

SS OSMUND & ANDREW'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL, BOLTON

NEWSLETTER: Wednesday 20th 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:
Simple Things Can Make Us Happy.



.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.

Next Year's Term Dates

Last week, the Governors met and determined next year's term dates. As a school, SS Osmund & Andrew's always try to stay in line with Thornleigh. It has been noted that Thornleigh finish early on the last day before Christmas and the last day of the Summer Term as a thank you from the governors to the children and staff for their efforts through the year. The governors of SS Osmund & Andrew's would like to give their own thank you to the staff and children of our school also, as well as help for families that are doing things together to have children at both schools doing a similar thing. And of course, assist those children at Thornleigh who come and collect children from SSOA at hometime.

This will start in the NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR (not this one!!) **2025-26.**

School will close at 2pm on 19th December **2025** and 17th July **2026.**

We wanted to give as much notice as possible. The term dates have been emailed home and can be found on our website [here](#).

Thank you

Thank you to our school community that recognise the job our staff do for our children. We are a partnership with yourselves as parents who are the first educators of the children. Furthermore, we greatly value what you do to support us as a school. We know there are other schools in the area so we are honoured that you have chosen SS Osmund & Andrew's as the school for your children.

Unfortunately, we have had several incidents in the last half term where a very, very small number of parents have been rude or aggressive towards members of our staff. This behaviour is completely unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

The following document from the Department for Education should be noted: "Controlling Access To School Premises." Within this document, it states:

"Schools can bar someone from the premises if they feel that their aggressive, abusive or insulting behaviour or language is a risk to staff or pupils. It's enough for a member of staff or a pupil to feel threatened."

The full document can be read by clicking <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/controlling-access-to-school-premises/controlling-access-to-school-premises>

Baby Bank

Thank you for all your kind donations which we have received towards our Baby Bank. We are continuing to collect the following items.

For baby: Nappies, baby wipes, baby bottle, dummies, nappy sacks, baby formula, baby lotion, blankets, muslin cloths, baby clothes, baby food

For mum: Shower gel, soap, sanitary products

If you wish, you can send a donation into school and school will purchase items that are most needed.

ROLL OF HONOUR

Attendance Award.

Each week this goes to the class with the best attendance:
This week – **Year 5O** with **99% !!**

Golden Bin.

Each week this is awarded to the class who have kept their classroom the tidiest. This week – Year 1 !!

Star of the Week

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: Jaheim S for trying really hard with his letter formation.

Foundation: Brooklyn R-D for singing so enthusiastically when we practice for our nativity play.

Year 1 – Trianna O for trying very hard to work independently!

Year 1/2 - Lyssa W- Lyssa works so hard and has made some massive improvements in her spelling and phonics.

Year 2- Mason B for his amazing score of 35 out of 35 on his spelling assessment!

3O - Eliza G for super maths re. column subtraction with an exchange. Well done Eliza.

3A - Arrianna B for her focused and accurate completion of column subtraction in maths, including exchanging across 10 and 100. Superb effort!

4O - Freddy B for his amazing sewing skills in DT! He smashed it!

4A - Emily B, for giving 100% in all she does.

5O - David F for his excellent understanding of religious concepts and sharing his beliefs so eloquently

5A - Harry W-P For asking superb 'big questions' in RE

6O - Jake O'SS for building resilience at Robinwood!

6A - Tina L for approaching every activity at Robinwood and for her fabulous jelly legs!

Guitarist of the week – Tammera H-E (3O) for good progress and playing in the lesson.

Ukulele Player of the week - Penelope Y (1/2). For trying her best and being patient

Handwriting Award - Alex McK (2) for a huge improvement sitting letters on the line and using a ruler

Reading Award – Fatima E (6O)

Assistant Head Award - Favour O (6A) for her kind, giving nature and talented art work!

Deputy Head Award – Harry N (3A) for a super piece writing in the style of Anne Fine.

Headteacher Award – Lenni L (6A) for fantastic skill in PE lessons and superb manners

DATES FOR DIARY

Below are important Dates for Diary for the next 2 weeks.

22.11.24 – Own Clothes Day, bottle donations.

25.11.24 - Parents Evening Y1 to Y6 - 1.15pm to 6.00pm

26.11.24 - Y6 Heights & Weights

27.11.24 – First Holy Communion – First Confession 6pm-7pm

28.11.24 – Christmas Fair 3.15pm – 5pm

29.11.24 – BLUE HOUSE children only - Non Uniform Day

4.12.24 – Own Clothes Day for SS Osmund & Andrew's Fest Day – whole school

5.12.24 - Christmas Dinner Day

6.12.24 – Pantomime Trip Y1-Y6 – children back at school for approximately 4.30pm

If you would like to see our Dates for Diary for the year ahead, please [click here](#).

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

All parents and Carers invited into school to watch their children: 9am start

- **Foundation** - 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** – Class Assembly Thursday 17th 9am. Leavers Assembly Friday 18th July at 9.00am

Children in Need:

A huge thank you for helping us support Children in Need last week. In total your generous donations raised over **£178!**



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 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.

If you would like you child to visit the Santa's Grotto, tickets can be bought online via ParentPay - £2 per child. We are trying to keep the queue to a minimum so the event has been split into 15-minute sessions with 10 bookable places in each session.

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

BLUE HOUSE ONLY – NON-UNIFORM DAY ON 29TH NOVEMBER

Congratulations to Blue House for winning the House Points last half term! Usually, the reward for winning the half term is an extra break – but we have changed it this year to a non-uniform day.

Therefore, on Friday 29th November, children who are in Blue House ONLY do not have to wear uniform. However, for those in Red, Yellow and Green House, it's uniform as normal that day!!

Wednesday 4th December – Party Clothes Day

Each year, we like to take some time to celebrate our patron saints, St Osmund and St Andrew. We normally aim to do this on St Andrew's Day which is 30th November – but it's a Saturday this year!!

St Osmund's Feast Day is **Wednesday 4th December**.

Christmas Dinner Day

Christmas Dinner Day is on **Thursday 5th December**. If your child is on packed lunches and you would like them to have a Christmas Dinner, please email the school office by **Friday 22nd November** and make a payment of **£2.55** on **ParentPay** (unless your child is entitled to Free School Meals).

Wednesday Word

The latest edition of the Wednesday Word can be found [here](#).



ATTENDANCE

Well done to class 50 who had the highest attendance last week.

Whole school attendance last week was as follows:

Foundation 1	96.7%
Foundation 2	77.3%
Year 1	91.3%
Year 1/2	99.1%
Year 2	98.6%
30	94%
3A	98.6%
40	93.7%
4A	93.3%
50	99.2%
5A	96.9%
60	96.6%
6A	94.7%
Whole School	94.5%



PARISH INFORMATION



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

The latest Parish Newsletter and further Parish information, please visit the Parish [website](#).

Reminder of the Week.

Year 2 Children

If your child is in Year 2, is a baptised Catholic and you wish them to make their First Holy Communion in Year 3, details of all the dates you need to attend will come out in September. If your child is not baptised and you wish your child to make their First Holy Communion, please contact Fr Heakin on **01204 522770** as soon as possible to arrange a baptism that will also allow them to go on the First Holy Communion Programme. Thank you.

All of our reminders and important information can be found [here](#).