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OUR NEWSLETTER IS NOW EVERY MONDAY!!

Our Next Break:

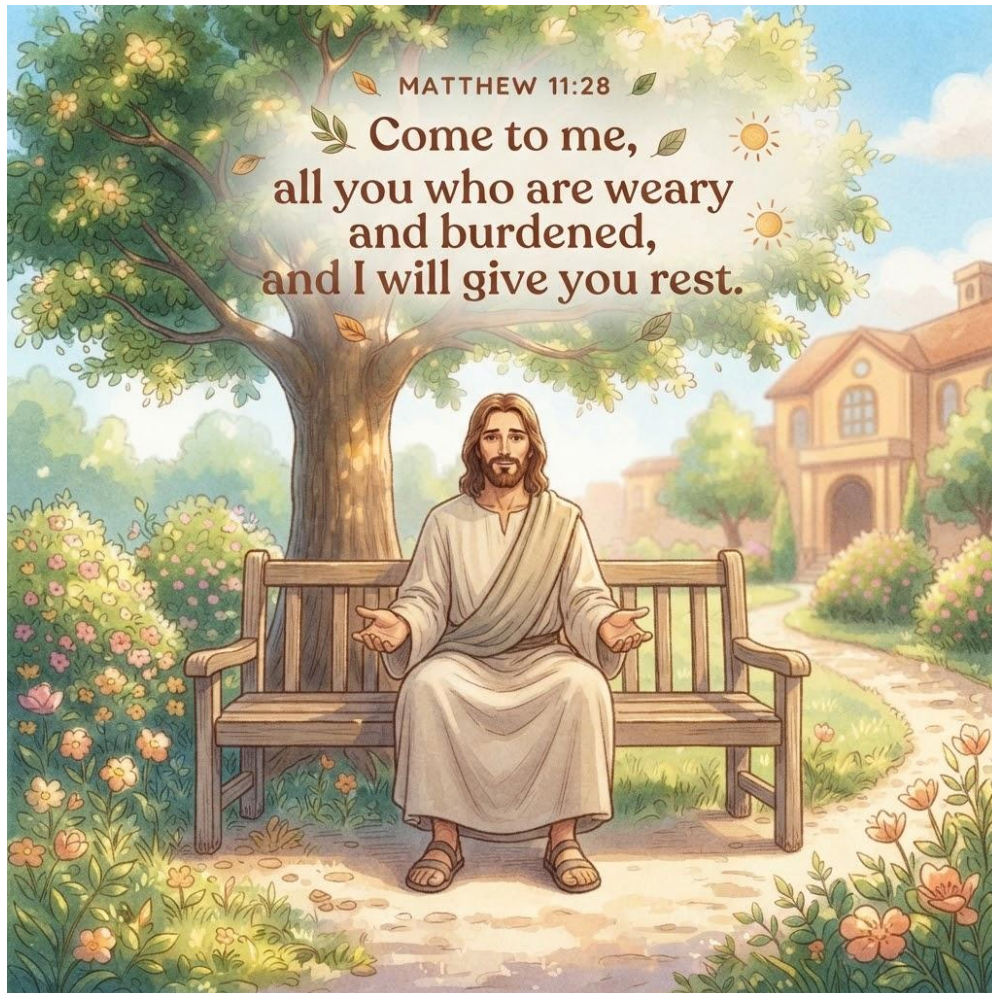
School will close at **3.15pm** on **Friday 23rd October**
We reopen at **8.45am** on **Monday 2nd November**.

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 say how I feel.



First Holy Communion

This week, some of our children will start their Sacramental Programme. On **Wednesday 23rd September** at **6pm**, a parents meeting is being held in Church. On **Sunday 27th September** at **11am**, children will be presented at Mass. Please keep our children in your thoughts and prayers as they start this important journey in their Faith.

Meet the Teacher
The remaining meet the teacher dates can be found below.

