

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

NEWSLETTER: Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September



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## Our Next Break:

School closes at 3.15pm on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025**. We reopen at 8.45am on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025**.

## Rosary Club

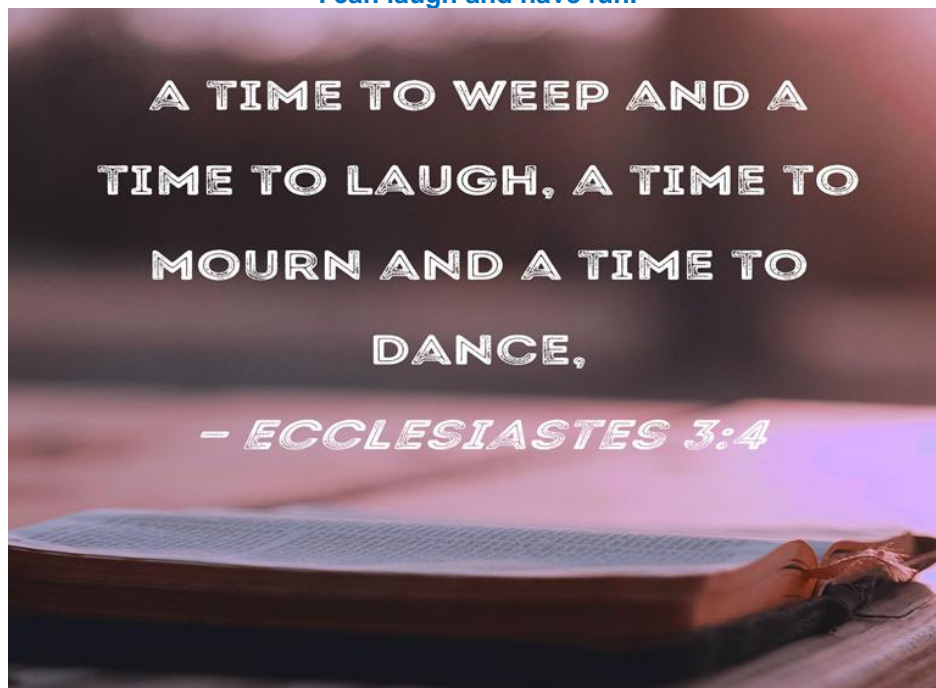
Mrs Jones will be running a 'Rosary Club' this year for the children – we are asking if anyone would like to donate any Rosary Beads to the school, to help the children with this club. All donations are gratefully welcomed! Thank you!

## 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](#).

## 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 laugh and have fun.**



## The Sacramental Programme

The next date is to attend is:  
**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 11am Mass at St Osmund's Church.**

## Open Evening – Nursery & Reception September 2026

We are holding our Open Evening for children who are due to start in Nursery and September 2026 on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 3.30pm-5.30pm**. If you know of anyone who has a child due to start school next year, please pass on this information.

## MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September, from 1.30pm, we will be holding our annual MacMillan Coffee Afternoon. We are delighted to share that we will be being joined by 2 fantastic services, Reach and Families Together. This event is open to everyone, please come along and join us. **We are kindly asking for donations of cakes towards this event.**  
**Thank you in advance for your support.**

## Changes to School Gates / Access to School for Drop off & Collection

As per the email sent home, from **Monday 29th September**, please use one of the following gates for drop-off and collection:

- **Brodick Drive Gate**
- **The Tansy Pub Car Park Gate**

Following a number of concerning incidents on **Falkirk Drive**—including near-misses involving children due to excessive parking on Falkirk Drive—we have taken the decision to **close the Falkirk Drive gate for drop-off and collection**. This step has been taken in the interests of the safety and wellbeing of our pupils, families, and the wider community.

During the school day (between **9:00am and 3:00pm**), access via **Falkirk Drive** will still be available **through the pedestrian gate with the intercom** system for late pupils and visitors.

