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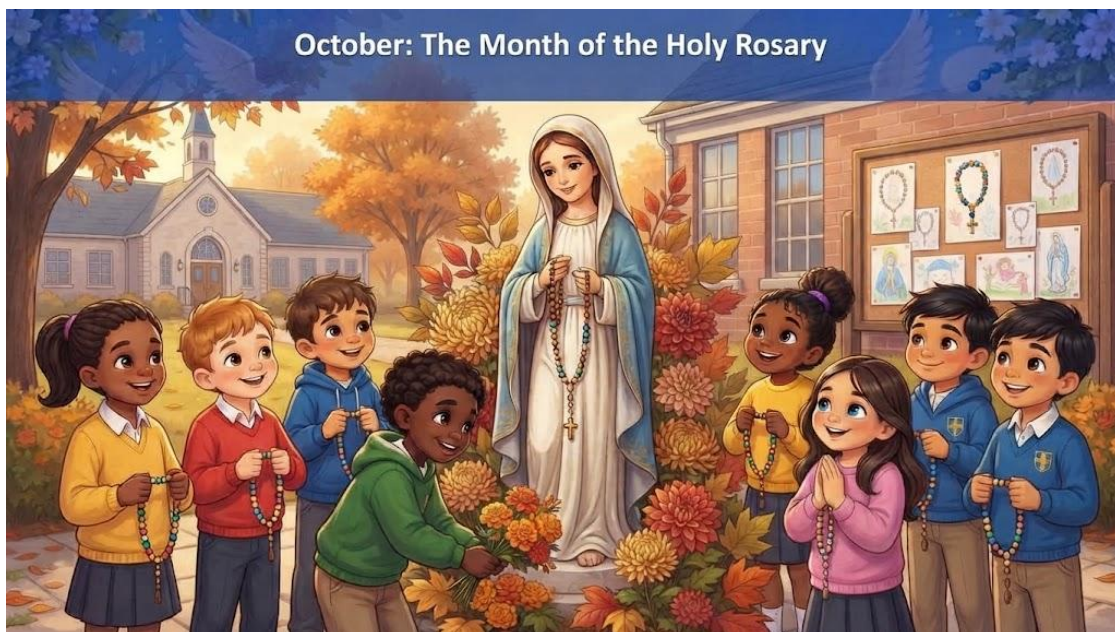
School will close at **3.15pm** on **Friday 23rd October**
We reopen at **8.45am** on **Monday 2nd November**.

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 try to stand up for myself and others without hurting others.



Parking

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

Sacramental Programme

The next Mass for children who are attending the Sacramental Programme is on **Sunday 15th November at 11am**.

Y6 SATS & Robinwood Meeting

We will be holding a meeting in school on **Wednesday 21st 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 23rd October. More information can be found [here](#).



Class Assemblies

Year 3/4 class assembly is this Wednesday, 21st October, at 9am. We look forward to welcoming families to watch.

Please note that the **Class 1 Assembly for Miss Gregory's Class** had had a change of date. The new date is Wednesday 11th December. The assembly has moved because the assembly is about Remembrance Day – so it is fitting that the children deliver this on the 11th November!

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

Monster Ball – Saturday 24th October in the Church Hall

A Monster Ball is being held at St Osmund's Church Hall on **Saturday 24th 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!



Half Term Sports Club

Our PE provider, Edstart, are running a half term sports club at St Maxentius Primary School. Please further information on how to book a place can be found [here](#)

EDSTART
CLUBS

What a line-up...
26th October - 6th November
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.

All staff are:
- DBS checked
- First Aid trained
- Safeguarded

For more information, please email
steve.hogg@edstart.org.uk





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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 – 26th May

Year 1 - 11th 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 (99.20%) you get the biscuit tin this week!

Caritas- 60

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

House Points – **Yellow** and **Green** Houses

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: Neev B for some amazing artwork this half term- especially his painting of God's Creation. Well Done Neev!

Alexander H for growing in confidence over the half term. Alexander has made some lovely friendships and always engages well in group activities

Year 1: Freddie V for making an excellent start to Year 1 and putting in so much effort to improve his presentation.

Year 1/2: Ely Y for fantastic effort in everything she does.

Year 2: Ryan W for his fantastic sentences and for working hard on his spellings. You are a star!

Year 3: Aria G for working hard all term -completing her weekly homework, reading every night and being a great role model to the class.

Year 3/4: Luke W for an awesome first half term. Excellent manners, super behaviour and incredible work! What a star!

Year 4: Ariana M for always going above and beyond in her learning and for being a delightful, helpful member of the class

50: Charlotte W for her mature, studious and independent attitude to her learning. Well done!

5A: Josie N for always being kind, considerate and helpful. Josie also gives 100% in everything she does! Well done, Josie!

60: Matilda G-M for consistency being such a positive role model, a hard worker and such a fantastic talk partner during lessons!

