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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.

### MissionStatement

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

Together in **Love**, **Faith** and **Hope**.

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.



### 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. The term dates can be found on our [website](#).

### CHILDREN IN NEED – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November

The House Captains have discussed their ideas to raise funds for children in need and come up with the following: A Non-Uniform Day wearing bright colours! This day will be held on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November (a change from Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November), families are asked to make a donation online directly to Children in Need at <https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk>.

On the same day, we also ask that children bring in chocolates and/or gifts for our Christmas Fair. Thank you.

### 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 how I look after myself.**

*3 John 1:2 ESV*

Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul.

## Christmas Fair

Christmas is fast approaching! After last year's huge success, we will be holding our Christmas Fayre on **Thursday 20th November 3.15pm – 5pm**. We are busy organising lots of fun stalls and activities. At the Christmas Fayre we will be holding 'Story Time with Santa' sessions in our Santa's Grotto. Each session will last 15 minutes and will be for up to 15 children. Santa will read a story to the children and then present them all with a gift. There will be time at the end of each session for children to have a photograph, as well as a post box where children can post their letters to Santa. The cost is £2.50 per child, bookable on ParentPay. There is limited availability. A payment will be needed for each child attending. **Bookings will be available on ParentPay from 3.45pm on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November.**

## 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](#)



## 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.



## 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.

## DATES FOR DIARY

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

**17-19.11.25 – Y6**

Robinwood Residential.

**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](#).

## 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
- **Class 1/2 & Class 2** – **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November**
- **Year 3** - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May
- **Year 4** – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November
- **Year 6 (Leavers)** Assembly Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>

# ROLL OF HONOUR

## Class Awards

Attendance Award goes to the class with the best attendance – **Class 5A 97.67%**  
Caritas Award for the Class of the Week, for politeness and showing Love, Faith and Hope – **Class 30**  
Golden Bin for the class who have kept their classroom the tidiest – **6O**  
House Points – well done to **Green** for winning this week!

## Roll of Honour – Half Term Awards

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: Annalise B** for creating a beautiful poppy using her cutting skills.

**Foundation: Freddie V** for beautiful letter formation in phonics.

**Year 1: Pippa H** for writing a beautiful and thoughtful prayer for Remembrance Day.

**Year 1 / 2: Drey M** - Drey made a super effort and grew in confidence when learning his assembly lines.

**Year 2: Theadora B** for her increasing confidence and self-belief in all aspects of her learning!

**3O: Jaden B** for writing a beautiful prayer to God asking Him to protect the world and the environment. Re. COP30 Brazil BR climate change conference. Well done Jaden.

**3A: Kyrie K** for fantastic results in his arithmetic assessment and remembering how to use strategies to assist him. Well done!

**4O: Liam R** for being a polite and hardworking member of the class.

**4A: Harrison T**, for making a great start to SS Osmund and Andrew's. Having superb manners and wanting to improve all his work!

**5O: Madeline H** for developing confidence and attacking skills in PE! Well done!

**5A: Louisa W** for her consistent hard work and for being an excellent role model.

**6O: Louie A** for super effort and understanding in his maths work this week!

**6A: Elliott K** for his excellent work on fractions. He found it hard but he never gave up! Well done Elliott!

**Guitarist of the week: Pippa B (5O)** for very Confident playing.

**Reading Award: Oliver R (5O)**

**Handwriting & Presentation Award: Dottie P (4O)** for lovely presentation in her RE work

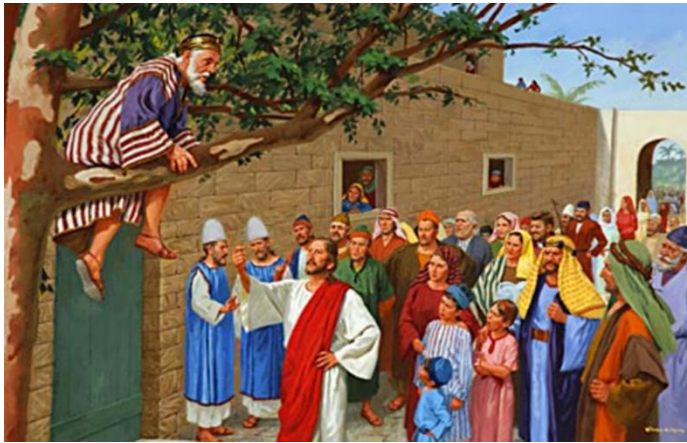
**Assistant Head Award: Isaac H (3O)** for a great recall of knowledge in his RE lessons

**Deputy Head Award: Astaria-Faith S (5O)** for a super effort to improve her handwriting.

**Headteacher Award: Dottie P (4O)** for fantastic work in writing.

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

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



**Luke 19:1-10**

Jesus went to a town called Jericho where a man called Zacchaeus lived. Nobody liked Zacchaeus because he was a tax collector who cheated people to make himself rich. When Jesus arrived, crowds gathered to see him and Zacchaeus was among them. Zacchaeus was very small and could not see Jesus because of the crowds, so he climbed a tree to get a better view. As Jesus passed by, he looked up and said, "Come down, Zacchaeus! I want to visit your house today."

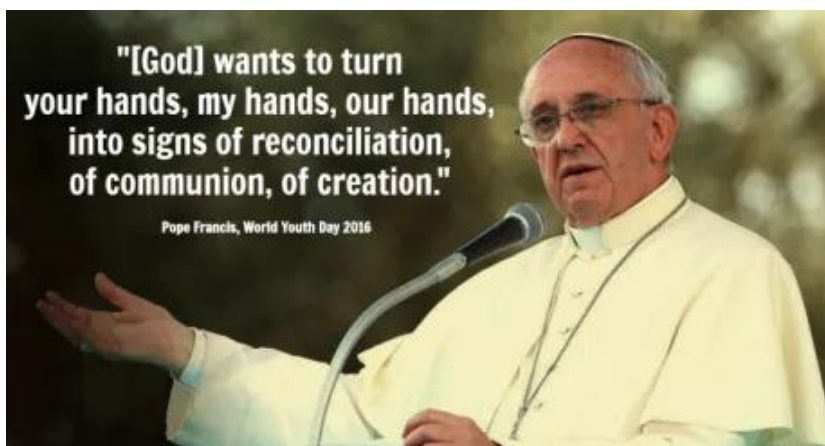
Zacchaeus almost fell out of the tree with surprise. Hearing this, the crowd began to grumble and complain. "How can Jesus speak to such a wicked man?" he said. Then Zacchaeus turned to Jesus and said, "Lord, I know that I am a dishonest cheat, but I want to change and put things right! I will give half of everything I own to the poor, and pay back everything I have stolen four times over." Jesus smiled at Zacchaeus and said, "I have come to find and save anyone who has lost their way. Now change your heart and make a fresh start."

**Wednesday Word**

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



**The Jubilee Year, Pilgrims of Hope**



**ATTENDANCE**

Well done to **Class 5A** who had the highest attendance in the week before half term. Their attendance was **97.67%**

Whole school attendance last week was as follows:

Foundation	92.27%
Class 1	93.04%
Class 1/2	94.48%
Class 2	95.67%
30	95%
3A	97.50%
40	95.52%
4A	95.33%
50	90%
5A	97.67%
60	92.31%
6A	86.43%
Whole School	93.09%



**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](#).