

SS OSMUND & ANDREW'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL, BOLTON

NEWSLETTER: Wednesday 11th March 2026

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Our Next Break:

School closes at 3.15pm on Thursday 2nd April 2026.
We reopen at 8.45am on Monday 20th April 2026

Park and Stride

We kindly ask that, where possible, you "**Park and Stride.**" By parking even just five minutes away from the school gates, you help reduce congestion, keep our children visible to drivers, and—ironically—usually enjoy a much quicker and less stressful exit than those caught in the bottleneck.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school community safe.

Thought for the Week:

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

In Lent I try to pray more.



The Sacramental Programme

The next date is to attend is:

Sunday 26th March 11am Mass at St Osmund's Church.
All dates for the Sacramental Programme can be found [here](#)

Own Clothes Day – Friday 13th March

A quick reminder that we are holding an own clothes day **this Friday**. We are asking for donations of Easter Eggs or Easter Chocolate towards our upgoing Easter Bingo. Thank you in advance for your support.

Book Fair

Our Book Fair has been delivered and will be running in the school hall after school each day for the next week, until **Tuesday 17th March.**

Year 3 / 4 Easter Play

A letter was emailed home last week with the links to book tickets for the Y3/4 Easter plays, which take place on **Tuesday 24th March at 2pm & 6pm.** Parents / guardians of children in Year 3 & Year 4 can book tickets up till Friday 20th March. Please email the office after this date if you would like to apply for any additional tickets.

Red Nose Day – Friday 20th March



On **Friday 20th March**, we will be supporting **RED NOSE DAY**. Children can come to school in their own clothes, preferably something **RED**. Donations can be made online using this [link](#)

World Art Day – Friday 27th March

On **Friday 27th March** we will be celebrating World Art Day. Children can come to school in their own clothes on this day. The theme this year is "A Garden of Expression: Cultivating Community Through Art." This year the children can come dressed in anything that promotes creative activity worldwide, honour Leonardo de Vinci, symbolising PEACE, Freedom of Expression and Multiculturalism, or just bright and colourful clothes.

Sustainable Easter Garden Competition

We are asking children to make a **sustainable** Easter Garden this year. The competition is open to all year groups with prizes given to the winner of each year class. An information leaflet has been emailed home with a 'How To Guide'.

Ideas of what you may need:

- An old plant pot
- Two twigs/sticks to make a cross
- Twine or wool to hold the cross together
- Soil or compost
- Stones
- Cress or any other seed/living plant
- Water



Please bring in your pots on **Tuesday 31st March** with judging happening on **Wednesday 1st April** and prizes given to the winning Easter Gardens on **Thursday 2nd April**.

Easter Bingo – Tuesday 31st March



On **Tuesday 31st March**, we will be holding our annual family Easter Bingo. This is going to be a great event for all the family. Entry is £1 per person, and will payable on ParentPay (details to follow). Bingo tickets / books will be available to buy on ParentPay or on the night, for those who have paid for entry. There will be hot food and refreshments for sale. All prizes will be chocolate

related! In order to assist with prizes, we will be holding a non-uniform day on **Friday 13th March**, when we will be asking for donations of Easter eggs / Easter chocolate. The first game of Easter Bingo will start at **4pm**, entry from **3.20pm** for refreshments. Thank you in advance for your support.

EDSTART – Easter Holiday Club

EdStart, who provide our PE lessons each Monday and our very successful Sports After School Clubs on Mondays and Tuesdays, are holding an Easter Holiday club at St Maxentius Primary School which you can book at <https://edstart.org.uk/franchise-areas/bolton>

DATES FOR DIARY

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

13.3.26 – Own clothes day – donations of Easter Eggs.

20.3.26 – Red Nose Day. Wear something **red**. [Online donations](#)

24.3.26 – Year 3 & Year 4 Easter plays 2pm & 6pm

27.3.26 – World Art Day – Own Clothes – see additional information

30.3.26 – Parents' Evening Y1-Y6 – Details to follow

31.3.26 – Deadline for Easter Garden Competition.

