day. We are asking the children this year to wear their pyjamas to coincide with 'bedtime stories' or to wear their favourite book character costume. We ask that children bring in a warm coat and suitable shoes for playing outside on this day.

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Roll of Honour – Half Term Awards

The parents of all children on the list below are warmly invited to our school assembly on Monday (26th February) at 9am to see their child receive their award, Well done to the following children:

Foundation 1/Nursery - Nathan S for being a fantastic role model to the boys and girls in nursery, especially at tidy up time!

Foundation 2/Reception - Marlena B for working so hard in phonics and her daily maths, reading and writing group.

10 - George N for always putting 100% effort into his work and for making huge improvements in his phonics.

1A - Scarlet K for having such a positive attitude every day and making fantastic progress with her reading!

20 - Oscar R or always working so hard and making some fantastic improvements in his work.

2A - Aleksander W for always being such a thoughtful, caring and helpful friend to everyone!

30 - Narvel M for consistently being a kind and caring member of our class and always trying his best in every lesson. Well done Narvel.

3A - Lily S for her excellent attitude to learning and a big improvement in her behaviour over this half term. Keep it up Lily!!

40 - Jacob JR for being an excellent role model to the whole class and for an improvement in his writing!

4A - Meerab S - An absolute delight to teach, gives 100%, polite, great manners, super friend and total dedication.

50 - Kendice M for being a kind, gracious and hardworking girl who always tries her best. Well done.

5A - Ivan R for outstanding artwork, a huge improvement in handwriting and excellent work in Toe by Toe.

60 - Pearl A for huge leaps forward in fractions, decimals, and percentages.

6A - Hadassah A for her positive start to school life at SS Osmund and Andrew's and for working consistently hard across all subjects!

Reading Award - Riha A (50)

Assistant Headteacher Award - Noah G (Nursery) for making wonderful play-dough shapes and describing them so well!

Deputy Head Award - Mia R (40) for fantastic effort to join her handwriting.

Headteacher Award - Carter W (4A) for a huge improvement in his reading!

Dodgeball Tournaments – Well Done!

A huge well done and thank you to all the year 3,4,5 and 6 pupils who represented us so well over the last few weeks at the Dodgeball tournaments. You all showed great sportsmanship and made us very proud.

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.

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Please note these forthcoming dates:

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>
Y1	Friday, 16th February (9am)
Y3	Friday, 24th May (9am)
Y5	Friday, 15th March (9am)
Y6	Thursday, 18th July (Leavers' Assembly 2pm)

Dates for the Diary

Parents' Evening Thursday, 29th February 1.30pm - 6.30pm
 EYFS stay and play additional dates 27th Feb – 1st March

Y5 Mass at 1.30 at St Osmund's Church – 5th March at 1.30pm, all welcome
 Easter Bingo – 22nd 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 6pm

Y4 Mass at 1.30 at St Osmund's Church – 11th June at 1.30pm, all welcome
 Y3 Mass at 1.30 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

Holidays in Term Time

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

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.

First Holy Communion

The dates that you need are as follows...

EVENT	VENUE	DATE & TIME
Sunday Liturgies	Church	17 March 2024 @ 11:00am 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>

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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.

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.

4 REASONS FOR FASTING

- 1 TO GROW IN SELF-MASTERY**
It helps us learn to say "no" to our appetites and be free from what we don't need.
- 2 OBEDIENCE AND DISCERNMENT**
It opens us up and allows us to let God and the Church tell us what is best for us.
- 3 WORSHIP AND SACRIFICE**
Fasting is a sacrifice oriented towards worship of God and not ourselves.
- 4 TO BE CO-REDEEMERS WITH JESUS**
As it is a sacrifice, we participate in the Cross of Jesus for the salvation of the world.