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St. William's Weekly News Round 19 February 2024

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2nd Sunday of Lent: The Transfiguration

Sometimes in our lives we are lucky enough to experience an event that is so amazing and unforgettable that our memory of that occasion never fades. In this weekend's Gospel we read about one such experience, 'The Transfiguration' - Jesus shared with His closest friends. On that day Jesus' appearance was transformed as His face shone like the sun and His clothes dazzled with whiteness. Jesus revealed Himself to the disciples as they would know Him in heaven. Jesus wanted them to glimpse and share the Heavenly life to which they are called to - it was a moment of grace and revelation. In this special event, we too are reminded that, Jesus is present and living within our hearts, ready to transform our lives with His love. In our everyday lives, we are given opportunities to glimpse the power and the glory of God in the people and world around us. Such special moments of grace closeness to God give us the strength to follow Christ wherever He leads us.

Almighty God, who sees that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

'And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.'

(Matthew 17:1-9)



Church Information:

Sacramental Preparation Information

First Holy Communion Preparation course details for those preparing for their First Holy Communion. Father Jones has put the following details in the Parish Newsletter.

Session 1 – Friday 19 April at 4.15pm at St Matthew's School

Session 2 – Friday 26 April at 4.15pm at St. William's School.

Session 3 – Friday 3 May at 4.15pm at St. William's Church Hall

Session 4 – Friday 17 May at 4.15pm at St. William's Church Hall

Session 5 – Friday 24 May at 4.15pm at St. William's Church Hall

Session 6 – Saturday 1 June at 10am in St. William's Church to practice for the Holy Communion

All those preparing to receive their First Holy Communion will do so at the 11am Solemn Mass in St Williams's Church on Sunday 2 June which is the solemnity of **The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Corpus Christi.**

Sunday, 10 March Mothering Sunday and School Family Mass at St. William's Church 11am

You are warmly invited to attend a special Mass where our pupils will lead the readings and offertory procession.

Pupils please come and wear your school uniform with pride and there will be an extra treat for all those, present in church, in our families who 'mother us' – Mums, Grandmas, Aunties and maybe a Dad who is Mum too!



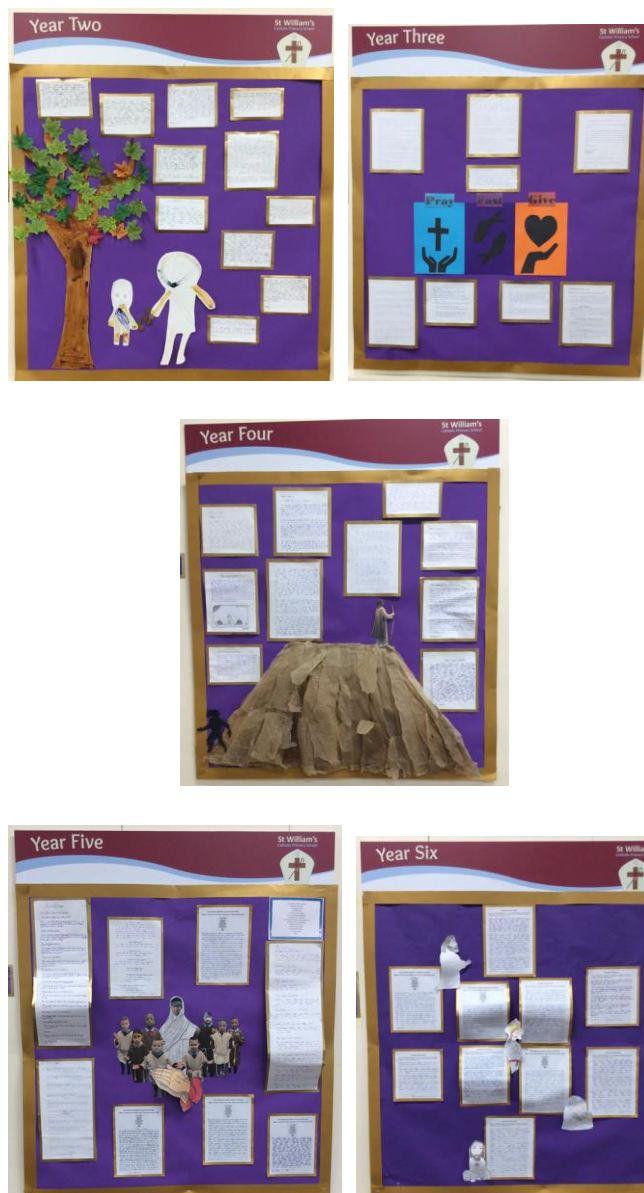
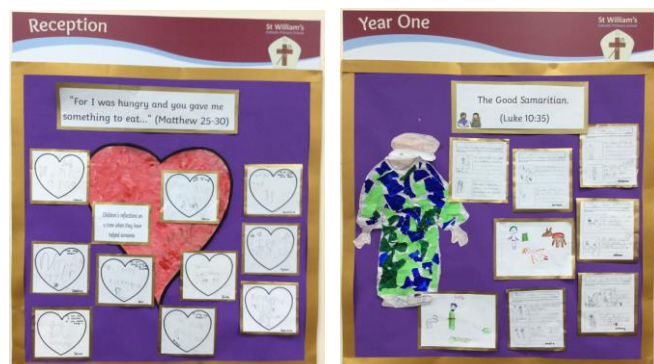
URGENT REMINDER: **Collecting of Children at the end of** **the school day.**