Monday 21st September: **Year 5, Year 6, Year 1/2**

Tuesday 22nd September: **Year 1**

Thursday 24th September **Foundation (a member of the local Family Hub Team will also be attending, providing information on support available to families)**

Open Day for School Admissions for September 2027

We are holding an Open Day on Thursday 15th October for children who are due to start in Reception in September 2027. There are 2 tours being held, one at 9:30am and one at 1:30pm. Appointments do not need to be made, parents are asked to arrive 5 minutes before their chosen appointment time. This is a great opportunity for parents of children who are due to start Reception in September 2027 (and Nursery) to come and have a look around our wonderful school.

Applications are now open for Reception places and the deadline is Friday 15th January. Further information can be found at

www.bolton.gov.uk/admissions



Year 6 Secondary Applications

Letters have been sent to the home addresses of all Year 6 Bolton resident children regarding Secondary School applications. The deadline for applications is Sunday 31st October. Further information can be found at www.bolton.gov.uk/admissions

Harvest Collection

We are collecting donations of non-perishable food item in aid of Urban Outreach. Please can any donations be brought into school by **Thursday 1st October**, ready for us to hand them over during assembly. Thank you in advance for your support.

Cross Country

Congratulations to our pupils who represented SS Osmund & Andrew's in Week 1 of the Bolton School Games Primary Schools Cross Country League, where there were over 150 runners in each of the boys' and girls' categories. We are so proud of their effort and determination. Some of our runners finished in the top 30 of their categories and after the first week, our boys' team is in the top 10 of all schools! Well done to everyone and good luck in Week 2 this week!

TriKidz

We are delighted to be welcoming a company called **TriKidz** into school this week. They will be joining us for a special visit, giving our children the opportunity to experience the feeling of taking part in a triathlon event. This event will take place during the school day. All children must wear their PE kit and pumps to take part.

Years 1, 1/2, 2, 3 and 3/4 will be on **Tuesday 22nd September**.

Years 4, 5 and 6 will be on **Wednesday 23rd September**.

These days are in addition to PE days which will remain the same.

DATES FOR DIARY

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

21.9.26 – Year 1/2, Year5 & Year 6 Meet the Teacher

22.9.26 – Trikidz for children in 1, 1/2, 2, 3, 3/4. Children to come in PE Kits.

22.9.26 – Year 1 Meet the Teacher

23.9.26 Trikidz for children in Years 4, 5 & 6. Children to come in PE Kits.

23.9.26 Sacramental Programme First Parent Meeting. 6pm in Church.

24.9.26 – Foundation Meet the Teacher

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

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

Foundation Class – 26th May

Year 1 - 18th November

Year 1/2 - 2nd December

Year 2 - 20th January

Year 3 – 17th March

Year 3/ 4 - 21st October

Year 4 - 5th May

Year 5 - 7th July

Year 6 - 14th July

ROLL OF HONOUR

Last Week's Class Awards

Attendance Award Winners – Year 2 (100%) you get the biscuit tin this week! What a score!!
Golden Bin – 3/4 had the tidiest classroom!

The parents of all children on the Roll of Honour for getting a certificate are warmly invited to our school assembly on **FRIDAY** at 9am to see their child receive their award.

Foundation: **Alice W** for being a super helper in class! Well done, Alice!
Dale A for joining in with enthusiasm with all our daily routines! Well done, Dale!

Year 1: **Obehi I** for super writing and offering lots of brilliant answers in RE !

Year 1/2 : **Nathan S** for always supporting others in class & for being a great role model.

Year 2: **Phoebe-Ann H** for her fantastic contribution in all lessons! You are a superstar

Year 3: **Eliza B** for writing a fabulous diary entry and being a shining example to everyone in class.

Year 3/4: **Isabella W** - Izzy has been a little star helping with jobs, looking after new pupils and smiling all the time!

Year 4: **Julian Z** for always being willing to help others!

5O: **Tamara H-E** for fabulous sports skills in Year 5 PE lessons. Well done!

5A: **Ariana J** for fantastic enthusiasm and acting during our Shakespeare for Drama sessions

6O: **Narvel M** for fantastic answers and contributions in class.

6A: **Amira I** for producing a beautiful piece of artwork. It showed care and attention to detail. Well done!

