

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

## NEWSLETTER: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024



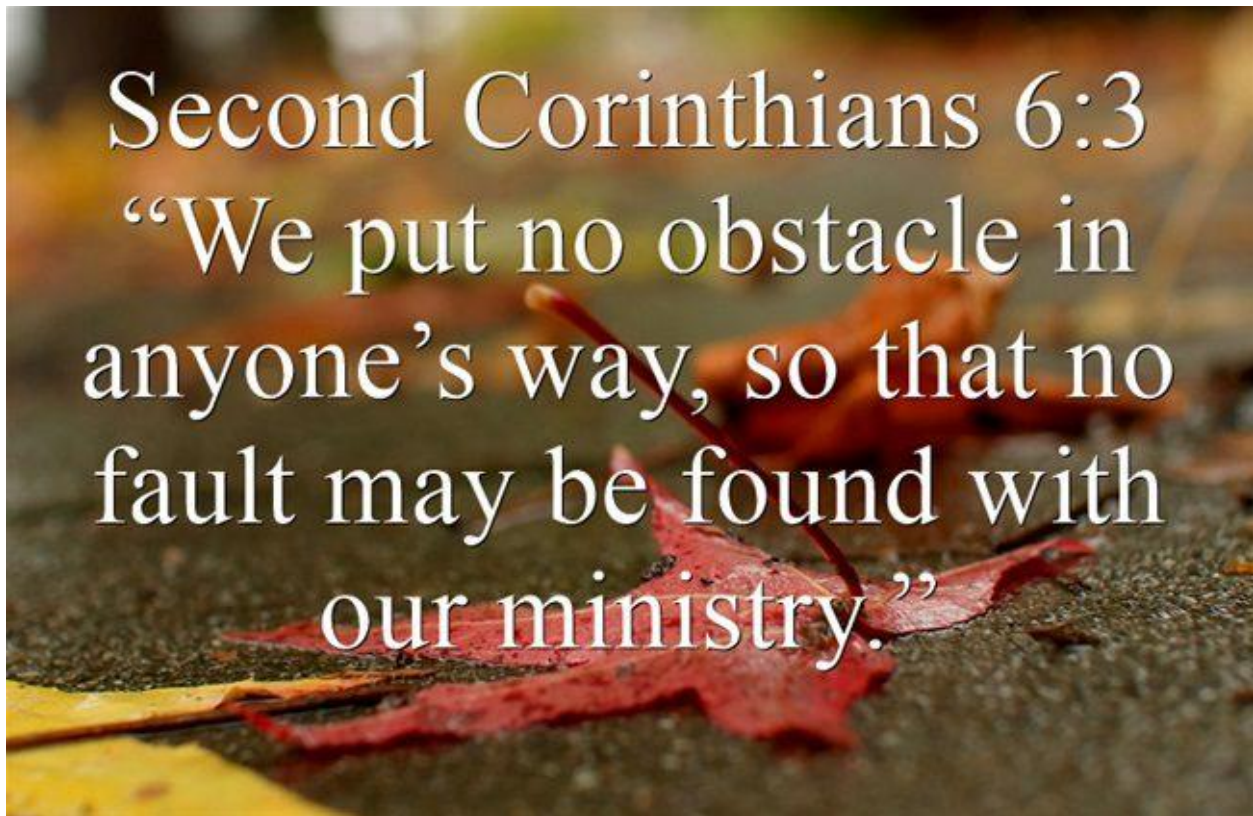
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### Thought for the Week:

Please chat through at home with your child(ren) the school's Thought for the Week which on Monday will be:

**I understand that rights match responsibility.**



### 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: TOMORROW'S MEETING

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.

### Mass Times this Weekend

Saturday: 5.30pm at St Osmund's  
Sunday: 9.30am at St Teresa's

Sunday: 11.00am at St Osmund's

### Class Awards

Attendance Award – Well done to the class with the best attendance... **Miss Hails / Mrs Doyle's Class, Y5O...!!**  
Golden Bin – Well done to the class who have kept their classroom the tidiest – **50!! Two trophies!!!!**

### 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 - Zayaan R -for recalling All of the sounds we have taught so far in phonics  
- Franki B - for always being so enthusiastic and a wonderful role model!

Year 1 - Ruben V for trying really hard to use his phonics when writing !

Year 1/2 - Isabella D for working really hard and being the first person to reach the top of our behaviour ladder

Year 2 star of the week- Jessica M for trying really hard with her phonics and handwriting!

3O - Kai T for trying so hard to improve his writing!

3A - Freddie McC for making extra effort with his handwriting of his final story

4O - Pippa B for her resilience in the face of a tough week in Maths! She kept going even when she found it really tricky!

4A - Teddie Y for listening well in class and producing an excellent setting description.

5O - Lyla B for approaching tasks with determination even when faced with challenges. Super effort!

5A - Amelia M for excellent effort in all lessons and being a role model for behaviour. Well done!

6O - Grayson R for always contributing in lessons and for giving terrific answers!

6A - Rose F for approaching long division with resilience and confidence. Well done!

Guitarist of the week Willow McL (5A) for really improved playing and mature attitude in lesson.

Ukulele player of the week Harrison L-H (3O) for super playing!

Reading Award - Rogan K (Y1)

Deputy Head Award - Rasheed O (4A) for excellent mathematical explanations on rounding.

Headteacher Award - Ryan L (5A) for a fantastic improvement in reading and attitude. Well done, Ryan!

### PE Kit

Please note, we support the school white polo shirt and jumper being worn for PE.

Football shirts, hoodies and tracksuit tops are NOT school PE uniform and are not to be worn. Thank you for your support

### 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.

### Parents Phonics Meeting: Reception, Year 1, Year 2: TONIGHT!

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.

### 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.

### **Parish Event: This Year's Monster Ball**

First Saturday in half term - Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm till 10:30pm. £3.50 per ticket: Children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult. Held at St Osmund's Church Hall next to St Osmund's Church on Long Lane. Fancy dress and pumpkin competition judged by Father Heakin. Adults and children welcome to dress up. Tuck shop, hot dogs, bar, disco, prizes, fun and games. Tickets available from Mrs Jones (Class 3A teacher) or from the school office.



### **Attendance – Procedures**

This year we are working under new attendance procedures from the DfE. In Bolton, schools have regular meetings with the Council where our attendance figures and individual cases, are discussed. We are expected to follow this procedure:

- 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 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 \*\*\* THIS FRIDAY !!! \*\*\*  
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**

- 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 (Letter emailed home today, a copy can be found on the website. Booking link being sent on Friday)

### **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

### **MacMillan Coffee Morning**

Thank you to all those who attended our Coffee Morning last Friday which had a theme of SEND – where our SENDCO, Mrs Walker, and an Educational Psychologist gave presentations and information which we hope was useful. Thank you to Mrs Walker and the SEND Team for organising a very successful event.



### **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 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

**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.

**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
First Confessions	Church	Wednesday, 27 <sup>th</sup> November, 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, 17 <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 Sunday, 9 <sup>th</sup> February, at 11:00am 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>