Please understand that the arrangements we make at the end of the day, with staff in school handing over your son or daughter, are in place for all pupils' safety. It is really important that once a child has been handed over to you, they must stay with you. It is not their place to go and collect a sibling from another class and when several brothers or sisters come different class doors and tell adult such and such come now, it only slows the process down.

A parent must collect the child, as the safeguarding policy, here states that staff hand child(ren) to an adult. It is not a child's responsibility to care for another child. We really rely on your messages to school if another adult will be collecting your child in place of you and when it is a new adult they are provided with a password. **IT IS ESSENTIAL WE HAVE ACCURATE CONTACT NUMBERS** and can contact a parent who has not collected a child at 3:15pm. Recently we have had children left in school as late as one hour and even two hours without being collected and not being able to contact a parent. Please be aware as part of our safeguarding arrangements, our policy, makes it clear that the Designated Safeguarding Team must contact the police in such circumstances, after one hour of trying to contact parents that cannot be reached. I appreciate you want to collect your children quickly at the end of the day and staff work hard to have your child ready for 3:15pm hand over. Thank you for your support with this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you wish to discuss issues raised here. Thank you, Miss Parker

Our Amazing Lenten Hall Displays

Once again, the pupils' work and the adults' commitment to show case the children's achievements, to create the best possible effect, is truly outstanding! I am very proud of the effort and high standard of work displayed in our hall. Well done to all our pupils and staff for their excellent efforts!



Lenten Fundraising - Sponsored Walk



CAFOD Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

Your child(ren) will have brought home a sponsor form in their book bag today, as they will take part in Cafod's 'Big Walk for Lent' on Wednesday 20 March 2024. All proceeds will go towards helping those in War Zone Countries.

We will continue with the Almsgiving fundraising activities, these are during Lent. Thank you all for your generous support with this very important cause!

Ash Class- How many sweets are in the jar
20p a go.

Oak Class – How many cubes are in the Jar
20p a go.

Beech Class - Treasure Hunt 20p a go.

Lime Class- Bun Sale 50p

Holly Class- Guess the name of the animal 20p a go.

Spirituality Day Mass

Thank you to **Oliwia, Win, Lochlan** and **Sylviane** for being great ambassadors for St. William's on Wednesday, when you attended the BCWCAT Spiritual Day Mass at St. Walburga's School, Mrs Teal and Mrs Rayner were very impressed. **Well done everyone for taking part in the Spirituality day!**



Lime Class

For Spirituality Day The children in Lime class have been writing lovely prayers and they said the Angelus prayer together beautifully



The children in Lime class have been designing borders for their prayers.



Holly Class

Our very first third space tutoring session is off to a great start!



Holly class reflecting on and writing their own prayers as part of Spirituality Day.



Holly Class Mass

Holly class attended Mass on Tuesday and participated exceptionally well.



Ramadan 2024

This is expected to be between 10 March - 9 April and I wish to remind parents about the school's position regarding pupils fasting during the school day in Ramadan. The Local Academy Council and school staff respect all pupils in their faith journey but because of the detrimental physical impact of not having water and food during the school day, children in primary school are encouraged to fast during the weekend, holidays and say special prayers and read the Qu'ran after the school day; but **not to fast during school days**. Where parents insist that their child is going to fast during the school day, they must make arrangements to collect their child from the main office at 12pm and return

them at 12:55pm ready for their afternoon learning. Parents wanting to collect their child at lunchtime to fast need to contact Miss Parker in advance.

We recognise that on some occasions the religious festival celebrations fall outside our holiday periods and weekends. Please see the school attendance policy; Page 3, with regards to the rules on authorising Religious Observance. **Please see Mrs Gadd for an absence request form, should a day of absence be required.**

Thank you for your support with this matter.

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 be aware that if there is a closure due to snow and ice conditions this will be shared on Bradford Schools Online website, Class Dojo and Pulse Radio.

Please clearly label your child(ren)'s uniform/P.E.kit with their name, this will help to eliminate lost items – thank you for your support with this matter.