We understand that this change may require some adjustment and we thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding. Our primary concern is always the safety of our children, and we believe this change will help ensure a calmer, safer environment for everyone.

## Urban Outreach

On Thursday 9th October, representatives from Urban Outreach will be coming into school to give an assembly to our pupils, sharing information about the vital work they do to support young people and families in need in our area. **Over the next few weeks, we are inviting children to bring in to school any spare food items (non-perishable) that they would like to donate to Urban Outreach.** We will present them during the assembly so that Urban Outreach can use them to support those most vulnerable in our community. Thank you in advance for your support.

## Nasal Flu Vaccination

For parents of children in Reception – Year 6, if you have not already done so, please use the following link to give / decline consent for your child to have the flu vaccination in school. The link closes on Sunday 14th September.  
<https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/5cd85d65>

## Taste the World Dinner

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October we will be holding a Taste the World Dinner. On this occasion, we are going to offer **all** children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 a school meal. This is a one off, but in future if you are unsure if your child likes school meals, we are always more than happy to offer them a plate to try. This is a **FREE** event and will not cost you anything.

We understand that not all children will like what is on the menu and that is ok. You are still welcome to supply a packed lunch for your child as a backup. We will offer them the school meal first and their packed lunch if they show no interest in what's on offer. As with all our school dinners, there will be a vegetarian option. Children who are vegetarian will be offered the vegetarian option. If you would like to check what dietary needs we have listed for your child, please contact the school office.

If for whatever reason you do not want your child to be offered the Big Breakfast Lunch, please call us on 01204 333070 or email us at [office@ss-osands.bolton.sch.uk](mailto:office@ss-osands.bolton.sch.uk) and inform the school office.

If you are happy for your child to take part, you do not need to do anything.

## DATES FOR DIARY

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

**25.9.25** – MacMillan Coffee Afternoon 1.30pm

**30.9.25** – Flu Vaccinations Reception – Year 6

**30.9.25 – 3.30pm-5.30pm**  
Open Evening for Reception & Nursery starters in September 2026

## 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 5** - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October
- **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 – **Foundation**  
Caritas Award for the Class of the Week, for politeness and showing Love, Faith and Hope – **6O**  
Golden Bin for the class who have kept their classroom the tidiest – **1/2**

## 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: Bonnie R** for being a kind and helpful member of our class!

**Foundation: Leon B** for working hard on his letter formation

**Year 1: Ayla B** for settling in Year 1 so well and putting lots of effort into her work.

**Year 1 / 2: Amaris O** - Amaris always works so hard, always puts her hand up to answer questions and always puts 100% effort into her work.

**Year 2: Lucas H** for his amazing effort and independence in his science lessons!

**3O: Kendal H** for recognising and using inverted commas for speech in her sentences. Well done Kendal.

**3A: Lydia F** for showing amazing balance and core strength in yoga! Remaining focused, steady, and was the last one standing!

**4O: Oscar R** for trying his best in maths and always showing he's ready for learning.

**4A: Elliot P** for always making contributions in class and having good presentation in his work.

**5O: Louie G** for his determination to learn new skills especially in Maths. Well done!

**5A: Lincoln M** for giving his best effort each day and working so hard to improve his presentation!

**6O: Harry S** for writing a fabulous advert!

**6A: Willow McL** for her wonderful attitude to learning, her resilience in the face of challenges and making me smile every day!

**Guitarist of the Week: Ena C (6A)** Finishing the Guitar Basics book and starting her "Grade One"

**Reading Award: Anthony D (4O)**

**Handwriting & Presentation Award: Bonnie O (Class 2)** for working so hard alongside her brother to learn how to join her handwriting and **Freddie O (5O)** for teaching his sister how to make joins in her handwriting.

