

**SS OSMUND & ANDREW'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL, BOLTON**  
**NEWSLETTER: Wednesday 25<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 know what to do if I see anyone being hurt.**

HE HEALS THE  
BROKENHEARTED  
AND BINDS UP  
THEIR WOUNDS.

PSALM 137:3

**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.

**Year 6 Application for Secondary School 2025**

We have recently received this information from Bolton Council:  
Letters and flyers have been posted to the home address of all year 6 parents/carers that explains what to do to apply for secondary school.

The online website for year 6 parents to apply for secondary school 2025 is now open and the link is <https://www.bolton.gov.uk/admissions/secondary-school-places-1>

School open days: Parents/Carers should check with schools and on school websites for up to date information. The closing date for applications: **31<sup>st</sup> October 2024**. It does not matter when parents apply but they need to apply by the closing date.

### Class Awards

Attendance Award – Well done to the class with the best attendance... **Mr Brook's Class, Y1/2...!!**  
Golden Bin – Well done to the class who have kept their classroom and surrounding areas the tidiest – **4O!!**

### 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 Unit - Carter B - for lovely letter formation.

Foundation Unit - Harrison Q - for working really hard during his focus activities.

Year 1 - Magdalena N for writing super captions for the Aliens Love Underpants story.

Year 1/2 - Bonnie O for working so hard and behaving excellently. She's a superstar!

Year 2 - Charlie M for his fantastic effort in PE every lesson!

3O - Esme H for super explanations of feelings linked to our Computing online work and for also always being a super role model in 3O by always following our school rules.

3A - Amelia G for great effort in her writing and being a helpful, polite member of 3A!

4O - Leo B for an excellent setting description of a forest in English.

4A - Levi W for his intelligent contributions in RE.

5O - Evie M for being a kind, very helpful and hardworking member of Year 5!

5A - Kian H. Since joining our school in September Kian has shown resilience, respect, perseverance and is a role model for the "can do" attitude when he faces tricky tasks. What an incredible asset to our school and Year 5.

6O - Olivia B for showing amazing determination in all her work

6A - Alfred P for completing extra long multiplication questions with determination. You are a superstar!

Guitarist of the week - Robyn H (4A) for a fantastic start to learning an instrument. Well done!

Reader of the Week - Lenni L (6A)

Deputy Head Award - Jacob JR (5O) for a huge effort that has improved his handwriting.

Headteacher Award - Louie R (4A) for trying so hard with his presentation.

### Reception / Nursery Open Evening

This is for prospective parents to come and have a look round on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October between 3.30pm and 5.30pm.

### 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.

### Annual MacMillan Coffee Morning

Just a reminder that our Special Needs Team are hosting our Annual Macmillan coffee morning, this Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 9.15-11am. We will have a guest speaker, an Educational Psychologist, who will be sharing useful information about Neurodiversity, focusing on Autism and ADHD. This event will give you an opportunity to meet the Educational Psychologist, the SEND Team and parents of children, at school, who have diagnoses of ASD and ADHD. The SENDCo also will be able to give you some advice about our Graduated Approach, in school and the process and timeframes for pathways to a diagnosis for a Special Educational Need.

We would appreciate donations for biscuits or cakes and/or a small donation for Macmillan.

**If there are any cakes, after the event, we will pop around the classrooms and allow the children to purchase a cake (please don't send in more than £1.00, as we can't guarantee any change-as it's a charity donation).**

### **Morning Break Time Snacks**

Please note that we ask that children do not bring in processed snacks such as crisps, biscuits, chocolate, sweets, etc. Please note that we are being vigilant as some children are attempting to eat these snacks at breaktime – if caught, children are being asked to put the snack away, so that they are not going hungry in the afternoon because they've eaten some of their packed lunch at 10.30am!

At breaktime children are permitted fresh fruit, veg, crackers, bread stick (but not with dippers for obvious reasons) and some children have toast which can either be provided by school or home.

### **Electric Scooters**

Polite Reminder – to keep everyone safe, electric scooters are not to be driven at any place on the school grounds.  
Thank you.

### **Thank you for keeping it positive**

A huge thank you from all of us who, when we are discussing a child with their parents and the child is present, they join in with keeping things very positive!

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.
- **Early Years Open Afternoon: Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 3.30pm to 5.30pm**

- Year 6 SAT's & Robinwood Meeting for parents, in the school hall. Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 5.30pm
- Harvest Festival - Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 9am (Urban Outreach Assembly and Food Collection) - 9.15am
- Stay & Play (Parents 'Evening' Appointments for Nursery & Reception) - W/C Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October (Details will be sent out from Reception and Nursery in due course)

### **November**

- Parents Evening Y1 to Y6 - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 1.15am to 6.00pm

### **December**

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

### **Food for Life – Bronze Award**

Congratulations to our kitchen staff who have been inspected and satisfy the requirements of the Soil Association's Food for Life Bronze Award!

### **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

### **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.

### 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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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	<b>Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> November, at 6pm</b>
Sunday Liturgies	Church – Side Room	Sunday, 29 <sup>th</sup> September, at 11:00am Sunday, 20 <sup>th</sup> October, at 11:00am <b>Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> November, at 11:00am</b> 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 2 date changes in red above.**