

SS OSMUND & ANDREW'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL, BOLTON

NEWSLETTER: Wednesday 17th September



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Our Next Break:

School closes at 3.15pm on **Thursday 23rd October 2025**. We reopen at 8.45am on **Monday 3rd 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 19th December **2025** and 17th 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 say how I feel.

**"The Lord is my
strength and my
shield; my heart
trusts in him,
and he helps me.
My heart leaps
for joy, and
with my song I
praise him."
PSALM 28:7 (NIV)**

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 30th 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 25th 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.

Jubilee Year – Pilgrims of Hope Anchor



On Monday, we welcomed the **Diocesan Anchor** into our school. We gathered together for a reflective prayer service in the hall. The Diocesan Anchor is travelling around all schools in Salford Diocese throughout the Jubilee Year, acting as a powerful symbol of Hope.

Thank you to St. Teresa's RCP School who brought the Anchor to us and to our GIFT Team who will today take it to St. Mary's RCP School.

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>

New Intercom Gate System and Car Park Reminder.

To help keep our school safe and secure, we have introduced a new intercom gate system on Falkirk Drive. The gate will be open from 8.45am until 8.55am, and 3pm until 3.25pm. It will remain closed for the rest of the school day. This means that all late children and visitors will need to press the intercom button and speak to a member of staff before being allowed onto the school grounds. If you are arriving late to school, and the gate is closed, please expect to wait as our office staff are extremely busy at the start and end of the school day.

We kindly remind all parents and carers that the school car park is for staff use only. This is to ensure the safety of our children during busy drop-off and pick-up times, and to allow staff to arrive and leave on time. Please do not walk through the vehicle gate on the staff carpark.

We appreciate your understanding and support in keeping our school safe and running smoothly.

Taste the World Dinner

On Thursday 2nd 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 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 1st May
- **Class 1** - Friday 13th February
- **Class 1/2 & Class 2** – Tuesday 11th November
- **Year 3** - Friday 22nd May
- **Year 4** – Friday 28th November
- **Year 5** - Friday 10th October
- **Year 6 (Leavers)** Assembly Thursday 16th July

ROLL OF HONOUR

Class Awards

Attendance Award goes to the class with the best attendance – **4O 100%**
Caritas Award for the Class of the Week, for politeness and showing Love, Faith and Hope – **4A**
Golden Bin for the class who have kept their classroom the tidiest – **4O**

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: Rosellagrace H for being a helpful member of our class.

Foundation: Markus R for being really enthusiastic when completing his focus tasks.

Year 1: Carter B for the super effort he is putting into his learning and also doing lots of reading at home!

Year 1 / 2: Eliza T. What a fantastic start to the year! Eliza works so hard, behaves so well and cheers up her friends who are sad.

Year 2: Renesmae H for her excellent effort and resilience in her handwriting lessons!

3O: Ethan P for fully engaging with his Yoga lesson both physically and spirituality. Well done Ethan.

3A: Lucy J for being a hardworking student and producing beautiful handwriting and making great strides in joining her letter 'r' correctly this week. Well done

4O: Fayo A for being a fabulous new member of our school family. You try so hard with all your work and make me smile everyday

4A: Grace P - a model student, hardworking, good listening and applies advice given by the teacher. Thoughtful and kind too!!!

5O: Scarlett S for determination and resilience during the 'TriKidz Triathlon' what an exemplary role model. Well done!

5A: Huzaifah R for excellent listening and super effort in his work!

6O: Summer P for being a responsible and respectful member of 6O

6A: Jonathan B for overcoming his fears during TriKidz and impressing the instructors with his resilience and determination!!

Guitarist of the Week: Hakim S (4A) for a very positive start to guitar lessons with bags of enthusiasm. Keep it up!!!

Reading Award: Mcaulee T (6O)

Handwriting & Presentation Award: Roux H-McG (4A) for a superb effort to make joins when handwriting

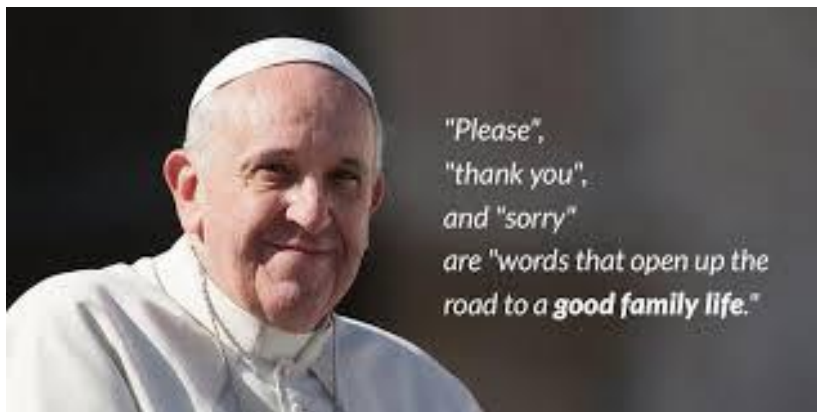
Assistant Head Award: Alaiyah-Rae S (Class 1) for a fabulous effort in both handwriting and phonics lessons

Deputy Head Award: Percy C (3O) and Noah M (3O) for both showing Love, Faith and Hope alongside excellent Sportsmanship. Well done boys. Proud of you.

Headteacher Award: Eliza M (6O) for choosing her SATs preparation over leisure!

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

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



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

(Luke 15:1-3, 8-10)



Jesus had overheard the Pharisees complaining about him spending so much time with tax collectors and sinners. So Jesus told a parable:

Once there was a woman who had ten silver coins. One day she realised one was missing! The woman was poor, so to lose even one coin was something she couldn't afford.

So she lit her lamp and looked under all the furniture, swept every corner of the house and kept searching until eventually, after a few hours she found it. She picked up the coin and ran to tell all her friends the good news!

Then Jesus said, "God will search for anyone who is lost, and rejoice when he finds them."

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 with **100%**

Whole school attendance last week was as follows:

Foundation	99.10%
Class 1	98.18%
Class 1/2	94%
Class 2	98.33%
30	95%
3A	96.40%
40	100%
4A	94.48%
50	92.67%
5A	96.13%
60	97.41%
6A	95.36%
Whole School	96.42%



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](#).

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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.