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### Earrings and Jewellery

Jewellery, including earrings, should not be brought into school or be worn by the children on the grounds that it can be dangerous to self and others in many school activities, in particular playtimes and PE. Earrings should not be worn and children will be asked to remove them. The school cannot accept any responsibility for loss or damage to personal property. Thank you for your support with this issue.

The Association for Physical Education state:

*“Schools have a duty of care to ensure students are able to participate actively without unnecessarily endangering themselves or those working around them. A clear and consistently applied policy for the removal of personal effects should be in place. The Association for Physical Education (afPE) strongly recommends the practice of removing all personal effects at the commencement of every lesson to establish a safe working environment. This applies to all ear and body piercings, including retainer and expander earrings.”*

### Our Next Break:

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

### PLEASE NOTE: This Year's Term Dates

School will close at **2pm** on 19<sup>th</sup> December **2025** and 17<sup>th</sup> July **2026**.  
We wanted to give as much notice as possible. Term dates for the next academic year (2026-2027) were emailed home last week. All term dates can be found on our [website](#).

### Thought for the Week:

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

**Simple things can make us happy.**

### The Sacramental Programme

The next date is to attend is:

**TODAY – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 6pm in Church for Reconciliation.**

## Party Day for SS Osmund and Andrew!

St Andrew's Day is 30<sup>th</sup> December, and the feast of St Osmund is on 4<sup>th</sup> December. Each year we celebrate our two patron saints by having a party day around these dates.

This year we will celebrate this **Friday afternoon, 28<sup>th</sup> November**.

Our celebration will also mark the end of the Church's Jubilee Year: The Year of Hope.

Therefore, we ask that this Friday:

- Children do not have to wear uniform
- That children bring their party food which may comprise of a sandwich, some crisps and some biscuits or cakes. Please note we will not be asking children to share due to allergies, please do not send the children into school with anything containing nuts, due to serious allergies in school.
- We will supply squash and water for the children to drink, but any donations of squash would be most welcome.

## Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November Pantomime Trip – Year 1 to Year 6

Tomorrow, we will be taking children in Year 1 – Year 6 to watch the Beauty and the Beast pantomime at Bolton Victoria Halls. The trip will take place in the morning and the children will be back at school in time for dinner. Children can bring with them a **small** bag of sweets and a disposable drink (no fizzy drinks or energy drinks please). The coaches are due to leave at 9.15am prompt, please ensure your child is at school on time.

## 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>

## CAFOD Assembly

On **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December**, we were delighted to welcome a special assembly from CAFOD, Leo and Jane will be talking to the children about Water Aid and the importance of helping others around the world. To mark the start of Advent and for this assembly, children are invited to come to school wearing something purple and bring in a £1 donation to support this important cause. If children don't have anything purple to wear, they are welcome to come in their own clothes instead.

Thank you

## Year 4 Class Assembly

Due to staff absence, the Year 4 Class Assembly on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December has been unfortunately cancelled. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. The assembly has been rescheduled for **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 9.00am** and we are sure it will be well worth the wait!

Thank you for your understanding.

## 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](#)



## DATES FOR DIARY

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

**26.11.25** – Sacramental Programme Reconciliation in Church at 6pm.

**27.11.25** – Year 1 – Year 6 Pantomime at Victoria Halls.

**28.11.25** – Party Day for St Osmund & St Andrew's Feast Days.

**2.12.25** – Christmas Dinner

**4.12.25** – CAFOD Assembly

**4.12.25** – Parents' Evening Y1-Y6

More dates for diaries can be found [here](#). Please note the KS1 Christmas Party has moved to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

## CLASS ASSEMBLIES

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

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

# ROLL OF HONOUR

## Class Awards

Attendance Award goes to the class with the best attendance – **Class 3A 97.08%**  
Caritas Award for the Class of the Week, for politeness and showing Love, Faith and Hope – **Foundation Class**  
Golden Bin for the class who have kept their classroom the tidiest – **Class 40**  
House Points – well done to **Blue House** for winning this 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: Elvin K** for fantastic singing during our nativity rehearsals

**Foundation: Layla H** for exceptional speaking during our nativity rehearsals.

**Year 1: Esme M** for her fantastic work on Action verbs this week!

**Year 1 / 2: Jax G** - Jax has been making a big effort with his work, especially his handwriting and presentation.

**Year 2: Heidi S** for being such a kind and respectful member of our class. Heidi is always looking for ways she can help others!