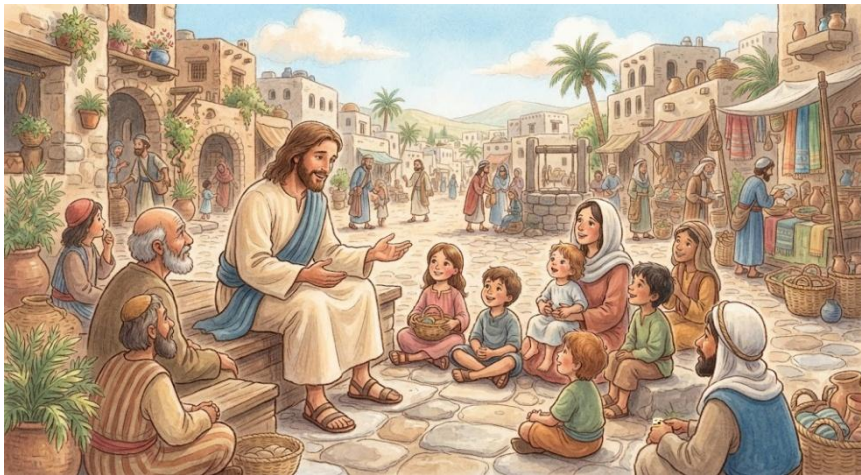
6A: Lily S for her excellent start to Y6. She is kind, works hard and is a wonderful member of our class!

Guitarist of the half term: Sophia S (50) for her much improved playing and building on her practice schedule.

Artist of the half term: Natalia N (6A) for producing beautiful, thoughtful artwork with incredible details. Well done!

'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: 15-21

The Pharisees went away and planned how to trap Jesus in his words. They sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians. "Teacher", they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?" But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?" "Caesar's," they replied. Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away

Interpretation

Jesus cleverly shows that while we belong to our communities and countries, our hearts, our kindness, and our whole lives ultimately belong to God who made 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.



ATTENDANCE

Well done to **Year 2** who had the highest attendance last week in school. They had attendance of 99.20%!

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

Foundation	94.79%
Year 1	98.33%
Year 1/2	96.43%
Year 2	99.20%
Year 3	94%
Year 3 / 4	97.24%
Year 4	98.21%
5O	95.67%
5A	95.29%
6O	96.79%
6A	97.24%
Whole School	95.80%



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

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

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 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.

"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.

Attendance Procedures & Absences

Please note these cut-off times for reporting absences to ensure the safety of all pupils:

- **10:00 AM Deadline:** If your child is not in school and we have not received any contact from you by **10:00 AM**, their absence will automatically be marked as **unauthorised**.
- **Communication Limits:** If a child is absent without explanation, we will attempt—if staff capacity allows—to send a text message, and again, if capacity allows, to make a follow-up phone call. However, please understand that our office is incredibly busy, and these courtesy contacts may not always be possible. The responsibility to inform us of an absence lies with parents.
- **Retrospective Changes the Register:** Bolton Council have instructed us that we are not permitted to change absence codes in the register retrospectively after we have submitted them. This means that if your child is absent and you do not contact us on the day, we cannot change the “unauthorised” mark after the event—even if you provide an explanation the following day – as the information has already been submitted to the Local Authority the day before. It is therefore absolutely vital that you communicate with the school office before 10:00 AM on the actual day of your child's absence.

Legal Framework & Fines

We work closely with the Local Authority to monitor persistent absenteeism. Please be aware that if a child accumulates **10 unauthorised sessions** (which equates to 5 school days) within a **10-week period**, this may result in a formal penalty notice (a fine) being issued by the Local Authority.

Celebrating Great Attendance!

While we must enforce these rules, we much prefer to focus on the positives! We love celebrating the children who show great commitment to their learning. To encourage and reward excellent attendance, we have some fantastic initiatives running throughout the year:

- **The Termly Attendance Raffle:** At the end of every term, all eligible pupils (who have an attendance of 98% or above for the term) will be entered into a draw to win some brilliant prizes:
 - **1st Prize:** £50 Amazon Voucher
 - **2nd Prize:** £30 Amazon Voucher
 - **3rd Prize:** £20 Amazon Voucher
- **Attendance Certificates:** Presented at the end of each term to recognise children who have achieved our attendance targets.
- **The Class Biscuit Tin:** A weekly treat awarded to the class with the highest overall attendance percentage to enjoy together.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support in making sure our children arrive on time and ready to learn every day. By working together, we can give them the very best start in life.

Some useful resources in relation to attendance

- [Bedtime Checklist](#)
- [Morning Checklist](#)
- [Punctuality – Every Minute Counts](#)
- [Why Attendance Matters](#)
- [Is my child too ill for school?](#)
- [Information for parents about Penalty Notices.](#)

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