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### Our Next Break:

School will close at **3.15pm** on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**  
We reopen at **8.45am** on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 understand that rights match responsibility.**



### Parking

Please do not park on Falkirk Drive. Thank you for parking respectfully for our neighbours. Thank you.

### Flu Vaccinations

Children whose parent / carer have given online consent, using the link which was previously sent home, will have their flu vaccinations on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October**.

### Sacramental Programme

The next Mass for children who are attending the Sacramental Programme is on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 11am**.

### Y6 SATS & Robinwood Meeting

We will be holding a meeting in school on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 5.30pm** for Year 6 parents. The meeting will be about SATs and also the Robinwood residential.

### Name the Gritter!

We have had some wonderful entries so far. If your child would like to enter the Bolton Council Name the Gritter competition, please send their entry into school, with their name and class written on it. All entries to be submitted by **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**. More information can be found [here](#).



## Open Day for School Admissions for September 2027

We are holding an Open Day on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> January 2027**. Further information can be found at [www.bolton.gov.uk/admissions](http://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 31<sup>st</sup> October**. Further information can be found at [www.bolton.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.bolton.gov.uk/admissions)

## Monster Ball – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October in the Church Hall

A Monster Ball is being held at St Osmund's Church Hall on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm-10:30pm**. Tickets are available to buy via the School Office. Please send an envelope into school with your child's name and class, along with how many tickets you'd like to buy. Tickets are charged at £3.50 per person. There will be pumpkin competition, tuck shop, disco, spooky party games, hot dogs for sale and a bar. A spooky night of fun for all the family!

## Jewellery

Jewellery, including earrings, should not be brought into school or be worn by the children on the grounds that it can be dangerous to self and others in many school activities, in particular playtimes and PE. Earrings should not be worn and children will be asked to remove them. The school cannot accept any responsibility for loss or damage to personal property. If your child is thinking of having their ears pierced, please can this happen in the first week of the summer holidays. This way, you will have plenty of time to allow earrings to be worn over the summer so that the holes do not heal up. This will avoid your child and school placed in the awkward position of an individual being asked to remove their earrings which are stopping their newly pierced ears from healing up! **If a child cannot remove their earrings, we will ask that they do not run around at breaktimes – they will be asked to sit on a bench to keep them safe, or to be inside with a book or a friend at the office, or doing a job. It will not be treated as a punishment.**

Thank you for your support with this issue.

The Association for Physical Education state:

*"Schools have a duty of care to ensure students are able to participate actively without unnecessarily endangering themselves or those working around them. A clear and consistently applied policy for the removal of personal effects should be in place. The Association for Physical Education (afPE) strongly recommends the practice of removing all personal effects at the commencement of every lesson to establish a safe working environment. This applies to all ear and body piercings, including retainer and expander earrings."*

The Football Association (The FA)

Law 4 of the International Football Association Board (IFAB) Laws of the Game states: *"A player must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to himself or another player, including any kind of jewellery."*

Furthermore, the rule around earrings shares a principle with the rules around trainers, PE kits and make-up: Specifically, that there are some families in our community who cannot afford for their children to wear earrings and to keep the children from those families feeling included, the wearing of earrings and jewellery is not permitted.



## DATES FOR DIARY

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

**14.10.26** – Flu Vaccinations

**15.10.26** – Open Day for Reception 2027 admissions. Tours at 9:30am and 1:30pm

**18.10.26** Sacramental Programme Mass 11am Church

**19.10.26** Y5 History Alive, please see letter emailed home and details on ParentPay

**21.10.26** – Y6 SATS & Robinwood meeting **5.30pm**

**23.10.26** EYFS Autumn Craft Sessions.

**24.10.26** – Monster Ball in the Church Hall.

Further dates for Diary can be found [here](#)

## CLASS ASSEMBLIES

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

Foundation Class – 26<sup>th</sup> May

Year 1 - 18<sup>th</sup> November

Year 1/2 - 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Year 2 - 20<sup>th</sup> January

Year 3 – 17<sup>th</sup> March

Year 3/ 4 - 21<sup>st</sup> October

Year 4 - 5<sup>th</sup> May

Year 5 - 7<sup>th</sup> July

Year 6 – 14<sup>th</sup> July

# ROLL OF HONOUR

## Last Week's Class Awards

**Attendance Award Winners** – Year1/2 and Class 4 (both 98.21%) you get the biscuit tin this week!

**Caritas- Year 2**

**Golden Bin – 6O** had the tidiest classroom!

**House Points – Blue House**

Parents / Carers of all children on the Roll of Honour who are receiving a certificate are warmly invited to our school assembly on **FRIDAY** at 9am to see their child receive their award.

**Foundation:** **Lilah B** for being a really great role model to others, always following the classroom rules.

**Elvin K** for showing such fantastic enthusiasm to his learning! Well done Elvin

**Year 1:** **Areya C** for excellent effort in Phonics and also creating a beautiful masterpiece in art celebrating Black History Month

**Year 1/2:** **Koby E** for his complete determination and effort towards his writing. For never giving up!

**Year 2:** **Sienna Y** for being an amazing role model to her peers and for always making kind and positive choices!

**Year 3:** **Daniel C** for achieving not one, not two, but THREE perfect scores of 25/25 on MathsFrame for his mixed times tables! Huge well done!

**Year 3/4:** **Percy C** for excellent effort in his writing, especially trying to improve his presentation

**Year 4:** **Jessica M** for being a role model for behaviour and always trying her best in her learning!

**5O:** **Abeera Y** for approaching every task with determination and a smile. Thank you

**5A:** **Hakim S** for mature and sensible ideas during our mental health workshop with Bolton Wanderers.

**6O:** **Peggy A** for being a mature, kind and positive member of 6O!

**6A:** **George E** for his excellent Shakespeare for Writing! It shows his maturity and fantastic use of vocabulary!

**Guitarist of the Week:** **Minnie K (Y3/4)** for super effort and listening skills in recent lessons

**Handwriting & Presentation Award:** **Isla B (Y2)**

**Reading Award:** **Arabella G (Y3)**

**Assistant Head Teacher Award:** **Florence D (5O)** for working super hard and being such a helpful member of her class!

**Headteacher Award** – **Marlena B (Y3)** for a great work ethic with her school work and her homework!

*'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 22: 1-14

Jesus told a story about a king who prepared a grand wedding feast for his son. He sent servants to call the invited guests, but they refused to come. The king sent other servants saying, "Everything is ready, come to the banquet!". But they ignored the invitation and went off to their farms and businesses. Angry, the king told his servants, "The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited are not worthy. Go to the street corners and invite everyone you find, both good and bad." So, the hall was filled with guests celebrating happily together.

### Interpretation

This story reminds us that God invites everyone to His wonderful kingdom. We show our acceptance of this special invitation by living kindly, loving others, and trying our best to follow God's loving path every single day.

### 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](mailto: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.

## 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.

## ATTENDANCE

Well done to **Year 1/2 and Year 4** who had the highest attendance last week in school. They had attendance of 98.21%!

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

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|--------------|--------|
| Foundation   | 93.31% |
| Year 1       | 93.33% |
| Year 1/2     | 98.21% |
| Year 2       | 96.8%  |
| Year 3       | 94.8%  |
| Year 3 /4    | 97.59% |
| Year 4       | 98.21% |
| 50           | 97%    |
| 5A           | 92.94% |
| 60           | 96.43% |
| 6A           | 94.14% |
| Whole School | 95.71% |



## 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**

### **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](http://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-Kellest, Mrs Devine and Miss Loftus are also fully trained to be safeguarding leads. 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.

## **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.

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