

SS OSMUND & ANDREW'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL, BOLTON

NEWSLETTER: Wednesday 24th June 2026

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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 know how to help others when they are in trouble.

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

Sports Day – Monday 29th June – Children to come in their PE kit

Sports Day this year will be held on the school field on **Monday 29th June** (weather permitting!)

- EYFS (Nursery & Reception) 9.10am – 10.10am
- KS1 10.30am – 11.30am
- Y3 & Y4 12.50pm – 1.50pm
- Y5 & Y6 2pm – 3pm

Parents are welcome to come and watch. Entry for Parents is via the top gate next to the Tansy Green only. All other gates will be locked. Please can parents keep behind the barriers.

Year 6 Transition Days Thornleigh

For Year 6 children who will be starting at Thornleigh in September, there is a welcome evening at Thornleigh on Tuesday 30th June. Children will then attend 2 transition days on Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd July. Please see the Thornleigh website for further information. [Thornleigh Salesian College - Key Stage 2 - Key Stage 3 Transition](#)

Move Up Morning

Children in EYFS – Y5 will have their Move Up Morning on Thursday 2nd July. They will spend time with their new teacher in their new classroom.

UKS2 Talent Show

The UKS2 Talent Show will be held on Tuesday 7th July at 6pm. This will be the only performance. There is no cost to attend. Priority will be given to parents whose children are taking part. All other parents will have the option to reserve a seat from Friday 3rd July. An electronic form will be sent for you to reserve your seats.

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 white 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.

22.6.26 – 3.7.26 – Year 3 swimming daily.

25.6.26 – Year 6 Trip

26.6.26 – Number Day

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

1st & 2nd July -Thornleigh Transition Days

6.7.26 – 6pm KS2 Talent Show

14.7.26 – 6pm Y6 Leavers Mass & Disco

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 (96.29%)** you get the biscuit tin this week! What a score!!

Golden Bin – **4O** had the tidiest classroom!

Caritas Award – **3O** were the Class of the Week!

House Points – **Yellow & Green** 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: **Daisy B** for beautiful creative work. Well done Daisy!

Heidi B for working hard in phonics. Well done Heidi!

Year 1: **Nathan S** for being so mature and sensible this week!

Year 1/2 : **Arabella G** for fantastic answers in science when looking at food chains.

Year 2: **Franco F** for his super engagement at Kenyon Hall Farm! He shared his brilliant knowledge on plants and asked some super questions!

3O: **Isaac H** for conquering his fears and getting into the swimming pool and swimming along both on his front and on his back. Well done Isaac, we're proud of you!

3A: **Joshua H** for his fantastic progress in swimming. Well done Joshua!

4O: **George R** for super effort during our school trip. Well done!

4A: **Lenny McD** for brilliant group work in English and exemplary behaviour on our school trip to the zoo.

5O: **Astaria S** for being determined and pushing herself to achieve in all lessons. Well done!

Mia M for always presenting her work beautifully and for always smiling. Thank you!

5A: **Elsie McD** for a super improvement in her writing skills!

6O: **Zofia S** for fantastic contributions in class relating to WW2.

6A: **Charlie T** for his continued effort in all of his learning.

Guitarist of the Week: **Zuza S (6A)** for good transitions on chord changes.

Handwriting & Presentation Award: **Duriel A (5A)**

Reading Award: **George E (5A)**

Assistant Head Award: **Oliver D (5O)** for his fantastic attitude to learning, positivity and beautiful manners.

Deputy Head Award: **Harvey B** for making super effort to learn new sporting activities in PE. Well done!

Headteacher Award: **George N (3A)** for behaving sensibly on the coach and at swimming. Thank you, George, for being a perfect role model, while out in the community.

'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.

