

SS OSMUND & ANDREW'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL, BOLTON

NEWSLETTER: Wednesday 11th February 2026

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Our Next Break:

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO RED HOUSE!!

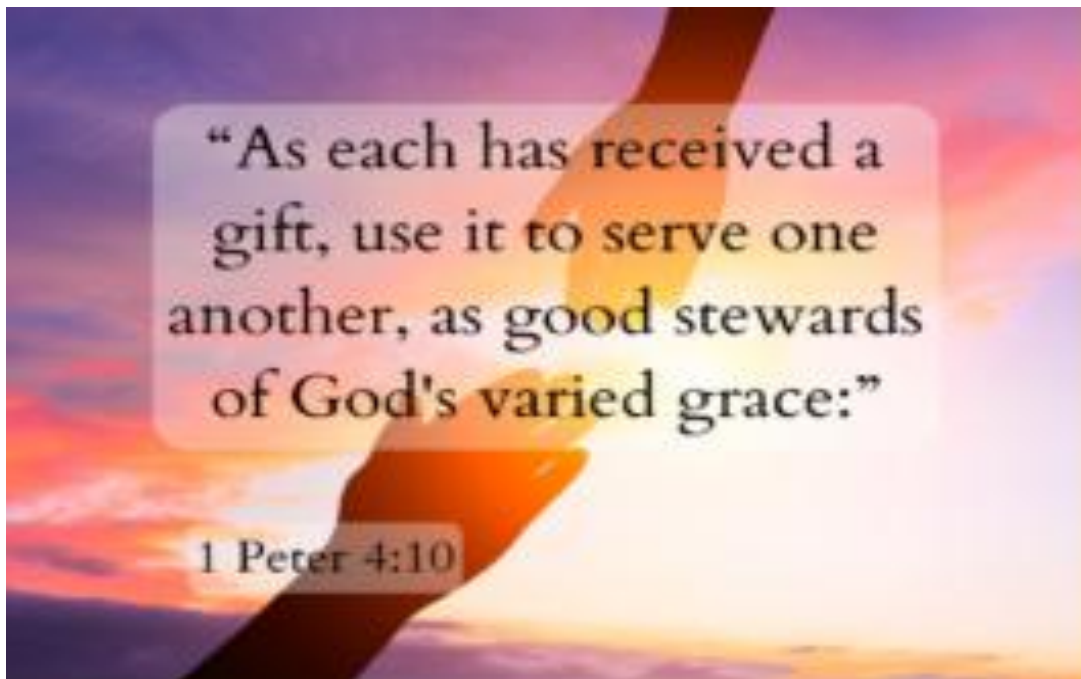
All children in Red House have a non-uniform day on Friday (13th February) as their prize for winning the house points this half term!

If you're in Blue, Green or Yellow... it's uniform as normal, please!

Thought for the Week:

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

I co-operate with others in work and play.



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](#)

Class 1 Assembly.

Class 1 are looking forward to welcoming parents to watch their class assembly this Friday, 13th February at 9am.

Break the Rules Day! Friday 27th February 2026



On Friday 27th February we will be holding a Break the Rules Day to raise funds for CAFOD. **£1 per rule or £5 for as many rules as you'd like to break!**

World Book Day - Thursday 5th March

Our theme this year is "Books Under the Stars". It will be all about cosy reading. Children can come in their pyjamas or anything cosy and bring their torches to read in the book corners and dens throughout the school. Children to bring in a book to read (please put the child's name in the book).

Please can children bring suitable footwear and a coat for playtimes. Children will be bringing home National Book Tokens which they can use to choose a free World Book Day book at participating shops.

Parent Workshop

Woodbridge SEND Service are running a parent workshop – 'Supporting Your Child's Self-Regulation'. The course will take place on Friday 8th May 2027 9.30am-10.30am. The cost of the workshop is £15 per family. Please use the following link to find further information or to book a place on the course - [Training | Woodbridge SEND](#)

The Sacramental Programme

The next date is to attend is:

Sunday 8th March 11am Mass at St Osmund's Church.

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

DATES FOR DIARY

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

13.2.26 – Class 1 assembly 9am

27.2.26 – Break the Rules Day for CAFOD

5.3.26 – World Book Day

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 1st May
- **Class 1** - Friday 13th February
- **Year 3** - Friday 22nd May
- **Year 4** – Friday 19th June
- **Year 6 (Leavers)** Assembly Thursday 16th July

ROLL OF HONOUR

Class Awards

Congratulations to:

Attendance Award goes to the class with the best attendance – **Class 40 97%**

Caritas Award for the Class of the Week, for politeness and showing Love, Faith and Hope – **Class 1**

Golden Bin for the class who have kept their classroom the tidiest – **Class 2**

House Points – well done to **Red House** for winning this week!

