

SS OSMUND & ANDREW'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL, BOLTON

NEWSLETTER: Wednesday 17th December 2025

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Our Next Break:

School closes at **2.00pm** (* Please note the earlier time) on Friday 19th December 2025.
We reopen at 8.45am on Monday 5th January 2026.

Everyone as SS Osmund & Andrew's would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Christmas Mass Times

Vigil Mass

4:00pm at St Teresa's

5:30pm St Osmunds

5:00pm – 5:25pm Carol Singing at St Osmunds

Christmas Day

9:30am St Teresa's

11:00am St Osmunds

Thought for the Week:

Please chat through at home with your child(ren) the school's Thought for the Week which is:
I know in Advent I get ready for Christmas by respecting all.

The Sacramental Programme

The next date is to attend is:

Sunday 18th January 11am Mass at St Osmund's Church.

All dates for the Sacramental Programme can be found [here](#)

School Uniform Consultation

On Friday 5th December we sent an online consultation form to parents of children in Foundation – Year 5 regarding proposed changes to our school uniform which would take effect from September 2026. Thank you to everyone who has completed the form so far. The deadline for completed forms is Friday 23rd January.

Bolton Hospice Reindeer Run

Children will be taking part in the Bolton Hospice Reindeer Run on **Friday 19th December**. Over 10,500 children will have taken part in a Reindeer Run throughout December, to help raise funds for Bolton Hospice, so that they can provide Christmas meals to patients and families during their most difficult time. Sponsor forms have been sent home with children. Please can any completed forms and sponsor money be returned to school by **Friday 19th December** so that the money can be taken to Bolton Hospice. Thank you in advance for your support. **Children can wear their Christmas Jumpers on this day, with their uniform.**



Mental Health

Please see Bolton Council's website on Mental Health for support and ideas on how to look after ourselves. Please go to <https://www.bekindtomymind.co.uk>

Parent Peer Support Programme

Families Together offer one to one and group sessions for parents / carers who look after children with mental health difficulties. It is important for parents / carers to seek practical and emotional support for themselves. Sessions are held on Wednesdays 10am-11am. For further information. please scan the QR code below, or click the Parent Peer Support Programme link on our [website](#)



PE Days - Spring Term

When we return in January, PE days for each class will be as follows:

Foundation: Tuesday & Friday
Class 1: Wednesday & Thursday
Class ½: Wednesday & Friday
Class 2: Wednesday & Thursday
Year 3: Monday & Friday
Year 4: Monday & Wednesday
Year 5: Tuesday & Friday
Year 6: Tuesday & Thursday

Children can come to school in their PE kit on their PE days.

Class Awards

Attendance Award goes to the class with the best attendance – **Class 30 with 97.5%**

Caritas Award for the Class of the Week, for politeness and showing Love, Faith and Hope – **Class 6A**

Golden Bin for the class who have kept their classroom the tidiest – **Class 2**

Roll of Honour

Each week the parents of all children on the Roll of Honour are warmly invited to our school assembly on Monday at 9am to see their child receive their award. This will continue in the New Year.



DATES FOR DIARY

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

18.12.25 Foundation Christmas Party

19.12.25 Reindeer Run for Bolton Hospice – Christmas Jumpers.

19.12.25 Carols around the Christmas Tree from 1pm. School finishes at 2pm.

More dates for diaries can be found [here](#).

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

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

- **Foundation** – Friday 1st May
- **Class 1** - Friday 13th February
- **Year 3** - Friday 22nd May
- **Year 4** – Friday 19th June
- **Year 6 (Leavers)** Assembly Thursday 16th July

Support Over Christmas

As we approach the Christmas holidays, we recognise that this time of year can bring both joy and sometimes challenges for our families. If you or your child need additional support during the break, a range of helpful services are available. The NHS website offers guidance on children's health and wellbeing, and YoungMinds provides advice on supporting children's emotional health. For parenting support, families may find the Family Lives website helpful. Locally, Endeavour offers support for children and families, Fortalice provides specialist support for those affected by domestic abuse, and Be Kind to My Mind offers wellbeing and mental health support. Links can be found below, and we encourage families to seek support if needed during the holiday period. There is a further link to the King's Church Community Grocery who provide a bridge between food banks and supermarkets.

Family Lives - <https://www.familylives.org.uk/>

NHS - <https://www.nhs.uk/> If you need urgent medical advice, NHS 111 is available 24 hours a day.

