

SS OSMUND & ANDREW'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL, BOLTON

NEWSLETTER: Wednesday 25th March 2026



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Thank You!

On behalf of everyone at SSOA, I'd like to thank all those who have given us messages of support over the measures we have been advised to take to try and contain Strep A. Whilst we can't wait to return to normal after Easter, we have very much enjoyed your support over this difficult time. Thank you so much.

Staffing

I'm very sad to announce that Mr Townsend will be leaving us at Easter to pursue his career in pastures new. We will miss him very much and wish him lots of luck for the future.
But I'm also very pleased to be able to announce that Miss Comer will be back with us after Easter from her Maternity Leave, and she will be taking over from Mr Townsend in Year 4A. It will be great to have her back.
We are sad to announce that Mrs Delvard will be leaving us at Easter. We are immensely grateful for her hard work and kindness; she will be greatly missed by the whole school community.

Our Next Break:

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

Thought for the Week:

Please chat through at home with your child(ren) the school's Thought for the Week which is:
I remember in Holy Week that Jesus died as an act of love for us.

A LITTLE GUIDE TO THE HOLY WEEK



	PALM SUNDAY Jesus, amid the cheering crowd, rides on a donkey to Jerusalem
	HOLY MONDAY Jesus visits his friends in Bethany and Mary anoints the feet of Jesus.
	HOLY TUESDAY Jesus foretells the betrayal of Judas and the denial of Peter
	HOLY WEDNESDAY Judas makes a deal with the high priests; he turns Jesus over for 30 silver coins
	HOLY THURSDAY The Last Supper takes place. Jesus institutes the sacraments of the Eucharist and priesthood.
	GOOD FRIDAY Jesus is sentenced to death by crucifixion. He died on the cross, and was buried in a tomb.
	HOLY SATURDAY Jesus descends into the Abyss
	EASTER SUNDAY Jesus rises from the dead!

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 Raffle

There is still time to return your tickets for our Easter Raffle. Tickets are still available to buy for our Easter raffle. If you would like to enter, please send the money, for however many you would like to buy (tickets are £1 each), along with one copy of the tickets you're buying, back to school. Keep the matching tickets safe until the draw which will take place on Tuesday 31st March. We will email home all the winning raffle numbers. If you have any of the winning tickets, please bring them to the school office to claim your prize. Tickets are also available to buy from the school office.

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>

ROLL OF HONOUR

Class Awards

Attendance Award Winners – 50 (94.84%), you get the biscuit tin this week! What a score!!

Golden Bin – 30 you have the Golden Bin as your paper bin all week!

Caritas Award – 50, you get an extra break for being the class of the week!

House Points – Red House are this week's winners!

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.

DATES FOR DIARY

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

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

30.3.26 – Parents' Evening Y1-Y6 – **Online**

31.3.26 – Deadline for Easter Garden Competition.

27.4.26 – Class Photographs

29/30.4.26 – 50 Bikeability

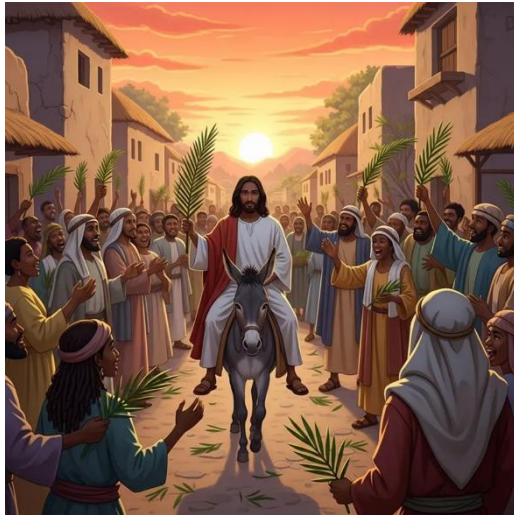
More dates for diaries can be found [here](#).

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

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



Matthew 21:1-11

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the Mount of Olives just outside Jerusalem. He sent two of the disciples to the next village to collect a donkey and her foal. "If anyone stops you, tell them that they are for me," he said. They brought the animals back to Jesus, and put cloaks on their backs so that Jesus could ride on them. When the people heard that Jesus was coming, they laid their cloaks on the road before him, and pulled branches off the palm trees to wave in the air. The crowds grew more and more excited and shouted at the top of their voices, "Hosanna, Hosanna! Blessed is the one sent by the Lord!" Excitement filled the whole city, and some people asked, "Who is this man?" The people answered them, "It is Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

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.

