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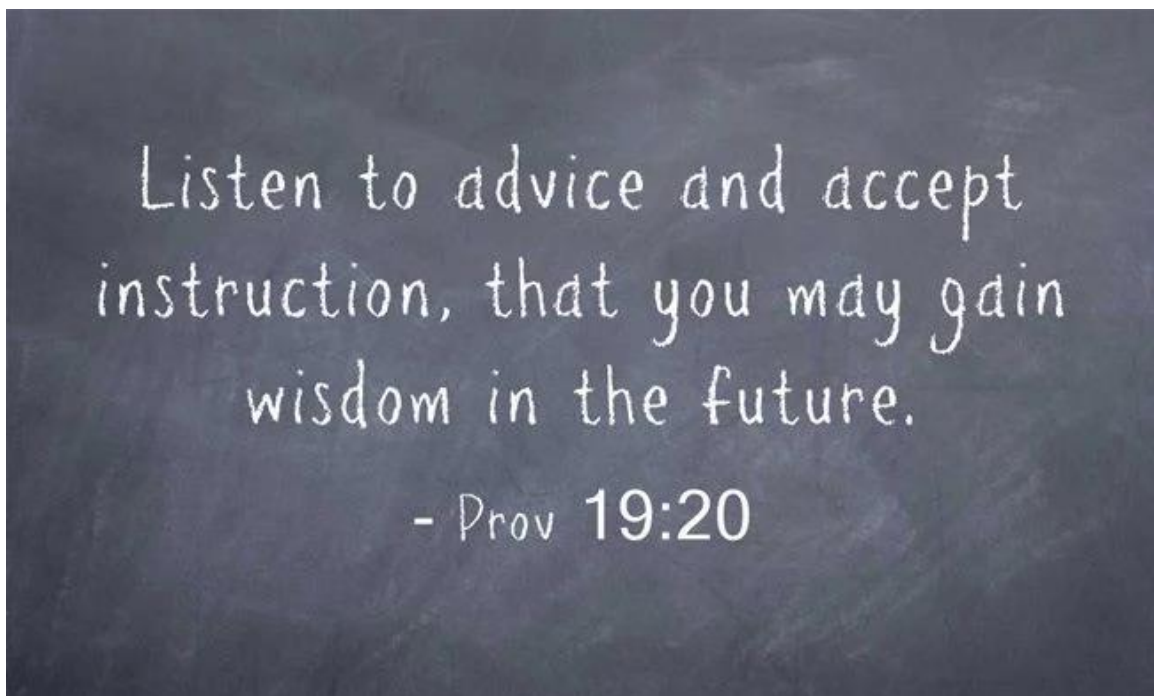
### Our Next Break:

School closes at 3.15pm on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026.  
We reopen at 8.45am on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026

### Thought for the Week:

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

**I listen to what you say. I show I am listening to you.**



### Our 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.

### 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>

### Parent / Family Support

At school, we receive lots of information about various support / family groups which are held within our community. We have created a dedicated page on our website where parents can access this information [SS Osmund & Andrew's RCP School - Community Groups](#)

### The Sacramental Programme

The next date is to attend is:

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 11am Mass at St Osmund's Church.**

All dates for the Sacramental Programme can be found [here](#)

## EYFS Toothbrushing Event – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February

On Friday, children in our Foundation Unit will be visited by a member of the Bolton Oral Health Team, who will talk to them about the importance of toothbrushing. They will also be running morning and afternoon workshops for EYFS parents to attend at the following times:

9.10am parent workshop (OPEN TO ALL EYFS PARENTS) (They will also be able to register 0-5 yr old children with a dentist)

2:45pm parent workshop (OPEN TO ALL EYFS PARENTS)

The parent workshops will be held in the spare classroom which can be accessed from the outside EYFS area.

## Year 1 Trip – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February

Next Tuesday, children in Year 1 are taking part in a trip to Chester Zoo. We are sure they'll have a wonderful day! Please can all Year 1 children arrive at school for 8.30am as the coach will be leaving promptly at 8.45am.

## Morning Break Time Snacks

Please note that we ask that children do not bring in processed snacks such as cereal bars, crisps, biscuits, chocolate, sweets, etc. Please note that we are being vigilant as some children are attempting to eat these snacks at breaktime – if caught, children are being asked to put the snack away, so that they are not going hungry in the afternoon because they've eaten some of their packed lunch at 10,.30am!

