

SS OSMUND & ANDREW'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL, BOLTON

NEWSLETTER: Thursday 7th November 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 tell you about those who gave their lives for our freedom.



Greater love hath no man than this, that
a man lay down his life for his friends.

JOHN 15:13 KJV

Our Next Break:

Our next break is for the Christmas break. School closes at 3.15pm on Thursday 19th December.
We reopen at 8.45am on Monday 6th January.

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 next week will go to the class with the best attendance.
Golden Bin will be awarded to the class who have kept their classroom the tidiest next week.

Roll of Honour

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.

Foundation: Khloe T for super listening and following instructions whilst making a firework picture.
Foundation: Ollie K for super learning both at home and at school.

Year 1 -Marlena B for always trying her best in lessons and being so enthusiastic to learn!
Year 1/2 - Leo A for making a really good effort with his spellings, English and Maths this week.
Year 2- Joshua G for his positive attitude to learning and always trying his best!

3O - Florence D for excellent adverbs and descriptions in her English work re. The Diary of a Killer Cat.
3A - Oliwia P for always reading each night, completing all her homework and being a polite, helpful member of the class.

4O - Whole class for all their amazing work for the remembrance assembly! They were wonderful!
4A - Eryk P for his honesty, reliability, hard work and genuine nature.

5O - Ena C for being a polite and kind girl who takes pride in her work. Well done!
5A - Emily N for an amazing effort with her work and excellent presentation.

6O - Charlotte G for being a resilient learner!
6A - Eliza H for reading every night for being an outstanding role model!

Guitarist of the week Oscar R (3A) for excellent progress and organisation.

Handwriting Award - Pippa H (Foundation) for beautiful letter formation!

Reading Award - Olivia B (6O)

Assistant Head Award - Elya S (5A) for showing determination to achieve her pen licence!

Deputy Head Award - Nuala T (6A) for being enthusiastic in lessons and editing her work independently. Well done Nuala!

Headteacher Award - Charlie D (Y3) for being a superstar in all his work and independent learning!

Children in Need:



We are asking everyone to take part in this year's Children in Need day on **Friday 15th 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. Donations can be made on ParentPay.

Thank you

The House Captains



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. Thank you for all your generous donations of chocolate from this week's own clothes day. In preparation for the Christmas Fair, we will be holding one more own clothes day on:

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

Triple P Parenting Program

Bolton Behaviour Support Team are running face-to-face Triple P courses for parents/carers looking for tips and support in managing their child(ren)'s behaviour, at home. These courses are free. Parents can book their place on the Triple P Parenting Program on behavioursupportservice@bolton.gov.uk. The Triple P Parenting Program starts on Thursday 14th November from 9am to 10.30am (5 week course), at St William's Primary School, Nugent Road, Bolton. We advise that you attend the course if your child is struggling to manage their emotion's at home.

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 5 - Friday 11th July.
- Year 6 - **Y6 Leavers' Assembly – Friday 4th July at 9.00am**
- Year 6 - **Assembly for Y6 Parents – Friday 18th July at 9.00am**

November

- Children in Need, own clothes day - Friday 15th November
- Own clothes day, bottle donations for the Christmas Fayre – Friday 22nd November
- Parents Evening Y1 to Y6 - Monday 25th November 1.15am to 6.00pm. The booking link was sent home yesterday.
- Christmas Fayre – Thursday 28th November 3.15pm – 5.15pm

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 13th 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 30th March at 1.30pm
- Y3/4 Easter Play – Tuesday 1st 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 17th July, 1.30pm and 6.00pm

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.

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>

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.

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 (), 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**

EVENT	VENUE	DATE & TIME
First Confessions	Church	Wednesday, 27 th November, at 6pm
Sunday Liturgies	Church – Side Room	Sunday, 17 th November, at 11:00am Sunday, 1 st December, at 11:00am Sunday, 12 th January, at 11:00am Sunday, 9 th 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>