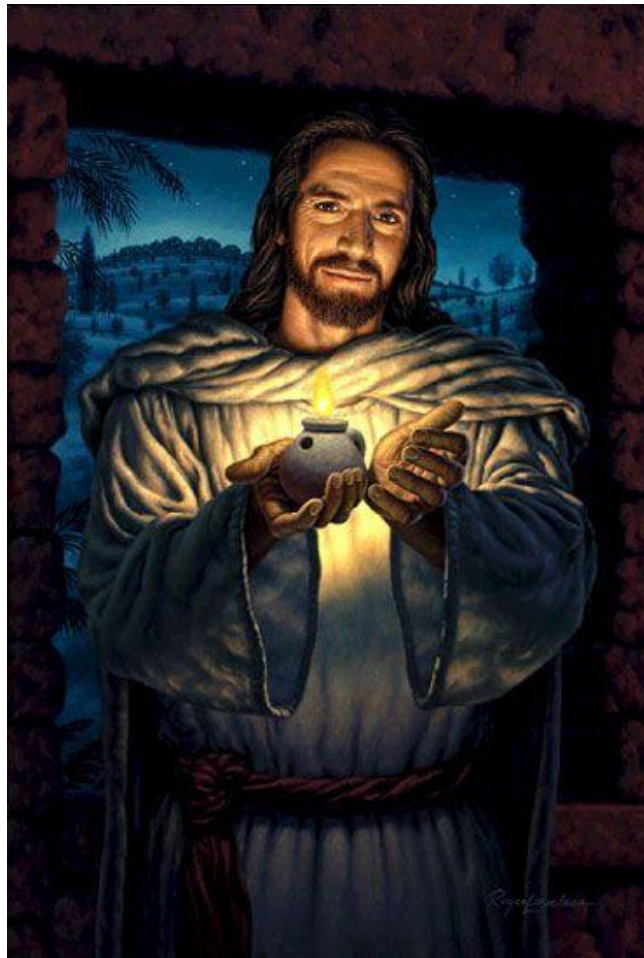
The Gospel Reading of the Week Please share this with your child.

Matthew 5:14-16

One day Jesus said, “No-one lights a lamp and then covers it up, because then they could not see in the darkness.

They put the lamp up high so the rays shine out!

You are like lamps, with the brightness of God’s love and goodness shining out from you. When you are good you will bring light into the world around you, and others will see you and thank God for sharing his goodness.”



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), 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 40** who had the highest attendance last week. Their attendance was 97%

Whole school attendance last week was as follows:

Foundation	94.91%
Class 1	94.35%
Class 1/2	93%
Class 2	95%
30	95.96%
3A	95.20%
40	97%
4A	92.67%
50	96.45%
5A	95.67%
60	96.40%
6A	92.76%
Whole School	94.93%



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](#).

Our 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.

This Week's Reminders:

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.

Vaping

Please can I remind our parents that smoking and vaping are banned on our school premises to support our message to children to not partake in vaping and smoking. Thank you for your co-operation and support.

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.

The DfE's Document: "Working together to improve attendance (August 2024)" can be found here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/66bf300da44f1c4c23e5bd1b/Working_together_to_improve_school_attendance_-_August_2024.pdf states the following:

"Where a pupil has arrived late after the register has closed but before the end of session:

*Schools should actively discourage late arrival, be alert to patterns of late arrival and seek an explanation from the parent. All schools are expected to set out in their attendance policy the length of time the register will be open, **after which a pupil will be recorded as absent.** This should be the same for every session and not longer than 30 minutes."*

Our registers close at 9.30am. Please note that your child will be marked absent if they arrive after this time (and the registers have been submitted). The absence will be unauthorised, unless the circumstances fall under the circumstances which can be authorised which are set out from page 80 of the DfE's regulations.

Our school's Attendance Policy has to follow this guidance and can be found here:

<https://www.ssoarc.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=454&type=pdf>

Cycling to School (Y5/6)

Children will only be allowed to cycle to school if:

- Children dismount at the school gate and walk their bikes on school grounds
- The child wears a helmet.
- The bicycle is in good working order making it safe (eg: the brakes work, the handlebars are on straight, etc)
- Children cycle outside the school grounds with care and attention, obeying traffic laws and not engaging in dangerous behaviour (there will be cycle patrols by staff).
- Children in Year 4 or below should be accompanied by an adult.

If a child fails to comply with these rules, permission to cycle to school will be withdrawn.

This action is to reduce the number of incidents where our children have put themselves at risk.

Lip balm

Children can be allergic to lip balm, and the worry is that if a child who is allergic uses their friend's lip balm.

Therefore, lip balm can only be used in school if a parent is able to come in and administer the lip balm (and take the lip balm off site with them when they leave). This can be arranged with the office. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Fidget Toys

Only fidget toys (and [popping mats) supplied by school are the only ones that can be used in school. This is because they are assigned to certain children who our team feel their use will help them concentrate. If your child has not been identified, then their use will usually mean that they distract both themselves and those around them. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Mobile Phones

Please note that only Year 6 children are allowed mobile phones in school without a letter and this is under the strict conditions of the phones not being switched on when in school, and that they must be handed in when children arrive and collected at home time. This includes all events such as discos, etc. Any child breaking this rule will not be allowed to bring their mobile phone into school.

Valuables and Money

Please remember that school does not take any responsibility for loss or damage to valuable items including money, and thus we ask children not to bring them into school.

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

PE Kit

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct PE kit. Football shirts, hoodies and tracksuit tops are NOT school PE uniform and are not to be worn.

The PE kit is:

- White t-shirt (*The school polo shirt can be worn or a 'round neck' white t-shirt*)
- Blue shorts
- Black slip on pumps for indoor lessons
- Black pumps or trainers for outdoor lessons
- Black tracksuit bottoms for (winter) outdoor lessons
- School jumper for outdoor lessons (over the top of the t-shirt)

Sometimes children turn up in a kit for PE that includes branded (eg Nike, Adidas, Puma, etc) t-shirts and tops, hoodies, football shirts, and so on, often without their parents' knowledge.

When it is your child's PE day, please ensure that they come to school in the correct PE kit. If your child is unable to wear the correct kit, please send them with a letter so that we know that you are aware they are wearing something different.

We do not allow make up in school as the principle of other children not being able to afford make up / not being allowed to wear make up applies, as it does to trainers and branded PE kits.

We have said to the children that if they come in trainers, make up and branded tops, this may look bad if seen by the public, for example parents who visit Little Ozzie's who will have a good view of the playground when they enter their premises. Therefore, there is the possibility that we will not allow children onto the playground who are not wearing the correct uniform so that our reputation remains strong in the community.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

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