At breaktime children are permitted fresh fruit, veg, crackers, bread stick (but not with dippers for obvious reasons) and some children have toast which can either be provided by school or home.

## Year 2 Children

If your child is in Year 2 is a baptised Catholic and you wish them to make their First Holy Communion in Year 3, details of all the dates you need to attend will come out in September. If your child is not baptised and you wish your child to make their First Holy Communion, please contact Fr Emmanuel on **01204 522770** as soon as possible to arrange a baptism that will also allow them to go on the First Holy Communion Programme. Thank you.

## DATES FOR DIARY

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

**2.2.26 – 13.2.26** - Class 60 swimming lessons. Every day for 2 weeks.

**6.2.26** EYFS Toothbrushing Event.

**8.2.26** – Sacramental Programme Mass in Church 11am

**10.2.26** – Year 1 trip to Chester Zoo

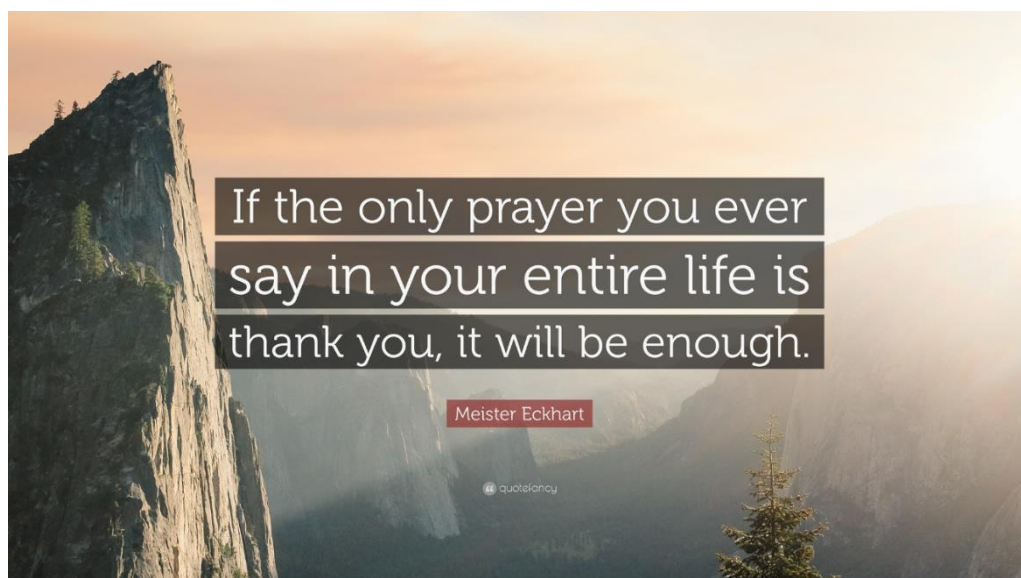
**13.2.26** – Class 1 assembly 9am

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
- **Year 3** - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May
- **Year 4** – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June
- **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 4A 99%**  
Caritas Award for the Class of the Week, for politeness and showing Love, Faith and Hope – **Class 2**  
Golden Bin for the class who have kept their classroom the tidiest – **Class 4O**  
House Points – well done to **Blue House** 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:** **Lena P** for working so hard in class in all areas of learning! Well done!  
**Areya C** for working hard on her writing skills and letter formation this half term! Well done!

**Year 1:** **Halin B** for always trying her best and reading lots at home.

**Year 1 / 2:** **Noah G** for being a happy and helpful member of the class. Noah always tries hard in all lessons.

**Year 2:** **Lacey J** for being a super role model by pushing herself every day and always making good choices.

**3O:** **Jessica M** for always being polite and courteous and for always putting her best effort into every piece of work.

**3A:** **George N** for hard work, perseverance, maturity and being a great mentor in class to others.

**4O:** **Aurora D Noah G** for becoming more confident in her Maths, including some great contributions in lessons.

**4A:** **Kai T** for always helping and thinking of others. Well done Kai!

**5O:** **Narvel M** for his dedicated approach to every task he is given, especially Student Council representative. Thank you, Narvel!