31.3.26 – Easter Bingo – 4pm. Booking details to follow.

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

ROLL OF HONOUR

Class Awards

Attendance Award goes to the class with the best attendance – **Class 3A 100%, you get the biscuit tins again this week. What a score!**

Caritas Award for the Class of the Week, for politeness and showing Love, Faith and Hope – **Foundation Golden Bin** for the class who have kept their classroom the tidiest – **1 / 2 House Points** – well done to **Green House** for winning this week!

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: Myla R-H for excellent work and effort in phonics this week.

Freya B for super maths skills and being a good role model to her friends.

Year 1: Iona C for the amazing progress she has made in her Phonics Screening Score.

Year 1 / 2: Zayaan R - For working so hard all the time and always being a super role model of great behaviour!

Year 2: Marley D for his excellent description of Mr Twit in his writing assessment this term!

30: Percy C for excellent backhand and overhead shots in Badminton 🏸 Well done Percy

3A: Ellie P for her kindness, helpfulness, and effort this week, always looking out for others and trying her best in every assessment. Well done!

40: Nathan Z for super effort in PE and for demonstrating an excellent serve in badminton! Well done!

4A: Una T for her excellent maths skills...

50: Ella Rose M for fantastic listening skills in Maths! Well done!

5A: Sophie S for a super improvement in her writing skills!

60: Cole W for a fantastic diary entry in English! Well done!

6A: Cennet C for her progress across the board, in all subjects. Plus, she is helpful, polite and a brilliant friend!

Guitarist of the Half Term: Harrison L-H (4A) for his Smooth performance on "Reggae Gaga".

Handwriting and Presentation Award: Darla T (Foundation)

Reading Award: Noah J (60)

Assistant Head Teacher Award: Carter B (Class 1) for his wonderful art plate and fantastic engagement in Collective Worship.

Deputy Head Teacher Award: Talia T (3A) for super artwork in her RE lesson. Well done Talia!

Head Teacher Award: Samuel M (60) for making outstanding progress in reading, maths and grammar

'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 17: 1-10

One day Jesus asked Peter, James and John to come and pray with him. He led them to the top of a steep mountain, where it was peaceful and quiet, to be alone. Jesus began to pray to his Heavenly Father when suddenly he appeared to change! His face and clothes shone with a brilliant light, as dazzling as the rays of the sun.

Then the disciples saw Moses and Elijah on either side of Jesus, talking to him. Peter jumped up with excitement and said, "Lord, this is wonderful! I could make three shelters (which was a great celebration) – one for each of you!"

At that moment a cloud streaming with light appeared above them and a voice said, "This is my Son, I love him very much. Listen to what he says." The disciples were so terrified that they threw themselves to the ground and hid their faces. Then Jesus said gently, "Get up my friends, do not be afraid." When they looked up, Jesus was standing alone.

As they came down from the mountain together, Jesus told them firmly, "You must not tell anyone about what to have seen today, until the Son of God has risen from the dead."

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.

ATTENDANCE

Well done to **Class 3A** who had the highest attendance last week. Their attendance was **100%**!

Whole school attendance last week was as follows:

Foundation	96.38%
Class 1	99.13%
Class 1/2	92.67%
Class 2	96.33%
3O	98.15%
3A	100%
4O	97.67%
4A	97.67%
5O	96.45%
5A	98.62%
6O	96.40%
6A	95.52%
Whole School	96.72%



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.

Parent Support

LiveWell Trail – Wednesday 18th March

Learn about your local support network & shape the future of LiveWell in Brightmet. An opportunity to connect with your community. Please see the leaflet emailed home or on our Facebook page.

