

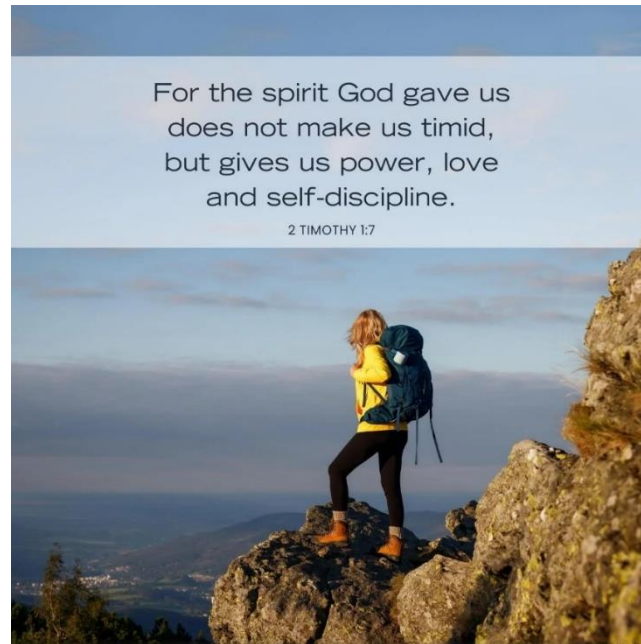
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Our Next Break:

School will close at **2pm** on **17th July 2026**.
We reopen at 8.45am on Wednesday 2nd September.
The term dates can be found on our [website](#)



Thought for the Week:

Please chat through at home with your child(ren) the school's Thought for the Week which is:
I can recognise comfortable and uncomfortable feelings.

Sports Day

Sports Day will take place on Monday 29th June 2026 (weather permitting!) Times will be confirmed next week.

AM – EYFS and KS1
PM – KS2

Number Day 2026 – Friday 26th June

Our Number Day in school this year will take place on **Friday 26th June**. Our theme this year is 'Numbers in the Bible'. We are asking children to make and wear a hat, mask, necklace or t-shirt related to numbers in the Bible. This could include, but is not limited to:

- the 7 days in the creation story
- the animals going into Noah's ark 2 by 2
- the 10 commandments
- the 3 parts of the trinity
- the 40 days and nights Jesus spent in the wilderness
- the 12 disciples
- the feeding of the 5000

Children will complete fun activities linked to numbers in the Bible and there will be prizes for the best and most creative outfits. Thank you for your continued support, Mr Brooks Maths Leader

Message from Mrs Davis

It is with a very heavy heart that I'm letting you know that I shall be leaving school at the end of this summer term. I have very mixed emotions to be leaving St. Osmund and Andrew's - the Best School in Bolton but I am embarking on a new chapter of my life alongside my husband as we both retire and start our travelling adventures. From the first day I came into OSANDS back in December 2019 I was immediately made to feel very welcome and have loved being part of the fabulous OSANDS family. There is nowhere else I'd want to teach and work, both for the wonderful, amazing children and the super staff. I shall miss you all very much. During my time here at Osmund & Andrew's I have worked in the Nursery, Y4/3 and Y3. I have loved it all. I have especially loved being the school ART subject lead, a role that I will miss. Here at OSANDS we have so many gifted, talented and fantastic artists throughout the whole school and it has been a pleasure and a privilege to see so much wonderful and amazing artwork over the years that the children have produced. I will miss dressing up as the Mona Lisa on World Art Day! But hopefully, this won't be the end and I will come back into school on occasions to visit you all. Thank you for all your support over the years.

Best regards
Mrs Davis

New Uniform Policy – September 2026

As we look forward to the next academic year, we would like to share an important update regarding our school uniform. From September, all children from Year 1 upwards will be moving to a new formal uniform consisting of a shirt and tie, replacing the previous polo shirt and no-tie policy.

This change comes after careful consideration and a joint decision between the children on the School Council and our Board of Governors. Our student representatives were keen to bring a sense of pride and a "grown-up" feel to our school attire, and the governors have fully supported this vision for our school identity.

Understanding the New Tie Options

To keep the morning routine as stress-free as possible, we have decided not to use manual (self-tie) ties. Instead, we have selected options that are easy for children to manage independently:

Infant Pupils: We have comfortable elasticated ties designed for smaller hands.