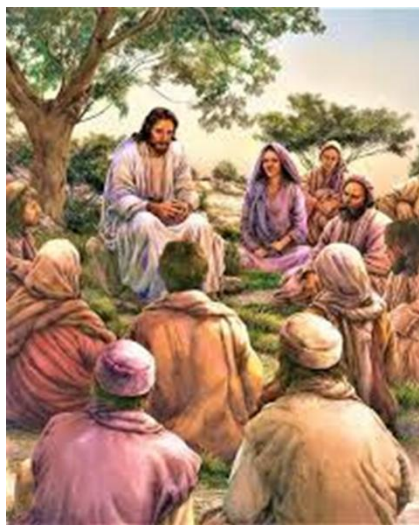
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Jesus said to his friends, "When you do something kind for someone, do not make a big fuss so that everyone notices and praises you. If you give a gift or help a friend, keep it a secret. Your Father in heaven sees what you do in secret, and he will be very happy with you."

Also, when you pray, do not stand on the street corners just so people can see how holy you are. Go into your room, close the door, and pray quietly. True kindness and love come from a quiet, humble heart."

The Interpretation

Jesus is reminding us that real kindness is not about boasting or getting rewards. When we help others or say our prayers quietly, it shows we are doing it for the right reasons—simply to share love.



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 96.29%

Whole school attendance last week was as follows:

Foundation	91.30%
Class 1	91.67%
Class 1/2	94.33%
Class 2	94%
3O	96.12%
3A	96.29%
4O	94.14%
4A	92.07%
5O	88.33%
5A	94.44%
6O	91.60%
6A	87.24%
Whole School	92.03%



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](#)



EDSTART CLUBS

What a line-up...

20th July - 28th August
St Maxentius Primary School

- 09:00 - 15:30**
We offer early drop off from 07:30 and late pick up until 17:30
- Sports & Activities**
JagTag, football, dodgeball, gymnastics, dance, plus many more
- Daily and Weekly Awards**
Star of the Day, Star of the Week certificates, plus Edstart prizes.

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- DBS checked
- First Aid trained
- Safeguarded

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This Week's Reminders

Mobile Phones

Please note that only Year 6 children are allowed mobile phones in school without prior agreement 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 hometime. This includes all events such as discos, etc. Any child breaking this rule will not be allowed to bring their mobile phone into school.

Please note specifically:

- That the phone is switched off AT ALL TIMES on the school premises (in the building or in the outdoor areas). It cannot be switched on again until the child has left through the gate.
- The phone is stored in school – it goes in a box in Y6 that is sent to the office.
- No-one is to touch, or be allowed to touch a phone that belongs to someone else.
- That the phone is brought into school at the child's own risk – school cannot be held responsible for any damage or loss which may occur as a result of the child bringing the phone into school.

If a child breaches these rules, restrictions will be put in place. These include, the phone being confiscated, a parent will be asked to arrange the collection of the phone from school and the child will not be allowed to bring a phone to school.

Facebook

I would like to think that we have demonstrated that as a school that we respond effectively to issues that parents bring to our attention. However, from time to time there are a small number of comments that have been posted by members of our school community on social media, including Facebook. This is unfair as social media is not a forum that the school can respond on. It is also not very productive as it is not a forum where the problem can be solved.

Furthermore, negative comments on social media about our school that come to our attention will be checked to see if they are breaches of the Parents and Visitors Code of Conduct, and if they are, action will be taken by the school.

Thank you to all our parents who use choose to address our school directly to solve problems that have arisen.

Leverhulme Park

We regularly receive reports of incidents from Leverhulme Park which include bicycles being stolen, hats being taken, mobiles phones being taken, threats being made, fights, intimidation, children being forced to try cigarettes or vapes, children being assaulted by other children – and some of the other children involved are older. Our strong advice, and also that of our local police, is that children should not go to Leverhulme Park without an adult to accompany them to ensure that they are safe.

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 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 beasts 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 2027, (we are now full for September 2026 and have a waiting list), 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.

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.

Fidget Toys

Only fidget toys (and [popping mats, ear defenders, chewllery, wobble cushions and other aids) 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.

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