**5A:** **Freya W** for working super hard to improve in all areas of learning!

**6O:** **Kacper Z** for being a respectful and hard-working young man!

**6A:** **Scarlet A** for her fantastic progress in Maths. Her hard work is starting to really show.

**Guitarist of the Half Term:** **Evie M (6O)** – Every lesson has been an improvement on the last.

**Artist of the Half Term:** **Thekla M (6O)** for always producing amazing pieces of Artwork. Well done!

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

**The Gospel Reading of the Week**  
**Please share this with your child.**



**Matthew 5:1-12**

One day when Jesus was being followed by a large crowd, he climbed a hillside, sat down and began to speak:

Happy are the gentle people, for they shall be treated with gentleness.

Happy are the people who forgive others, for they shall be forgiven.

Happy are the poor for they shall see Heaven.

Happy are people who do what is right and care about others.

Happy are people who make peace and bring friendship.

Be happy even if people are unkind and say nasty things to you, because you believe in me, for you will have great rewards in Heaven.

**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](#).



**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.

ATTENDANCE

Well done to **Class 4A** who had the highest attendance last week. Their attendance was 99%

Whole school attendance last week was as follows:

Foundation	95.84%
Class 1	92.61%
Class 1/2	93.33%
Class 2	94.67%
30	97.78%
3A	98%
40	95.57%
4A	99%
50	95.16%
5A	94.67%
60	97.20%
6A	92.76%
Whole School	95.68%



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](#).

# Reminders:

## Jewellery

Jewellery, including earrings, should not be brought into school or be worn by the children on the grounds that it can be dangerous to self and others in many school activities, in particular playtimes and PE. Earrings should not be worn and children will be asked to remove them. The school cannot accept any responsibility for loss or damage to personal property. If your child is thinking of having their ears pierced, please can this happen in the first week of the summer holidays. This way, you will have plenty of time to allow earrings to be worn over the summer so that the holes do not heal up. This will avoid your child and school placed in the awkward position of an individual being asked to remove their earrings which are stopping their newly pierced ears from healing up!

Thank you for your support with this issue.

The Association for Physical Education state:

*“Schools have a duty of care to ensure students are able to participate actively without unnecessarily endangering themselves or those working around them. A clear and consistently applied policy for the removal of personal effects should be in place. The Association for Physical Education (afPE) strongly recommends the practice of removing all personal effects at the commencement of every lesson to establish a safe working environment. This applies to all ear and body piercings, including retainer and expander earrings.”*

The Football Association (The FA)

Law 4 of the International Football Association Board (IFAB) Laws of the Game states: *“A player must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to himself or another player, including any kind of jewellery.”*

**Furthermore, the rule around earrings shares a principle with the rules around trainers, PE kits and make-up: Specifically, that there are some families in our community who cannot afford for their children to wear earrings and to keep the children from those families feeling included, the wearing of earrings and jewellery is not permitted.**

## Reading at Home – It Improves Achievement!

Thank you to those parents who, despite having to juggle all the home tasks in an evening such as making a meal, getting uniforms ready for morning and putting children to bed, they are still able to ensure that their child reads every night at home.

A landmark study by the **OECD** found that reading enjoyment is a more important indicator of a child's future academic success than their background.

- **The Findings:** Children from lower-income families who read for pleasure regularly often perform better in school than children from higher-income families who do not read.
- **Life Impact:** This suggests that reading is the single most effective tool for **social mobility**, helping to level the playing field regardless of a child's starting point in life.

The evidence is clear... children reading at home perform much better than those who do not!

## 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 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
- Toys / dolls
- Jewellery
- Please do not bring in rucksacks or extra-large water bottles as they both take up a lot of room

## 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.

## 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.

## Thank you

Thank you to our school community that recognise the job our staff do for our children. We are a partnership with yourselves as parents who are the first educators of the children. Furthermore, we greatly value what you do to support us as a school. We know there are other schools in the area so we are honoured that you have chosen SS Osmund & Andrew's as the school for your children.

Unfortunately, we have had several incidents in the last half term where a very, very small number of parents have been rude or aggressive towards members of our staff. This behaviour is completely unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

The following document from the Department for Education should be noted: "Controlling Access To School Premises." Within this document, it states:

*"Schools can bar someone from the premises if they feel that their aggressive, abusive or insulting behaviour or language is a risk to staff or pupils. It's enough for a member of staff or a pupil to feel threatened."*

The full document can be read by clicking <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/controlling-access-to-school-premises/controlling-access-to-school-premises>

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