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](#)

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>

Woodbridge SEND Parent Workshops

Woodbridge SEND Service are running various parent workshops, for example 'Supporting Your Child's Self-Regulation' and 'Neurodiversity Family Support'. Please use the following link to search and book these or future courses: [Training | Woodbridge SEND](#)

Bolton Family Hub

Bolton Family Hub are running a Free Workshop for Parents/Carers of Children Under 5 – Supporting Early Language Development [SS Osmund & Andrew's RCP School - Community Groups](#)

This Week's Reminders:

Packed Lunches

Eating behaviours and habits are formed in early life and good nutrition in childhood can help to prevent a variety of health problems, both in the short term and later in life. There is increasing concern that many children are consuming too much fat, sugar and salt and too little fibre, fruit and vegetables.

School meals which are provided by the school must adhere to the Government School Food Standards which have been in place since 2015. These standards ensure that children are offered healthy, nutritious meals. They state, for example, that:

- One or more portions of vegetables are to be on the menu every day
- There is an emphasis on wholegrain foods in place of refined carbohydrates (e.g. brown bread instead of white)
- No more than 2 portions of pastry products are to be served each week
- One or more portions of fruit are to be on the menu every day
- Drinking water is made available

Unfortunately, there are no such standards for packed lunches brought in from home. Packed lunches can contribute to almost a third of a child's weekly food intake, therefore we want to encourage healthy packed lunches for those children who bring them into school.

We would like to provide a reasonable suggestion for a healthy packed lunch which is:

- 1) A portion of bread (or similar), rice, potatoes or pasta
- 2) Plenty of fruit and vegetables
- 3) A portion of dairy or a calcium rich alternative such as cheese or yoghurt
- 4) Some protein eg boiled egg, chicken, Quorn, tuna, etc
- 5) A healthy drink such as milk or water. Advice is to try to avoid fruit juices and fizzy drinks – if necessary, switch to no-added sugar cordial instead.

Own Risk

Please note that all equipment required by the children is already in school and there is no need for children to bring in equipment unless we have specifically requested this. All equipment is brought in at the child's own risk and we can accept no responsibility for any items that are lost. We would recommend that items are NOT brought in from home. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Morning Hand Over

Please note that we have staff on the door for you to hand your children over to. We appreciate that Year 6 children will increasingly walk to school as the year goes on. However, the younger children will need to be walked to the entrance by the adult that brings them to school. Please avoid staying in your car or asking the children to run from the school gate. At any point between the car/gate and the school door, we will not know the whereabouts of your child and cannot be held responsible for their safety. Therefore, we politely ask that you bring your child onto the school grounds and ensure that they safely make it through the school entrance doors before you set off for work, etc. Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

Internet Safety at Home

Please monitor your child's online use by not letting them use their phone/tablet in a room where they are not with an adult. Set up rules whereby you are allowed to check the phone/tablet at any time. If they see anything that they are not comfortable with, please set up a system where your child will report this to you straight away. If you are reporting something that is of a concern to school, please try to get a screenshot / photo of the screen to help us investigate. Most broadband providers operate a 'firewall' that you can switch on for your home broadband, that tries to stop all inappropriate material being displayed on any laptop, tablet, phone or device that connects to your home's wifi. For more details, contact your provider, Eg: Sky: 0800 151 2747 Talk Talk: 0345 454 1111 EE: 0800 079 5119

United Front

Anyone who works in a school will tell you that when children can see a difference of opinion between home and school, things can break down. I am pleased to say that at SSOA, our parents will always present a united front to the children – and we discuss any differences of opinions behind closed doors. The golden rule is that on the rare occasions that Home and School disagree, the children must never know! Thank you so much for your co-operation in this matter.

Pencil Cases

Please note that pencil cases are not allowed in class as they take up room on tables and easily get lost.

Nuts

Please remember that we have a number of children who are allergic to nuts. Therefore, please ensure that your child does not bring any products containing nuts into school.

School Uniform – Shoes

Shoes are part of the school uniform. If you are unable to send your child into school with shoes, please send a letter to your class teacher explaining this. This is because we have experienced a small number of instances where children have been wearing trainers and their parents knew nothing about this! Please also ensure that long hair is tied back. Thank you for your support.

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.

Social Media: Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram, etc

In line with other schools, we would like to strongly recommend that children do not have access to social media (even under parent supervision) until they are old enough to have an email account, which we believe is 13.

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