

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

## NEWSLETTER: Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024



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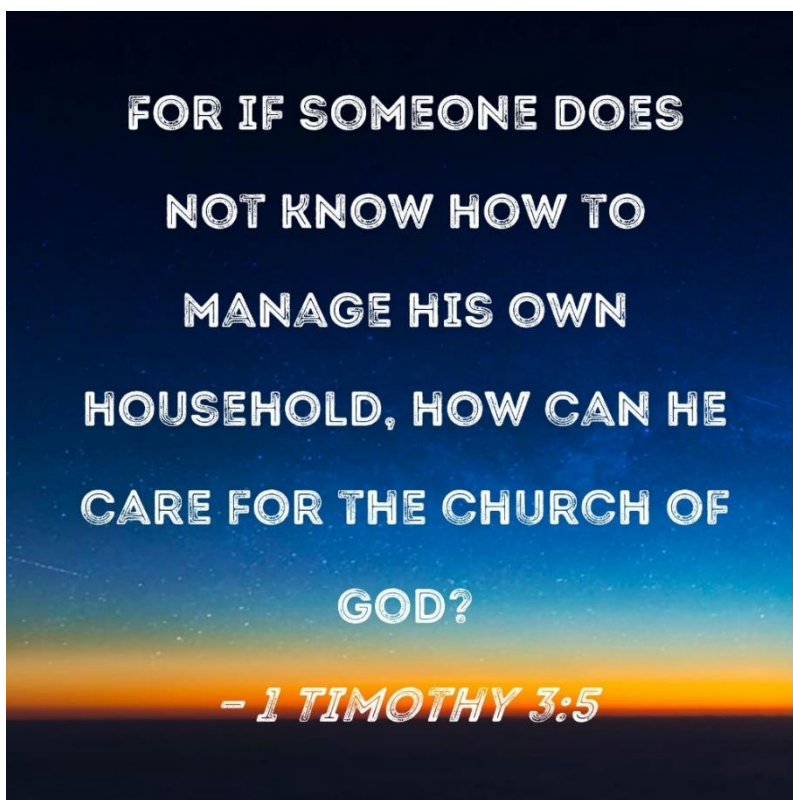
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### First Holy Communion

It is really important that the children who wish to make their First Holy Communion next June are at Mass this Sunday (11am at St Osmund's Church) so they can commit to the programme. Thank you.

### 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 tell you how I look after myself.**



### 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.

### 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.

### 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.



### 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.

### 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

### Hub of Hope

This is a fantastic website which is a national mental health database, bringing help and support together in one place. For more details go to <https://hubofhope.co.uk>

### Class Awards

Attendance Award – Well done to the class with the best attendance... **1A**

Golden Bin – Well done to the class who have kept their classroom the tidiest – **6A**

### Roll of Honour

We will return with our certificates after half term. The parents of all children on the Roll of Honour for getting a certificate are warmly invited to our school assembly on Monday at 9am to see their child receive their award.

### Christmas Fair

Christmas is fast approaching! After last year's huge success, we will be holding our Christmas Fair on **Thursday 28th November 3.15pm – 5pm**. We are busy organising lots of fun stalls and activities, and we will keep you updated. In preparation for the Christmas Fair, we will be holding the following two non-uniform days:

**Tuesday 5th November** – we are asking for donations of **chocolate**

**Friday 22nd November** – we are asking for **bottle** donations.

If anyone has any unwanted gifts that they would like to donate as prizes, these would be gratefully received and can be sent in anytime between now and the Fayre.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us run these events

### Children in Need



We are asking everyone to take part in this year's Children in Need day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November. Take inspiration from Pudsey and go for yellow and spotty outfits, or choose to side with the Gladiators and go for superhero style! You can get as creative as you like!

Whatever you choose, wear something that will make your whole class smile! Please remember to wear sensible shoes and bring in a coat for playtime.

We are asking for a donation of £1 or whatever you can afford.

Thank you

The House Captains



### Survey

The Local Authority have asked parents and carers in Bolton to complete this survey so they can understand and meet childcare needs in the area. If you are able to, please complete by 27<sup>th</sup> October. The link is:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=YQB4Q12u30GBI8i8Tam-Huso27oFUeRGjhSZY9SocqtUM1dNRjFaNkJQSVJBT1I0Rks0U0w2WTIGWC4u>

Thank you.

### 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.

### 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 (Changes and New Dates in Red)

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 2 - Friday 31st January

Year 3 - Friday 21st March

Year 4 – Thursday 7th November

Year 5 - Friday 11th July.

Year 6 - **Y6 Leavers' Assembly – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 9.00am**

Year 6 - **Assembly for Y6 Parents – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 9.00am**

### 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 - Dress Rehearsal: Monday 9th December at 1.30pm
- KS1 Stage Nativity - Tuesday 10th December at 1.30pm and 6.00pm
- Foundation Stage Nativity Dress Rehearsal - Wednesday 11th December at 1.30pm
- Foundation Stage Nativity - Thursday 12th December at 9.15am and 1.30pm
- Advent / Christmas Mass – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am (No assembly)
- 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 and Carols - Thursday 19th December - 2.30pm

### 2025

- Assessment Week - Week beginning 10th March
- Y3/4 Easter Play Dress Rehearsal – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm
- Y3/4 Easter Play – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1.30pm and 6pm
- Parents Evening N to Y6 - Thursday 27th March, 1.15am to 6.00pm
- KS2 SATs W/C Monday 12th May

- Assessment Week (English) - W/C Monday 19th May
- Assessment Week (Maths) - W/C Monday 9th June
- Aspirations Weeks (Fortnight) - W/C Monday 16th June
- Y5/6 Production – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 1.30pm and 6.00pm

### 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.

### 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.

## BLESSED DOMINIC BARBERI PARISH ST. OSMUND'S CHURCH, Bolton, BL2 6EB First Holy Communion Programme 2025

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>VENUE</b>	<b>DATE &amp; TIME</b>
First Confessions	Church	Wednesday, 27 <sup>th</sup> November, at 6pm
Sunday Liturgies	Church – Side Room	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
<i>First Holy Communion</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 11am</i>