Keeping Children Safe

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.

Please also be aware that parents should never collect their child during the school day because of childcare issues or for the child to attend appointments that are for a parent or sibling. As part of attendance procedures, we must record children missing during the school day.

Thank you for your support with this matter.

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, in town shopping, 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 matter.

Have you logged on to the National Online Safety website 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:

Dexter, McKenna, Brodie, Iyaan, Taiwo, King, Danielle, Jeffery, Vania and Kayla.

Hot Chocolate Friday:

Amelia, Mia, Jethro, Alexis, Raheem, King, Vivienne, Sofia, Sahil and Emilia.

Virtue Certificates this week:

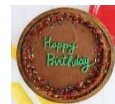
David, Tymon, Lochlan, Sylviane, Kacper, Kenny, Sebastian, David, Sahil and Win.

Golden Table Tuesday:

David, Brodie, Lou, Amelia and Delvin.

'Golden Mention to our lunchtime stars'

Ewa, Anhiam, Nina, Victoria, King, Lidya, Sofia, David, Kayla and Win



Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you,
happy birthday dear

Lochlan and Ewa

Happy birthday to you!

Hope you have a special day.

Breakfast Club



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!**

Dates for your diary:

04/03	Ash Class – Fluoride Varnishing Application Session
07/03	World Book Day come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book
10/03	11am Family Mass – Mothering Sunday All Welcome
19/03	SATs information parents meeting 2.45pm
20/03	Sponsored Walk – Good Shepherd Appeal
25/03	Holy Week
25/03	Oak Class Homework Project to be returned
26/03	Beech Class Homework Project to be returned
26/03	Lime Class Homework Project to be returned
27/03	Holly Class Homework Project to be returned
28/03	School Closes at 3.15pm and re-opens on Tuesday 9 April
19/04	Sacramental Preparation Course Session 1 – Friday 19 April at 4.15pm at St Matthew's School
26/04	Sacramental Preparation Course Session 2 – Friday 26 April at 4.15pm at St. William's School.
03/05	Sacramental Preparation Course Session 3 – Friday 3 May at 4.15pm at St. William's Church Hall
17/05	Sacramental Preparation Course

	Session 4 – Friday 17 May at 4.15pm at St. William's Church Hall
24/05	Sacramental Preparation Course Session 5 – Friday 24 May at 4.15pm at St. William's Church Hall
01/06	Sacramental Preparation Course Session 6 – Saturday 1 June at 10am in St. William's Church to practice for the Holy Communion
02/06	All those preparing to receive their First Holy Communion will do so at the 11am Solemn Mass in St Williams's Church on Sunday 2 June which is the solemnity of The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Corpus Christi.

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 Friday Swimming

Holly Class Friday's

Lunch Menu – Week Commencing 26/02/24.

St William's Catholic Primary School

13th Nov, 4th Dec,
18th Jan, 5th Feb,
26th Feb, 18th Mar

WEEK 3

MENU

MAINS

	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
	Sticky Chicken Mac n Cheese Hotel Pasta Bolognese Soya Mince Bolognese	Minced Beef & Onion Pie Cheese & Potato Flan	Beefed Sausage Hotel Chicken Roll Beefed Quorn Sausage	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Vegetarian Chili & Noodles	Buttered Fish of Fish Southern Fried Quorn Burger

SIDES

	Garlic Bread Assorted Individual Salads	Diced Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables Assorted Individual Salads	Dry Roast Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables Assorted Individual Salads	Chips Baked Beans Assorted Individual Salads	Dry Roast Jacket Potatoes Wedges Seasonal Vegetables Assorted Individual Salads
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OTHER OPTIONS

	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Pesto Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Pesto Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Pesto Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Sandwiches
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DESSERTS

	Decorated Fruit Jelly Freshly Prepared Fruit	Gut Cake Freshly Prepared Fruit	Apple Crumble Yoghurt Freshly Prepared Fruit	Minkie Sponges Freshly Prepared Fruit	Shortbread Freshly Prepared Fruit
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Suitable for...

For full allergen & nutritional
information head to

<https://schoolmeals.bradford.gov.uk>

or scan the QR code:

FM SERVICES

Bradford Council
@bradfordmdc

Make contact with these organisations for housing advice:

Housing Standards – 01274 434520

Shelter – 0808 800 4444

Citizens Advice – 0800 144 8848

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Useful Contacts		
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Sunday 3rd of March, 2pm-4pm
St Joseph's Church, Bradford
40 Pakington Street BD5 7LB

Contact us to book your audition:
office@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk / 0113 244 8634

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Have a lovely weekend,

See you all on

Monday 26 February 2024

at 8.45am.



Remember, it's COOL to be in SCHOOL!