Kooth - <https://www.kooth.com/>

Be Kind to My Mind - <https://www.bekindtomymind.co.uk/>

Childline - <https://www.childline.org.uk/> 0800 1111

Women's Aid - <https://womensaid.org.uk/>

Fortalice - <https://fortalice.org.uk/>

Endeavour - <https://www.endeavourproject.org.uk/>

Young Minds - <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

King's Church Community Grocery - <https://communitygrocery.org.uk/bolton/>

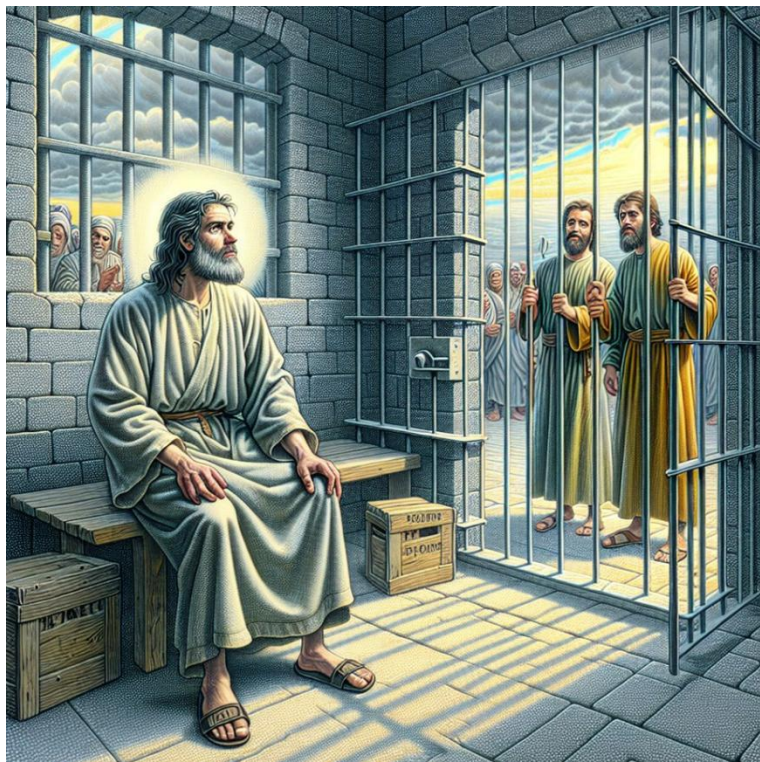
The Gospel Reading of the Week (next week): Please share this with your child.

Gospel Reading for last Sunday's feast of Christ the King

Matthew 11:2-11 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

While John the Baptist was in prison, he heard about the things that Jesus was doing so he sent some of his followers to find Jesus. "Tell us, are you the one sent by God, that John told us about?" they asked.

Jesus said, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind can see, the lame can walk, lepers are cured, the deaf can hear, and the dead are brought back to life. The Good News is being shared so that everyone can believe in me." As John's friends hurried away to tell him what they had heard, Jesus said to the crowds, "God sent John to prepare for my coming. He is a truly great man, and will be remembered for all time."



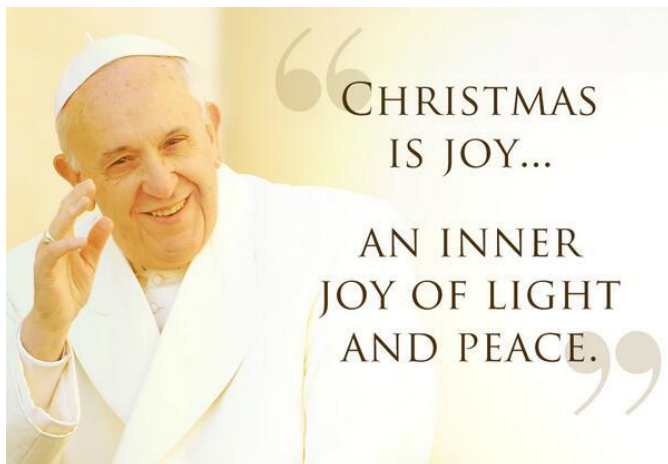
Jubilee Pledge

We are making the Jubilee Pledge!

As part of the Jubilee Year, we are called to make the Jubilee Pledge this summer. With an invitation that came from Pope Francis to be 'Pilgrims of Hope', we are joining together with all Catholic schools and committing to be a 'sign of hope'. Together with all Catholic schools, we are promising to put faith into action, be agents of change and work for the good of all.

The Jubilee Pledge:

We are pilgrims of hope. We walk in solidarity with our sisters and brothers worldwide, sharing challenges and celebrating joys. We promise to be agents of change, working together for justice, love and peace, locally and globally. We want to build a fairer world, where every person, and the earth, can flourish.



Wednesday Word

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



ATTENDANCE

Well done to **Class 30** who had the highest attendance last week. Their attendance was **97.50%**

Whole school attendance last week was as follows:

Foundation	90%
Class 1	92.17%
Class 1/2	92.76%
Class 2	95%
30	97.5%
3A	93.60%
40	95.86%
4A	94.33%
50	93.23%
5A	90%
60	86%
6A	91.03%
Whole School	91.47%



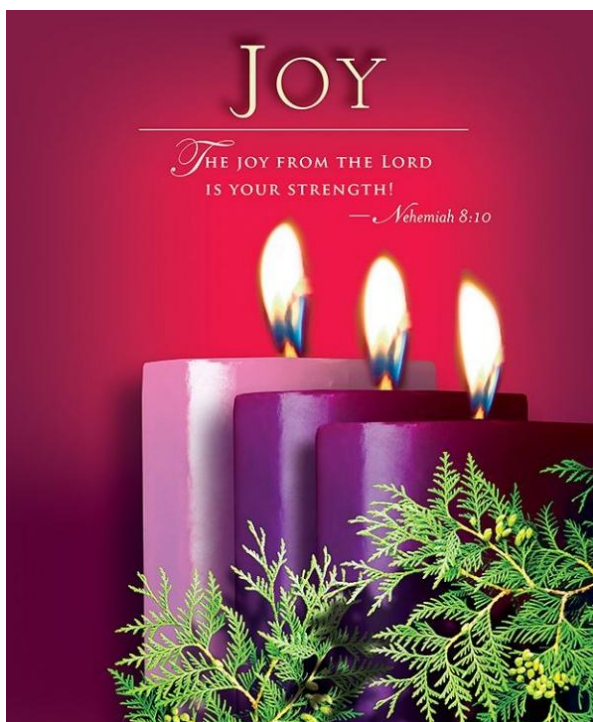
PARISH INFORMATION



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.

Sickness in school

Please note guidance of the Health Protection Agency that we follow which states that after a child vomits or has diarrhoea, the recommended period to be kept away from school is 48 hours. More information can be found at:

https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/Guidance_on_infection_control_in%20schools_poster.pdf