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St. William's Weekly News Round 15 December 2023

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Journeying closer to God, this Advent.

On the third Sunday of Advent or 'Gaudete Sunday' the pink candle is lit, symbolising JOY. Joy that our hope in Christ is certain; knowing we are unconditionally loved and that nothing – sickness, emotional distress, oppression, war or even death can take that love away. It is a time to reflect on all the gifts God has given us. 'Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God, is an everlasting rock!' (Isaiah 26:4). The key is TRUST. We need to have Mary's response to the coming of Jesus, 'Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord', said Mary. 'May it be done to me according to your word' (Lk 1:38). God is not looking for ways to scare us into faith. He drew near to us to relieve the worries we have about crossing over the divide between heaven and earth. He wants you to know that He is going to take care of you no matter what happens, 'Jesus is with me' at all times and in all things.

Let us pray: Lord, help us not to dampen the joy of others. Remind us, during the coming week to rejoice always and to pray for those in need of our shining light of trust and love. Amen.

St. William's Church News:

Christmas Mass Schedule

This year the Fourth Sunday of Advent is also Christmas Eve. Therefore, there will be the usual weekend (Sunday Masses)

Saturday 23 December 6pm (Advent IV) Vigil – St William's.

Sunday 24 December 9.30am (Advent IV) – St Matthew's.

Sunday 24 December 11am (Advent IV) – St William's.

Fr Jones intends to celebrate **one** other mass on the 24 December at St William's Church as the First Mass of the Nativity between 8.00pm – 11.30pm at the time suggested by parishioners and yet to be confirmed. The reading will be those of the Midnight Mass.

Christmas Day – Monday 25 December 2023

9.30am St Matthew's

11.00am St William's

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Congratulations to Jeremiah, Vivienne, Alan, Karolina, Amelia, King, Amaya, Oskar and Isla-Grace who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first-time last Saturday, at St. William's Church. May the journey in strength having received God's love and forgiveness.



Fr Jones came to school yesterday, Thursday, 14th Dec to offer all pupils eligible the Sacrament of Reconciliation and we give thanks for God's love and mercy. We pray that we all seek God's healing and forgiveness in our lives.

After School Clubs

There will be **NO** afterschool clubs next week (Week Commencing 18.12.23).

From Thursday, 11th January, Dance club will continue Thursdays, 3:15-4:15pm. Places for this club have already been allocated from my reserve list, please check Dojo messages for confirmation. **Those who attended this term will not be participating, it is an opportunity for another pupil to attend so please collect your child(ren) at 3.15pm.** – Thank you.

Festive Fun Week

Next week is the final week of the Autumn Term and we have planned **a range of exciting, fun activities** for all the children as a reward for all their hard work this term! There is something different every day to delight your son or daughter so make sure they ATTEND and do not miss out!



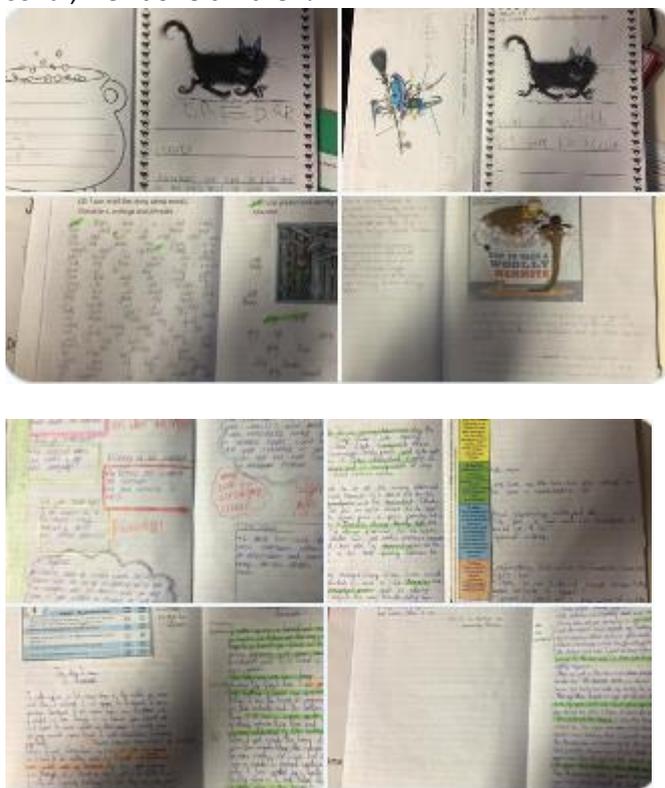
Ash / Oak Class

Oak and Ash Classes rehearse for the EYFS & KS1 Nativity. Can't wait to see it next Monday, at 2pm!



Writing Moderation

During a recent staff twilight, we celebrated the children's learning and the progress they have achieved so far, well done children!



Oak Class

Oak Class, taking part in sensory circuit time. It was led by Harper, Amaan and Lochlan. Fabulous leadership!



