

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

## NEWSLETTER: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 one good thing about myself.**

**“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 24<sup>th</sup> October. We reopen at 8.45am on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November and close for Christmas at 3.15pm on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

### Confirmation – Year 8

Confirmation for Y8 children begins at Thornleigh on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### Open Evening

We are holding our EYFS Open Evening on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 3:30pm - 5:30pm, for children who are due to start in Reception / Nursery in September 2025. If you know someone who has a child who is due to start next year, please let them know so that they can come along and see what our wonderful school has to offer.

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 3.15pm and 5.30pm – it's the same meeting put on twice, so you should only attend one of the meetings.

### **Flu Nasal Immunisation**

A link was today text to parents of children in Reception - Year 6 in regards to the Flu Nasal Immunisations. Please can all parents complete this form so either give or decline consent for their child/ren to have the immunisation. The link can also be found here <https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/6fd3a885> . The link will be open until Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October, please can all responses be submitted by this date.

### **Urban Outreach**

Urban Outreach will be coming into school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October to give us an assembly on the valuable work they carry out in our community, supporting those in need. If anyone has any spare food donations, please can these be brought into school by this date. We will then hand them over to Urban Outreach for them to use. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

### **Extra-Curricular Clubs**

This year we are putting the following clubs.

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 and run throughout the year, so that we can offer all classes opportunities, eg Drawing Club will be open to Key Stage 1 children. Further information will be sent nearer to the time of the clubs being run.

### **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.

### **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 – Tuesday, Friday.  
Year 6O – Tuesday, Friday.  
Year 6A – Tuesday, Friday

### **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

## Class Awards

Attendance Award – Well done to the class with the best attendance... **Class 2** !  
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 - Noah G for having a fantastic, enthusiastic attitude to his learning. Well done Noah!

Foundation 2 - Axel D for independently putting on his wellies and waterproofs, Well done Axel!

Year 1 - Rogan K for amazing work this week being a superstar in Phonics!

Year 1/2 - Penelope Y for making a super start to the year, working so hard in all our lessons.

Year 2 - Lucy J for always following class rules and being ready to learn!

30 - Judon MCD for great understanding and learning of partitioning numbers flexibly using Base 10. Well done!

3A - Annabelle G for persistently striving to do well in everything she does, even when she was feeling poorly one day!

40 - Loui G for his fantastic maths work using 4-digit numbers!

4A - Louisa W for perfect learning skills and a willingness to help everyone

50 - Noah J for fantastic understanding of Roman Numerals in Maths! Well done!

5A - Jack K for being a very helpful member of the class!

60 - Ferne McD for being a super, resilient learner and for being a fabulous role model

6A - Amalia A for being helpful around class and for being an exemplary role model.

Guitarist of the week - Harry S (5A) for a notable increase in standard. Well done Harry. Keep it up!

Reader of the Week - Chester B (50)

Assistant Head Teacher Award - Chester B (50) for demonstrating great skill, enthusiasm and determination in PE lessons!

Deputy Head Award - Dottie P (30) for using excellent manners and showing respect.

Headteacher Award: Riley D (5A) for being so polite, hard working and for settling in brilliantly!

## 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. Further information to follow.

## 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.

### **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](mailto: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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 ST. OSMUND'S CHURCH, Bolton, BL2 6EB  
 First Holy Communion Programme 2025

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

Please note the correction in red above.