

SS OSMUND & ANDREW'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL, BOLTON
NEWSLETTER: Wednesday 11th September 2024



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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 say how I feel

**“For God gave us
a spirit not of fear
but of power and
love and self-
control.”**

— 2 TIMOTHY 1:7

Our Next Break:

Our next break is for the Autumn Half Term. School closes at 3.15pm on Thursday 24th October. We reopen at 8.45am on Monday 4th November and close for Christmas at 3.15pm on Thursday 19th December.

Confirmation – Year 8

Confirmation for Y8 children begins at Thornleigh on Thursday 3rd October at 5.45.

If you have a child in Year 8 at Thornleigh (or any other school) and you wish them to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, you and your child should attend this meeting to register for the programme. If you have any worries, please contact Fr Heakin.

Parents Phonics Meeting: Reception, Year 1, Year 2

This is a meeting for how we teach phonics in school and how you can support your child's reading at home. We are conscious that children who read at home massively outperform those who do not, especially in the younger years, so we would like to help parents as much as we can. The meeting will be held in school on Wednesday 2nd October at 3.15pm and 5.30pm – it's the same meeting put on twice, so you should only attend one of the meetings.

Class Awards

Attendance Award – Well done to the class with the best attendance... **5O** !
Golden Bin – Well done to the class who have kept their classroom and surrounding areas the tidiest – **6A** !

Roll of Honour

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 - Charlie L for making lovely new friendships in his new class.

Foundation 2 - Thomas C for settling into school so well and using lovely manners.

Year 1- Arabella-Blue G for excellent listening on the carpet and asking super questions! Well done !!!

Year 1/2 - Eryn R- for doing some super work, including using some super vocabulary in English.

Year 2 - Bobby L for pushing himself and trying his best in every lesson!

3O - Ibrahim D for settling really well into our class and back into our school.

3A - Elkanah A for having an excellent work ethic and beautiful manners

4O - Scarlett S for a smashing start to Y4 and showing her maturity, resilience and knowledge! Great job Scarlett!

4A Rasheed O for careful listening and kindness for helping Mr T

5O - Willow-Rose W for being kind, hard working and engaged in learning. Brilliant!

5A - Hattie P for achieving her pen licence!

6O - Raman B for challenging himself in every lesson!

6A - Rayyan W for giving 100% in his maths and for believing in himself!

Guitarist of the week - Oliver D (4O) for good focus and giving some good answers in his 1st Guitar lesson!!

Reader of the week - Oliver R (4A) for reading more at home and reading every morning in school.

Assistant Head Teacher Award - Rayyan W (6A) for making such a brilliant start to the new year!

Deputy Head Teacher Award - Hannah A (Rec) for settling in so well.

Head Teacher Award - Pippa R (5A) for always being ready to learn!

PE Days – Please come to school in your PE kit on these days

Foundation 2 (Carpet 1 and Carpet 2) – Friday (PE).

Foundation (Carpet 1 and Carpet 2) – Wednesday (Other physical activities).

Year 1 – Monday, Wednesday.

Year 1/2 – Monday, Wednesday.

Year 2 – Monday, Thursday.

Year 3O – Tuesday, Thursday.

Year 3A – Tuesday, Thursday.

Year 4O – Wednesday, Thursday.

Year 4A – Wednesday, Thursday.

Year 5O – Tuesday, Friday.

Year 5A – Wednesday, Friday.

Year 6O – Tuesday, Friday.

Year 6A – Tuesday, Friday

Extra-Curricular Clubs

This year we are putting the following clubs on:

Multisports, Football, Mad Science, Yoga, Digital Leaders, Choir, Times Tables, School Council, Baking/Cookery, Art, GIFT Team, Laudato Si, Peer Mediators, Play Leaders, Sewing Club, Dance Club, Crafts Club and Drawing Club. These clubs will be aimed at different year groups, so that we can offer all classes opportunities, eg Drawing Club will be open to Key Stage 1 children.