Junior Pupils: We have smart clip-on ties.

Parental Choice: While we recommend the clip-ons for older children, parents are more than welcome to choose the elasticated ties for their child all the way through their school years if they prefer.

Where to Buy

To make the transition easier, ties will be available through the following outlets:

- In-School: We will be stocking ties directly at the school office.
- Smart Clothing: You can also purchase them from Smart Clothing on Bolton Market, where they stock our full uniform range.

Supporting the Transition

We understand that any change can bring a bit of anxiety. Here are some tips to help your child get ready for September:

Practice Makes Perfect: During the summer break, have a few "dress rehearsals."

Letting your child practice buttoning their shirt in a relaxed environment can build great confidence.

The "One-Finger Rule": Ensure collars are not too tight. You should be able to fit one or two fingers comfortably between the collar and the neck.

Sensory Advice

For children with sensory sensitivities, we want to ensure they remain comfortable while looking smart:

Soft Fabrics: Look for "easy-iron" or "soft-touch" shirts, which often have softer seams than standard cotton.

Washing First: Washing new shirts a few times with a familiar fabric softener before September can help remove factory stiffness.

Tagless Options: If labels are a distraction, many retailers now offer tagless shirts. Alternatively, labels can be carefully trimmed away at home.

We are very proud of our School Council for leading this initiative and thank you for your continued support in helping our pupils look their best as they represent our school community.

DATES FOR DIARY

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

18.6.26 – Year 1 trip

18.6.26 – Welcome visit for Reception September 2026 parents 5.30pm-6pm

19.6.26 – Year 4 class assembly

22.6.26 – Year 3 swimming starts. Daily for 2 weeks.

22.6.26 – Year 2 Trip

23.6.26 – Year 4 Trip

24.6.26 – Year 3 Trip

25.6.26 – Year 6 Trip

26.6.26 – Number Day

29.6.26 – Sports Day – EYFS & KS1 am, KS2 pm.

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

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

All parents and Carers invited into school to watch their children: 9am start

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

ROLL OF HONOUR

Class Awards

Attendance Award Winners – **3A (100%)** you get the biscuit tin this week! What a score!!

Golden Bin - 3O had the tidiest classroom!

Caritas Award - 4A were the Class of the Week!

House Points - Red House!

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 certificate.

Foundation: **Kaleb A** for fantastic reading both at home and at school. Well done Kaleb!

Frankie C for trying really hard with his sentence writing. Well done Frankie!

Year 1: **Koby E** for the super effort he puts into reading at home and completing his Phonics homework.

Year 1/2 : **Ness Y** for making a fantastic start since joining our school. Welcome and well done Ness.

Year 2: **Nayel A** for showing super determination and resilience in his assessments this term! He should be very proud of himself!

3O: **Leo A** for writing a great Biography about Coco Chanel and also for superb CPR skills with Lee the Paramedic this afternoon. We are all in safe hands. Well done Leo.

3A: **Heavenly Joy B** for an amazing arithmetic score on her recent assessment and super CPR skills with Anya the paramedic

4O: **Dottie P** for a great improvement in her assessments. We are so proud!

4A: **Nylah S** for being an amazing friend and for being a superb role model! You are Year 5 ready

5O: **Leo B and Tilly P** for a fantastic victory at the Bolton School annual Science competition! Very proud of you!

5A: **Levi W & Natalia N** for winning the Inter-Schools Science Competition!! We are so proud of you!!

6O: **Frankie McC** for fantastic ideas during Geography this week.

6A: **Frankie S** for his fantastic effort during our Fort Alice session on Healthy Relationships! Naomi was very impressed!

Guitarist of the Week: **Sofia S (4O)** for lovely playing on the "Batman Theme" & Natalie Nussbam. For Independent learning on "Carry me Home" a big achievement

Handwriting & Presentation Award: **Kyrie K (3A)**

Reading Award: **Narvel M (5O)**

Assistant Head Award: **Anthony R-Z (4O)** for a fantastic effort in his writing!!

Deputy Head Award: **Pippa B 5O** for how she has approached her tests with determination this week.

Headteacher Award: **Oliver R (5O)** for being a superstar during lunchtime for having perfect manners and respect to staff and helping with the equipment.