The Sacramental Programme

The next date is to attend is:

Sunday 26th April 11am Mass at St Osmund's Church.

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

ATTENDANCE

Well done to **Class 50** who had the highest attendance last week. Their attendance was **100%**!

Whole school attendance last week was as follows:

Foundation	89.36%
Class 1	83.04%
Class 1/2	75%
Class 2	65.33%
30	91.85%
3A	93.75%
40	88.33%
4A	88.33%
50	94.84%
5A	86.55%
60	91.20%
6A	89.43%
Whole School	86.42%



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](#).

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:

Sun Cream – in the warm weather...

In hot weather, children may bring sun cream and sun hats (with your child's name in) into school. Sun cream must be in a bottle with your child's name on and must be stored in the area designated by the classteacher. Staff are not responsible for administering sun cream. During the day, the child can self-administer the sun cream. Alternatively, an "all day" sun cream is available that can be applied before the school day starts (please check the various products before you decide which "all day" sun cream is the most suitable for your child).

Coats

Please ensure that your child is coming into school wearing a coat when the weather is wet. Thank you.

Headlice

Every so often, there is an outbreak of these determined little creatures in every school. Please could you assist us by checking your child's hair regularly and treating accordingly if you come across the little beasties before your child returns to school. Thank you for your co-operation. Apologies if you have read this and it has made you scratch your scalp!!!!

SS Osmund & Andrew's Nursery

If you would like to apply for a place in our Nursery Class for September 2026, please contact our school office either by phone (01204 333070) or by email (office@ss-osands.bolton.sch.uk) and our staff will be able to assist you. When applying for places, please do not confuse our Nursery with the one run by Little Ozzie's as they are a separate organisation to our school. We can only assist you with SS Osmund & Andrew's Nursery.

British Values

We talk about these assembly. British values are Christian values and underpin our school. They are the same as Love, Faith and Hope. If your children ask, they are:

Democracy – When everyone has a say.

The Law – Keeps us all safe.

Liberty – Having the freedom to choose.

Tolerance & Mutual Respect – Treat all people equally and fairly.

Relationship & Sex Education

At SS Osmund & Andrew's, we appreciate that a great level of care and sensitivity has to be taken towards the teaching of Relationship & Sex Education (RSE). We use a Catholic scheme (called Journey in Love) to deliver this, and another Catholic scheme (called Ten Ten) which completes the full legal requirements of the Department for Education. We also have a visit from the School Nurse to discuss puberty, changes and how they are linked to growing up into adulthood. This of course leads into a discussion about the functions of the reproductive organs, so your child may have questions about this when they have been studying in the lessons.

All lessons in the scheme are taught in an age appropriate way that is approved by Salford Diocese. Please be assured that we have worked hard in sourcing the right materials so that they are ones for the children in our school. If you have any worries or questions about these materials, please do not hesitate to contact school where we can show the Catholic context in which they fit.

Further information can be found on our [website](#).

Staff Car Park

Please can I ask that parents do not use the staff car park to drop off children for everyone's safety. We have had incidents of parents being blocked in, of children running across the car park when cars and lorries are reversing – even when a bin truck was reversing! In addition to this, some parents get stuck in the car park when deliveries arrive. Please use the pedestrian gates and paths provided for safe passage to the school entrance.

“igo” Cards

ATTENTION TO ALL CHILDREN IN YEAR 6 CATCHING THE BUS TO HIGH SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER!

If you are aged 11 to 16, you must have an “igo” card to travel using any child ticket on buses in Greater Manchester. You can also use your igo card as proof of age for travelling by tram with a child ticket. You will need proof of age ID from age 11 on Metrolink.

Do you qualify?

To qualify for an igo card you must be:

- aged between 5 and 16
- be a permanent resident of, or go to school in, Greater Manchester

For more information, please go to: <https://tfgm.com/tickets-and-passes/igo-pass>

Smart Watches

Please note that watches are allowed to be worn in school as they hold educational value in maths. However, any smart watches that have the capability to take photos must not be brought into school for obvious reasons. Thank you for your support in this matter.

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