Attendance – Procedures Update

This year we are working under new attendance procedures from the DfE. In Bolton, we have had the first of our meetings with the Council where our attendance figures, with some individual cases, are discussed. As a result of this meeting, our school is implementing the following:

- 1) If an absence is longer than 2 days, please expect to receive a house visit. If you cannot answer the door, a note will be posted saying we have been – upon receiving the note it is important that you contact school. The importance of us adopting this attendance/safeguarding procedure has been stressed to us by Bolton Council, and your understanding is thus much appreciated.
- 2) Please note that we will be meeting several times per year with the attendance team and we will be expected to be able to justify our decision to authorise an absence with something to back up our decision. Therefore, if your child is off poorly and has been given a prescription, we will be required to have a photograph of the prescription (or medicine label) in order for us to authorise the absence. In cases where we do not receive such information, we are unable to authorise the absence.

Please be patient with us as we implement these new procedures, and thank you in anticipation of your understanding that we are obliged to ask you about absences and ask for photos, appointment cards and other items in advance, and for visits.

Dates for the Diary

Assemblies – All parents and Carers invited into school to watch their children: 9am start

Foundation Friday - Tuesday 1st July
Year 1 - Friday 17th January
Year 1/2 - Friday 4th October
Year 2 - Friday 31st January
Year 3 - Friday 21st March
Year 4 – Thursday 7th November
Year 5 - Friday 11th July.
Year 6 - Thursday 17th July

Next Few Weeks

McMillan Coffee Morning - Friday 27th September: 9am - 11am.
Harvest Festival - Thursday 3rd October 9am (Urban Outreach Assembly and Food Collection) - 9.15am
Stay & Play (Parents 'Evening' Appointments for Nursery & Reception) - W/C Monday 21st October (Details will be sent out from Reception and Nursery in due course)

November

Parents Evening Y1 to Y6 - Monday 25th November 1.15am to 6.00pm

December

Pantomime at Victoria Halls (Y1 to Y6) - Friday 6th December (Children back to school at approx 4.30pm)
KS1 Stage Nativity - Tuesday 10th December at 1.30pm and 6.00pm
Foundation Stage Nativity - Thursday 12th December at 9.15am and 1.30pm
Foundation Stage Party Friday 13th December PM
LKS2 Party Monday 16th December PM
UKS2 Party Tuesday 17th December PM
KS1 Wednesday 18th December PM
Santa Dash - Thursday 19th December
Carols - Thursday 19th December - 2.30pm

Mobile Phones

Please note that only Year 6 children are allowed mobile phones in school without prior agreement and this is under the strict conditions of the phones not being switched on when in school, and that they must be handed in when children arrive and collected at hometime. This includes all events such as discos, etc. Any child breaking this rule will not be allowed to bring their mobile phone into school.

PE Kit

Please note, we support the school white polo shirt and jumper being worn for PE. Football shirts are NOT school PE uniform and are not to be worn. Thank you for your support

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.

Expectations

Please note that I have instructed the staff not to answer messages (such as emails and Tapestry) beyond office hours. Therefore, please do not be offended if you have sent a message in the evening and not had a reply until the next day. Thank you.

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.

Holidays in Term Time

Please note that our school does not have the power in law to authorise absences for family holidays. We are now obliged to issue a fine when there are 10 unauthorised sessions (5 days). Please do not put school in the awkward position by taking holidays in term time as they cannot be classed as exceptional circumstances and thus cannot be authorised.

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 Programme 2025

EVENT	VENUE	DATE & TIME
First Parents' meeting	Church	Tuesday, 24 th September, at 6pm
Presentation	Church	Sunday, 29 th September @ 11:00am
First Confessions	Church	Wednesday, 4 th December, at 6pm
Sunday Liturgies	Church – Side Room	Sunday, 29 th September, at 11:00am Sunday, 20 th October, at 11:00am Sunday, 10 th November, at 11:00am Sunday, 1 st December, at 11:00am Sunday, 12 th January, at 11:00am Sunday, 9th February, at 11:00am Sunday, 2 nd March, at 11:00am Sunday, 23 rd March, at 11:00am Sunday, 18 th May, @ 11:00am
Second Parents' meeting	Church	Tuesday, 20 th May, at 6pm
First Holy Communion Rehearsal	Church	Friday, 6 th June, at 10am
<i>First Holy Communion</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Saturday, 7th June 2025 at 11am</i>

Please note the correction in red above.