Weather



Please send your child/children prepared for our ever-changing weather conditions. Children must have a coat, preferably with a hood, every day, and suitable outdoor shoes. All children must bring a water bottle to school, this will help keep them hydrated during the day.



Please clearly mark your child(ren)'s uniform/P.E.kit with their name, this will help to eliminate lost items.

Keeping Children Safe

Attendance and Punctuality sits in Safeguarding.

The Local Authority Attendance Officer, Molly Searle, regularly meets with me (Miss Parker). She will be working closely with our school family to ensure that parents/carers fulfil their legal duty to ensure their child has good attendance and punctuality. Poor attendance and punctuality negatively impact learning, personal development, and friendships. Ms Searle will monitor school records for poor attendance and persistent late arrival. We must ALL work in partnership to champion the needs of our pupils, to be on time, is to be ready and an important life skill for the world of work.

The Local Authority Attendance Officer will attend meetings with parents/carers for Attendance, whose children meet Persistent Absence (PA) threshold. Ms Searle will also contact parents whose children are close to falling below PA, to alert them and help them improve this quickly to avoid any further action. Please ask me (Miss Parker) for further information should you have any questions. Thank you for your support with attendance and punctuality.

Contact details for parents/carers.

Please make sure that if you change your phone number you inform school staff. Following safeguarding recommendations, we need at least 2 accurate contact details in the event of an emergency; accidents do happen and there are times when we are not able to contact a parent because they have not kept us informed. Thank you.

Attendance and punctuality are a huge part of keeping children safe and it is the law for schools to know why and where children are if they are not in school:

schools must report children absent from school, including parts of the day, not just absent days. As a result, systems for attendance are robust and all parents have a responsibility to inform school of their child's absence – make sure you TELEPHONE Mrs Gadd 1st thing in the morning if your child is absent. Home visits are part of our Attendance procedures to check and do not be alarmed if safeguarding staff appear at your door. As a parent you are committing an offence if you fail to make sure that your child attends regularly. The details of parents with children who have unauthorised absence (including those who have taken unauthorised leave during term time) will be passed to Bradford Council, who could consider issuing a Penalty Notice or starting legal action. When a child meets Educational Neglect threshold then a referral to Children's Social Care can be made.

Arriving on time is an essential life skill and for safeguarding reasons we must lock the school gates at 8:55am – if you are arriving at that time you will have to go to the main entrance. Equally, as a school we respect parents need children to be ready for home-time at 3:15pm to collect family members from other schools or colleges; we aim to be ready to hand the children to you at that time at the end of the day and not delay you.

Did you know....

If in a school year, a child is late every day by.....	A child would have lost approximately....	or they would have missed approximately...
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

Late pick-up charges

There is a late collection charge **£1, per child, for every 5 mins you are late**; sadly, some parents have been persistently late and without good reason; taking the view that it is okay for school staff to take responsibility for children after the school day. Unfortunately, we do not offer childcare after 3:15pm and many staff finish at the same time the pupils leave. Congested traffic, a late taxi, forgetting the time, having a hair colour on at the hairdressers are not acceptable reasons to be late for your child. We are understanding, if there are exceptional reasons and it is not usual for you to be late and we appreciate a phone call from you if you are going to be late, it re-assures the child as well. After school teaching staff have meetings, work to do following the school day and in preparation for the next day. Thank you for your support with this.

Have you logged on to the National Online Safety webste to help protect your child online?

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com>

Parents, PLEASE monitor what child(ren) use(s) and who they have contact with online; to ensure we keep children safe and protected when they are using the internet.

Check out the tips and advice for parents to keep yourself in the know! Here are some useful websites for further information to keep children safe online:

<https://www.onlinesafetyuk.com>

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk>



More useful websites:
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>, <https://childnet.com>,
<https://www.internetmatters.org>

Congratulations...Bravo...Well done!!!



Class teachers' Achievement Awards: Congratulations to these fabulous award winners:

Doretta, Kora, Brodie, Jethro, Connor, Anna, Sofia, Jeriel, Emilia and Fredrick.

Hot Chocolate Friday:

David, Nahom, Iyaan, Lochlan, Shine, Taiwo, Bella, Vivienne, Win and Hashim.

Virtue Certificates this week:

Anthony, David, Miracle, Prince, Claire, Happiness, Pawel, Happiness, Kayla and Delvin.

Golden Table Tuesday:

Mia, Amaan, Frantiska, Kathrine and Kayla.

'Golden Mention to our lunchtime stars'

Adriana, Julian, Marcella, Miracle, Emmanuel, Ramina, Danish, Kathrine, Megan and Nicola.



Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you,
 happy birthday dear
**Kora, King, Faith, Delvin, Eva, Karolina, Fabian,
 Muhammad, David, Zidan and Brodie**
 Happy birthday to you!
 Hope you have a special day.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club
From 8am
MONDAY – FRIDAY
50p per day

Great opportunity for your child(ren) to socialise with their friends before school.