**3O: Max H** for excellent throwing and catching skills in PE. Well done Max.

**3A: Julian Z** for accuracy and determination in his column subtraction well done

**4O: Noah M** for great contribution during lessons and always trying his best

**4A: Olivia E** for being such a patient, easy-going and kind young lady.

**5O: Nivedh A** for settling into our school so quickly and for being a good-humoured boy! Well done!

**5A: Elsie McD** for making a great effort in mathematics lessons working with prime and composite numbers.

**6O: Samuel M** for his huge improvement in reading! He has gone from achieving a scaled score of 92 in September to reaching 101!

**6A: Rio R** for his improvements in his reading! He tried really hard in his test and did a brilliant job! Well done Rio!

**Guitarist of the week: Elara-Rose K**, for being on point in this week's lessons, she played beautifully.

**Reading Award: Chester B (6A)**

**Handwriting & Presentation Award: Nyla S (4A)**

**Assistant Head Award: Noah J (6O)** for fabulous flair in writing

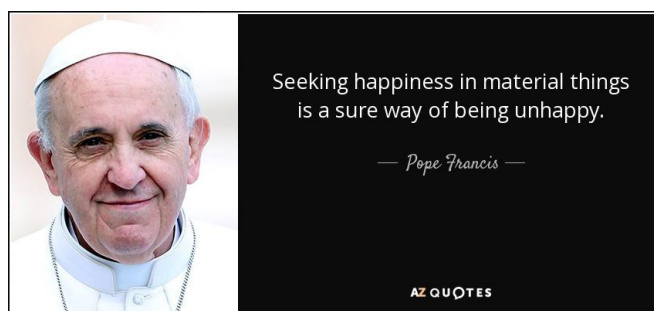
**Deputy Head Award: Bonnie O (Class 2)** for excellent table manners and being polite to lunchtime staff

**Headteacher Award: Harrison Q (Class 1)** for hard work on learning his spellings that has turned 1/10 into 10/10 !!

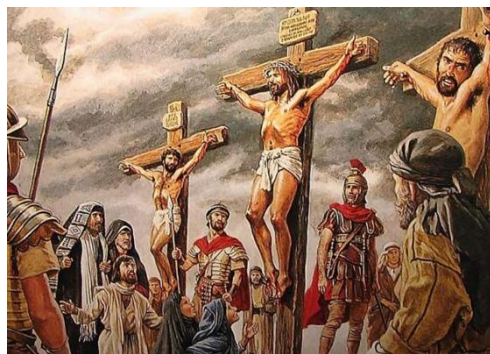
*'But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded'*

2 Chronicles 15:7

## The Jubilee Year, Pilgrims of Hope



**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**  
**Luke 23:35-43**

The soldiers nailed Jesus to the cross and above him hung a sign which said, "King of the Jews." A crowd gathered to watch and they laughed and made fun of him saying, "If you are so great, save yourself now!" At the same time two thieves were crucified with Jesus, one on either side. One of the thieves jeered, "Call yourself a king! If you had any power you could save yourself, and us as well!" But the other thief said, "Leave him alone. We deserve to be punished but he has done nothing wrong."  
Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, do not forget me in your kingdom."  
Jesus answered, "Today we will be together in Heaven."

**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](#).



Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. LUKE 2:4-5



**Have a Blessed Advent!**

**ATTENDANCE**

Well done to **Class 3A** who had the highest attendance last week. Their attendance was **97.08%**

Whole school attendance last week was as follows:

Foundation	88.18%
Class 1	86.96%
Class 1/2	88.70%
Class 2	90.33%
3O	95.36%
3A	97.08%
4O	96.90%
4A	90.67%
5O	92.26%
5A	88.62%
6O	95.20%
6A	92.41%
Whole School	90.30%



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