Handwriting & Presentation Award: **Oliver P (5A)**

Reading Award: **Pippa H (1/2)**

Assistant Head Teacher Award: **Levi W (6A)** For being a fantastic role model

Headteacher Award – **Olivia D (1)** for being so enthusiastic and a fantastic role model in phonics

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

2 Chronicles 15:7

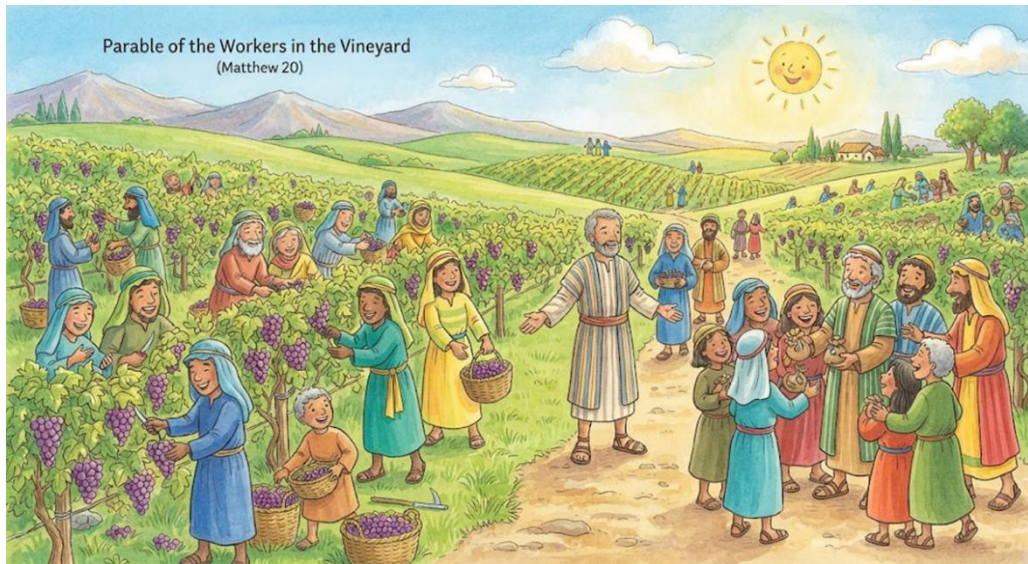
Jubilee Pledge

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.



Matthew 20:1–16

Jesus told a story about a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. He agreed to pay them the usual daily wage and sent them to work.

Later, around nine o'clock, he went out and saw others standing idle in the marketplace. He told them, "You go into the vineyard too, and I will pay you whatever is right." They went.

He did the same at noon and at three o'clock.

Going out at about five o'clock, he found still others standing around. He asked them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?"

"Because no one has hired us," they answered.

He said to them, "You go and work in the vineyard too."

When evening came, the owner told his manager to call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last ones hired and ending with the first. The workers who were hired at five o'clock came forward and each received a full day's wage. When the workers who had worked all day came, they expected to receive more. But they, too, each received the usual daily wage.

Taking it, they began to grumble against the landowner. "These who were hired last worked only one hour," they complained, "and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the scorching heat!"

He answered one of them, "Friend, I am not being unfair to you. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?"

So the last will be first, and the first will be last.

Interpretation

God's love and generosity are not measured like human rewards. Everyone is equally precious in God's eyes, no matter when they arrive or how much they do. We should celebrate others' good fortune rather than feeling jealous or keeping score.

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 **Year 2** who had the highest attendance last week in school. They had attendance of 100%!!

Whole school attendance during the last week before half term was as follows:

Foundation	97.35%
Year 1	97%
Year 1/2	95.71%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	96.13%
Year 3 /4	98.62%
Year 4	93.79%
50	97%
5A	95.19%
60	91.79%
6A	96.21%
Whole School	96.74%



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](#).

Parent 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

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.

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.

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. School requires a minimum of 2 emergency contacts for every child. 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.

Parents Code of Conduct

Thank you for:

Respecting the school's caring ethos.

Working with teachers for the benefit of children.

Always remaining calm and respectful.

Always resolving issues through school.

Always correcting your child's behaviour when you need to.

A more detailed version of the Code is on our school website.

Mobile Phones

Please note that only Year 5 & 6 children, who have consent to walk home, 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 Ten Ten) 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.

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](#).