Breakfast Club opens every day at 8am,
50p per child per day. A lovely way to start the day! Please arrive before 8.30am - **book in advance every Friday for a place the following week via a dojo message to Mrs Gadd, Mrs Fagan, or Miss Parker!**



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8 December 2023

Dear Fiona

I am writing to congratulate you following your Section 5 Ofsted inspection which recognises that St William's Catholic Primary, A Voluntary Academy is a "Good" school.

A report of this type, celebrating the "Inclusive" nature of the school, is such a pleasure to read and all who are a part of the school, and its community should be rightly proud of the outcome. It is especially gratifying to read the comment from Inspectors:

Through the school's key virtues, such as kindness and respect, pupils learn how to become good citizens. They are well prepared for life in modern Britain. Pupils enjoy coming to school.

There is much to be proud of in this report: the significant improvements in attendance, the positive attitude that pupils have towards learning and reading, the broad curriculum, the fact that pupils are able to talk about their learning with confidence and the wide range of opportunities that have been put in place are just some of the areas singled out for mention – no wonder this is a good school!

Governors have also been praised for being passionate about the school and ensuring that staff workload and well-being is a priority.

I know and trust that you and your team will continue to address the next steps for the school as identified by the inspection as you strive to become an outstanding school.

I would like to send my sincere thanks to the pupils, staff, parents, governors and trustees for their continued commitment, dedication, and hard work in the interest of the learners at St William's Catholic Primary, A Voluntary Academy.

Yours sincerely

Dates for your diary:

18 Dec	Ash & Oak Nativity time 2pm.
19 Dec	KS2 Carol Service at St. William's Church 2pm – all welcome
19 Dec	Lime Class Homework Project due in.
20 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day 50p per child or £1 per family & Christmas Lunch £2.10 pay at office or via parent pay & Class Parties
20 Dec	School Closes at 3.15pm and Re-opens Thursday 4 January 2024

P.E. Kits / Lessons

Please keep P.E. kits in school during term time, they will be sent home at the end of each term for washing.



Ash Class Monday's,
Oak Class Friday's
Beech Class Wednesday's
Lime Class Thursday's
Holly Class Friday Swimming

Lunch Menu – Week Commencing 18/12/23.

foodquarter St William's Catholic Primary School

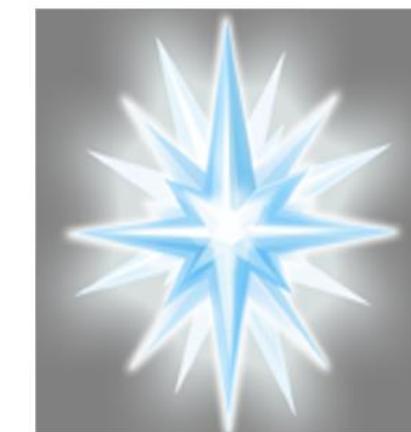
6th Nov, 27th Nov, 8th Jan, 29th Jan, 19th Feb, 11th Mar

MENU WEEK 2

	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
MAINS	Mild Chicken Curry Spaghetti Marinara	Quorn Sausage In a Roll Hotol Keema Roll Mac n Cheese	Roast of the Day Hotol Chicken Hotpot Soya Mince Cottage Pie	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Mascarpone Pasta	Battered Fillet of Fish Salmon Fishcakes Savoury Roll
SIDES	Rice Garlic Bread Assorted Individual Salads	Herby Potatoes Cruddy Bread Seasonal Vegetables Assorted Individual Salads	Dry Roast Potatoes Yorkshire Pudding Seasonal Vegetables Assorted Individual Salads	Chips Cruddy Bread Baked Beans Assorted Individual Salads	Dry Roast Jacket Potatoes Wedges Seasonal Vegetables Assorted Individual Salads
OTHER OPTIONS	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Panini Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Panini Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Panini Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Sandwiches
DESSERTS	Jam Pie Bar Freshly Prepared Fruit	Flapjack Freshly Prepared Fruit	Individual Ice Cream Tub Freshly Prepared Fruit	Chocolate Sponge Freshly Prepared Fruit	Butterfly Buns Freshly Prepared Fruit

Suitable for...
For full allergen & nutritional information head to <https://schoolmeals.bradford.gov.uk> or scan the QR code:

FM SERVICES



Monday 18 December 2023

2pm - Main Hall
All Welcome

KS2

Beech, Lime and Holly Class

Carols and Readings



Tuesday 19 December 2023
2pm – St. William's Church –
All Welcome



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Wednesday 20 December 2023

50p per child or £1 per family

Wear your Christmas Jumper to school.



(May also wear non-uniform
Trousers or skirts)

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Wednesday 20 December 2023



£2.10

Pay at School Office or by
Parent Pay



Have a lovely weekend,
See you all on

Monday 18 December 2023

at 8.45am.

Remember, it's COOL to be in SCHOOL!

St. William's Christmas Hamper Prize Raffle

Tickets on Sale Monday 4 December

20p each or £1 for a strip of tickets

To be drawn on
Wednesday 20 December 2023

Good Luck Everyone