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

2 Chronicles 15:7



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

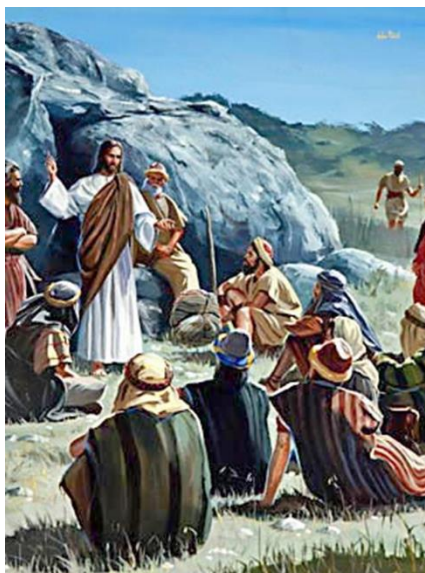
Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples travelled to a mountain in Galilee, where they had arranged to meet. When they saw Jesus, they worshipped him. Jesus came close and said, "I am sending you out into the world. Go and make disciples of all people. Baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Teach them to follow my example, and remember, I am always with you until the very end of time."

The Interpretation

Jesus shows us that God is a team of love: the Father who made us, the Son who saves us, and the Spirit who guides us.



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.

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.

Catholic Family Holidays in the Lake District

Castlerigg Manor in Keswick (heart of the Lake District) is offering budget-friendly holidays for Catholic families during August and early September. Breakfast and evening meal are included and there will be Mass on site. Guests have full use of the site including the grounds, games room chapel and lounges. Castlerigg is just a short walk from Keswick and Lake Derwentwater. Ideal for individuals, couples, families or groups. Contact via: www.castleriggmanor.com

ATTENDANCE

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

Whole school attendance last week was as follows:

Foundation	94.91%
Class 1	92.92%
Class 1/2	98%
Class 2	96.67%
3O	98.15%
3A	100%
4O	95.17%
4A	94.14%
5O	91.33%
5A	90.37%
6O	93.6%
6A	86.55%
Whole School	94.32%



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

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](#)

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20th July - 28th August
St Maxentius Primary School

- **09:00 - 15:30**
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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.

Inhalers

If your child has an inhaler, please ensure that the inhaler is kept in school, and that it is not out of date. Thank you.

Operation Encompass

Operation Encompass is where all schools receive timely information about incidents of domestic violence that the police have attended. Schools can then support all children who have witnessed domestic abuse. For more information, please click on: www.operationencompass.org

Unavoidable Closure

If it is felt necessary to close the school due to weather or building problems, this information will be sent out by text as soon as we possibly can. Please ensure you have the correct number. If you haven't received a text for a significant amount of time (say, a week or more), please check that we have the correct number. Thank you.

Phone Numbers

It is very important that school has an up to date phone number so that we can contact you in the case of an emergency. Please ensure that if you have changed your mobile number, that the office has been informed. Thank you.

Safeguarding Lead team at SSOA

The Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mr Graves, and Mrs Doyle is the Deputy Safeguarding Lead. In addition to this, Mrs Kenyon-Kellett is also fully trained to be safeguarding lead. Please note that the obligation to inform social care regarding child protection is part of the role of all members of the Safeguarding Lead Team.

Water

Please note that only plain water (not flavoured water) is allowed in lessons.

Drinking water and brain function are integrally linked. Lack of water to the brain can cause numerous symptoms including problems with focus, memory, brain fatigue and brain fog, as well as headaches, sleep issues, anger, depression, and many more. The brain is one of the most important organs in the body to keep fuelled. It is approximately 85 percent water and brain function depends on having abundant access to water.

Flavoured water and soft drinks are limited in school to packed lunches (and not lessons) because of the potential health problems associated with high intake of sweetened drinks which are 1) overweight or obesity attributable to additional calories in the diet; 2) displacement of milk consumption, resulting in calcium deficiency with an attendant risk of osteoporosis and fractures; and 3) dental caries and potential enamel erosion.

Water bottles should come into school with your child's name on, and taken home each evening. We cannot accept any responsibility for water bottles left in school overnight.

Valuable Items

We ask that children do not bring in valuable items, including branded clothing. School cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage.