

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

NEWSLETTER: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025



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## 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 academix year (2026-2027) were emailed home this week. All term dates can be found on our [website](#).

## MissionStatement

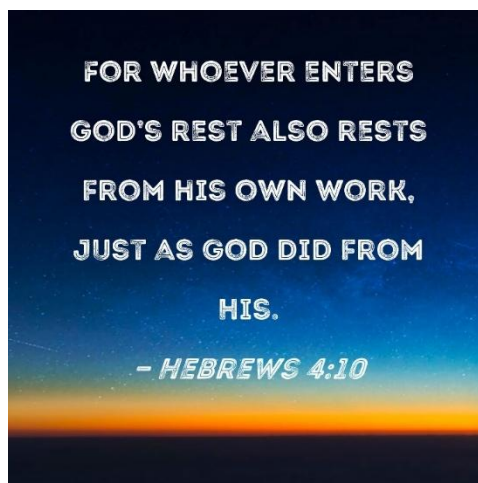
Together in **Love**, Growing in **Faith**, A journey of **Hope**.

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St Osmund was a bishop. In **Faith**, he inspires us to pray.

St Andrew was an apostle. In **Love**, he inspires us to serve.

Blessed Dominic Barberi was a student. In **Hope**, he inspires us to work hard to become the best we can be.



## Thought for the Week:

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

**I can work, play, rest and play each day.**

A person who works should take time to rest, to spend time with family, to enjoy [life], to read, listen to music, play a sport. When work doesn't allow room for healthy leisure time, for restorative rest, then it enslaves [the worker].



**Pope Francis**

## The Sacramental Programme

The next date is to attend is:

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 11am Mass at St Osmund's Church.**

## Christmas Fayre **\*\*TOMORROW!!\***

Our Christmas Fayre is being held **tomorrow, Thursday 20th November 3.15pm – 5pm**. We have lots of exciting stalls and activities planned, including 'Elfridges', where children can go and buy a Christmas present for their parent / carer. Refreshments will also be on sale. Please come and join us for some festive fun! All proceeds will go towards funding future projects / events for our school.

## Individual & Sibling photographs

On **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November**, we will be having our individual and sibling photographs taken in school. Please can all children come in full school uniform. If you would like your child/ren to have a photograph taken with younger siblings who do not attend our school, please come to the school office at 8.30am.

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

On **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November**, 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. If you have not already done so, please can payment and consent be made via ParentPay by tomorrow. The cost of £4.50 is for the coach travel, the tickets have been paid for by school.

## Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Party Day for St Osmund & St Andrew's Feast Days

On **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November** we will be celebrating the Feast Days of St Osmund and St Andrew. Children can come to school in their party clothes and bring in a plate of their own party food (some sort of small 'throw-away' bag they can recycle, children just need to bring two or three pieces of food, such as a small cake, biscuit and crisps, that they will eat themselves at the party) 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.

## 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

## Class Assemblies (Celebrations of the Word) – 9am.

The next class assembly is **Year 4 Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December (Advent) – PLEASE NOTE THE NEW DATE!!**

## 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.

**20.11.25** – Christmas Fayre

**24.11.25** – Individual & sibling photographs

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

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

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 5<sup>th</sup> December
- **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 40 98.62%**  
Caritas Award for the Class of the Week, for politeness and showing Love, Faith and Hope – **Class 40**  
Golden Bin for the class who have kept their classroom the tidiest – **Class 30**  
House Points – well done to **Green** and **Yellow** 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 **TUESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER** at 9am to see their child receive their award.

**Foundation: Freya H-B** for being creative in our areas.

**Foundation: Arthur G** for fantastic work on the forces pushing and pulling.

**Year 1: Lincoln H** for amazing effort in his maths assessment! So proud

**Year 1 / 2: Zayaan R** for scoring 100% on our times tables assessment, counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

**Year 2: Arthur P** for his determination and resilience with his maths and times tables! Keep it up!

**3O: Felicite Y** for her amazing help in her role as class Digital Leader; switching off and collecting all the Laptops and passing them to Mrs. Gordon. Well done Felicite

**3A: Joshua H** for mastering column subtraction with exchanges well done

**4O: Josie N** for always going above and beyond in her learning. Well done!

**4A: Roux H-McG** for faultless knowledge of English

**5O: Sebastian C** for his determination, patience, kindness and good humour! Well done Seb!!

**5A: Emily B** for working hard to improve her grammar skills and her handwriting!

**6O: Riley D** for his abundance of enthusiasm, embracing new challenges and experiences.

**6A: Amelia M** for being a superstar with Mrs Piri and an invaluable help in other classes.

**Guitarist of the week: Sofia S (4O)** for nailing her guitar piece 1st time.

**Reading Award: Leon G (4A)**

**Handwriting & Presentation Award: Arianna B (4A):** For putting so much determination and effort into improving her handwriting!

**Assistant Head Award: Grace P (4A):** For developing greater self-confidence and for her beautiful smile

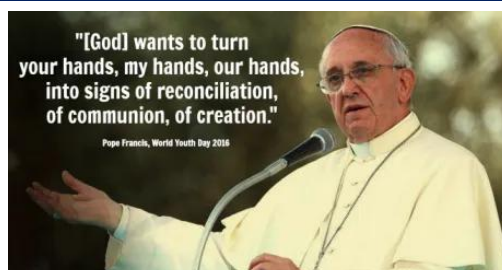
**Deputy Head Award: Lottie C (6A)** for excellent teamwork in the Piranha pool!

**Headteacher Award: Tamara H-E (4O)** for being an all-round superstar. Tamara is a kind and considerate friend and always tries her best in every aspect of school life

*'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.**



**Luke 18:10-14**

One day Jesus told this parable:

Two men went to the temple to pray. One was a pharisee, who was an upright and religious man who always obeyed the law. The other was a tax collector who cheated people to make himself rich.

The Pharisee stood up and prayed, "Thank you God for making me such a good person, unlike that tax collector over there! I keep all your rules and am most generous with my money."

The tax collector stood at the back of the temple. He bowed his head in shame as he prayed quietly, "Oh God, I have done so many things wrong, please forgive me."

Jesus said, "It was the second man, the tax collector, who pleased God with his prayer."

**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 40** who had the highest attendance last week. Their attendance was **98.62%**

Whole school attendance last week was as follows:

Foundation	87.95%
Class 1	94.78%
Class 1/2	97.93%
Class 2	98.33%
30	97.86%
3A	96.67%
40	98.62%
4A	95.67%
50	91.67%
5A	94.67%
60	94.44%
6A	95.14%
Whole School	91.97%



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)

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