

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

## NEWSLETTER: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025



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### Mission Statement

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.

(Blessed Dominic is the patron of our parish in which you will find St Osmund's Church and St Teresa's Church.)

### Every day is a learning day

Please do not think that on the last few days of the term the children are learning nothing – every day is a learning day at SSOA. Each day missed is 5 lessons missed. Each week is 25 lessons missed. Please ensure your child attends every day of school – even the last day! Please note that if your child has 91% attendance for the whole year, he/she will have missed over 85 lessons, and this will obviously hold up their progress. Thank you.

### Congratulations!

Many, many congratulations to Miss Edwards who got married over the summer break! Miss Edwards is now known as Mrs Gornall.

### PE DAYS

**Monday** – Nursery, Reception, Class 1, Class 1/2 and Class 2.

**Tuesday** – Year 3, 5, 6

**Wednesday** – Year 4, Class 1 & Class 1/2

**Thursday** – Nursery, Reception, Class 2 & Year 6

**Friday** – Year 3, 4, 5

Please can children come to school in their PE kit on their PE day.

### 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.



### **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:

**We are all special.**

### **Items not permitted in school**

Please note the following are not permitted in school:

- Toys, however small, unless a teacher has requested them to be brought in. If toys are seen, they will be kept in a teacher's drawer until the end of the day whereby a parent/carer may collect it
- Pencil cases
- Keyrings or keyrings with lip gloss
- Make up
- Mobile phones unless in Year 5/ 6 who are walking home on their own, with permission from a parent/carer. Mobile phones in school are at the parent/carer's own risk
- Labubus or soft toys
- Jewellery
- Please do not bring in rucksacks or extra-large water bottles as they both take up a lot of room

### **Roll of Honour**

Each week the parents of all children on the Roll of Honour are warmly invited to our school assembly on Monday at 9am to see their child receive their award. The first Roll of Honour will be on next Wednesday's newsletter.

### **Parking**

Please do not park on Falkirk Drive. Thank you for parking respectfully for our neighbours. Thank you.

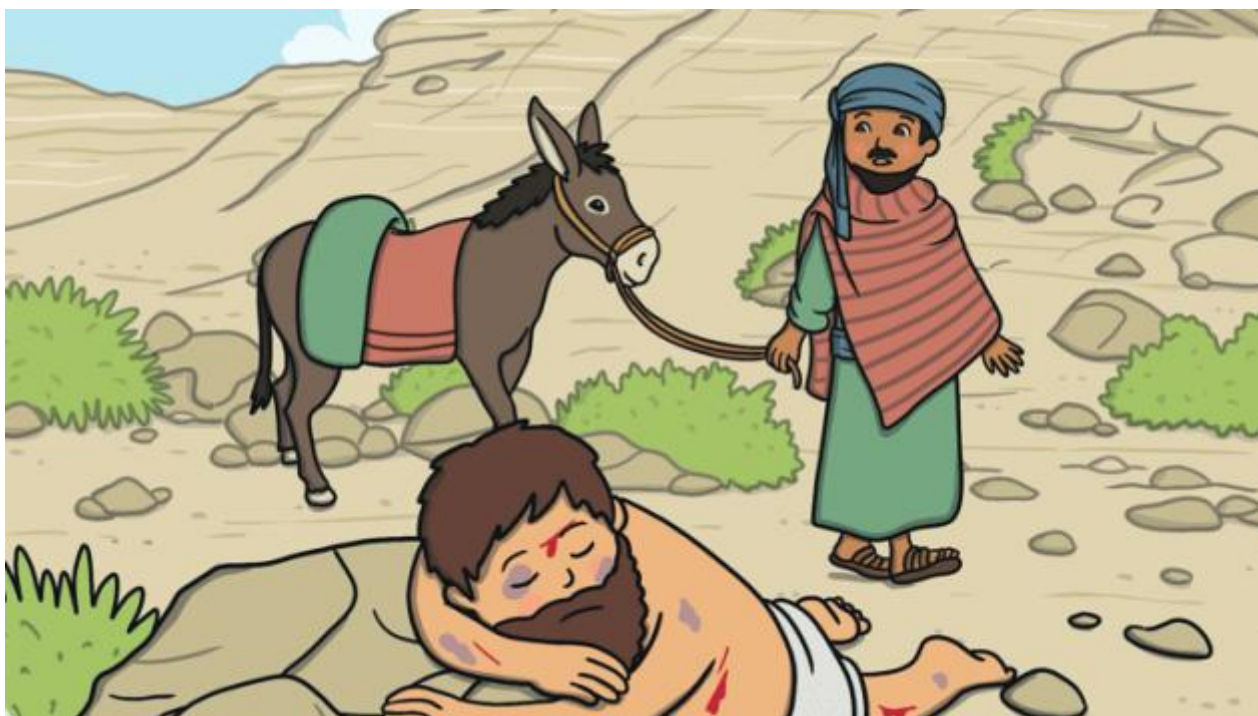
### **Uniform**

Please can you ensure that your child's name is in their uniform. We seem to accumulate a lot of lost property and without names, it is very difficult to return the items to their owner. Please note that all lost property will be disposed of regularly. Thank you.

### **Holidays in Term Time**

Please note that our school does not have the power in law to authorise absences for family holidays. We are now obliged to issue a fine when there are 10 unauthorised sessions (5 days). Please do not put school in the awkward position by taking holidays in term time as they cannot be classed as exceptional circumstances and thus cannot be authorised. Please note that the government regulations mean that a fine will be issued by Bolton Council for unauthorised absences such as holidays taken in term time.

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



A man said to Jesus, "I know that I should love God with all me heart, and love my neighbour too. But who is my neighbour?" Jesus told him this story:

“One day a man was travelling from Jericho to Jerusalem when a gang of robbers attacked him. They beat him up, and after stealing everything he had, they left him lying injured by the roadside.

A short time later one of the temple priests passed that way, but he crossed the road and walked on by.

Soon, another traveller came, but he too passed on by.

Then a Samaritan happened to pass, and when he saw the injured man he took pity on him.

He bandaged his wounds and carried him back on his donkey to a nearby inn. There he cared for him and when the time came for him to leave, he left the innkeeper enough money to pay for the man's room until he was better.”

Jesus then asked the man, “Which man in the story was a good neighbour?”

“The one who helped the wounded traveller,” he answered.

“Go then and do the same for anyone who needs your help,” said Jesus.

(Luke 10:29-37)

**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.

**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

**Code of Conduct: Parents & Visitors**

Thank you for:

Respecting the school's caring ethos.

Working with teachers for the benefit of children.

Always remaining calm and respectful.

Always resolving issues through school.

Always correcting your child's behaviour when you need to.

A more detailed version of the Code is on our school website.

**Prayers**

Sometimes we all need that extra support and as a school we come together every day to say prayers.

If you would like the school community to pray for you, your family, friends or any other intentions please email the office ([office@ss-osands.bolton.sch.uk](mailto:office@ss-osands.bolton.sch.uk)), speak to the office or write a little note and send it in with your child.

You do not need to write a prayer if you don't wish to, just your intention. For example: please pray for my friend who is having difficulties at this time; please pray for my grandma who is in hospital; please pray for the people of Ukraine etc. We will not mention your name or other names if you do not wish us to but we can add your prayer intentions to our prayers in class and in assembly.

**The Jubilee Year, Pilgrims of Hope: A quote...**

“Each day we have to decide whether to be Good Samaritans or indifferent bystanders.”

POPE FRANCIS

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