**Assistant Head Award: Harry S (6O)** for composing a superb piece of persuasive writing!

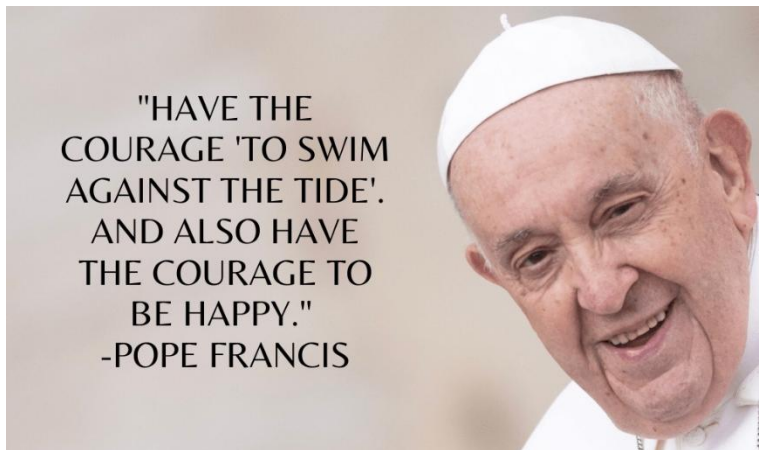
**Deputy Head Award: Aaron W (6A)** for working hard in his maths intervention, finding his marvellous mistakes and correcting them.

**Headteacher Award: Heavenly- Joy B (3A)** for trying her best to complete her work and never giving up, also beautiful handwriting.

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

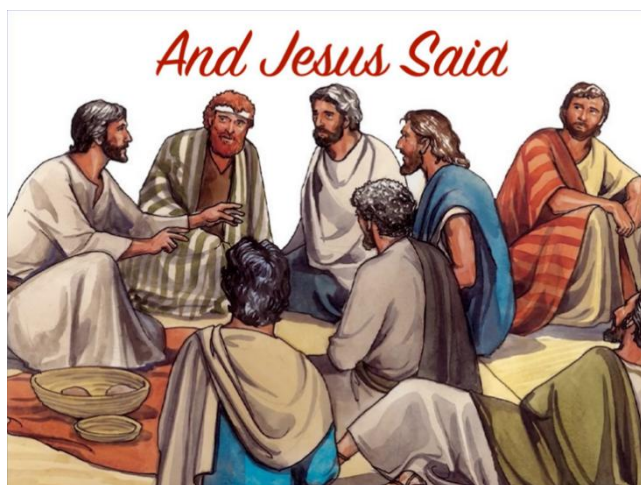
**2 Chronicles 15:7**

The Jubilee Year, Pilgrims of Hope: A quote from Pope Francis ...



"HAVE THE COURAGE 'TO SWIM AGAINST THE TIDE'. AND ALSO HAVE THE COURAGE TO BE HAPPY."  
-POPE FRANCIS

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



(Luke 16: 10-11)

Jesus said, "When a person is honest about the small things in life, then they will be honest about the more important things too. If you cannot be trusted with something as unimportant as money, how can you be trusted with the most precious treasure of all?"

Wednesday Word



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

**WHOEVER CAN BE TRUSTED WITH VERY LITTLE CAN ALSO BE TRUSTED WITH MUCH, AND WHOEVER IS DISHONEST WITH VERY LITTLE WILL ALSO BE DISHONEST WITH MUCH.  
-LUKE 16:10**

ATTENDANCE

Well done to **class Foundation** who had the highest attendance last week with **98.89%**

Whole school attendance last week was as follows:

Foundation	98.89%
Class 1	95.61%
Class 1/2	97.67%
Class 2	96.67%
30	93.57%
3A	94.80%
40	98.28%
4A	96.55%
50	94.67%
5A	97.74%
60	97.69%
6A	95.36%
Whole School	97.59%



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.

Arrival in school after 9.30am

If a child is late after 9.30am (When the electronic registers have closed and sent to Bolton Council), although they are in school (and are signed in so they are accounted for in the event of an emergency), the session actually counts as absent.

All of our reminders and important information can be found on our website.