



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE BOARD



Happy St. George's Day (Tuesday 23rd) to you all! St. George is the patron saint of England but is also a truly international saint celebrated in Venice, Genoa, Portugal, Ethiopia, and Catalonia! George was a great crusader, helping others to develop their faith in God and we too

can take inspiration from St. George, to be like him and help others to know about God through the example of our own lives today; by our acts of kindness and loving concern for those in need of our help.

Church Information:

Please see the arrangements below for preparation of First Holy Communion (for those children who have already been baptised and received the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession); and again if you think you will be away for the **First Holy Communion Mass, on Sunday, 2nd of June, on the Feast of Corpus Christi, celebrating the Sacrament of the Body & Blood of Jesus**, then speak directly to Fr Jones to make sure that your child can attend the classes for preparation and then agree another date for them to receive this for the first time. Thank you!

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 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

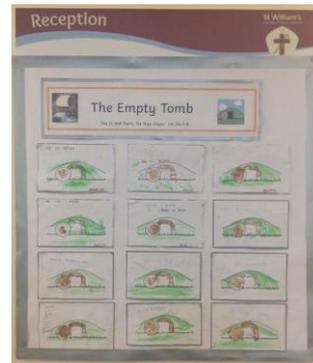
Session 4 – Friday 17 May at 4.15pm at St. William's Church Hall

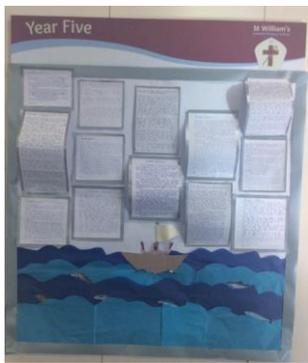
Session 5 – Friday 24 May at 4.15pm at St. William's Church Hall

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

Our Amazing Learning Environments

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





Car Safety Session

Thank you to Miss Hammond who came and presented a Car Safety Session to our whole school. The children enjoyed learning about car safety through role play and discussion.



My Pledge

I promise to wear my seat belt and use my car seat for those that I love and those that love me.

Sign here:

SEAT BELTS AND CAR SEATS SAVE LIVES. IT'S A FACT!

Please use this information as a guide only.

- Always check the manufacturer's instructions.
- If you already have a seat, continue to use it until your child is too heavy or too tall for it.
- It is recommended that you try the car seat in your car before you buy it.

For further advice or information please contact the Road Safety Team on 01274 437409.

The wording in this publication can be made available in other formats such as large print and Braille. Please call 01274 437409.

KEEPING SAFE IN THE CAR

**AN UNRESTRAINED CHILD CAN BE KILLED IN AN IMPACT AT 5 MPH!
IF APPROPRIATELY RESTRAINED A CHILD IS 90% LESS LIKELY TO BE KILLED.**

CITY OF BRADFORD

The Law says that children under 12 years old must be seated in a suitable car seat when travelling in a car, unless they are 135cm tall or over.

My name is My height iscm. My weight iskg.

THE TYPE OF SEAT THAT I SHOULD USE IS ...

Baby Infant Car seat up to 13kg (Approx. Birth to 15 months)

- I must be rear facing and use a seat with a 5 point harness.
- Use until I have reached the maximum weight (13kg) or my head reaches the top of the seat.

Child Seat 9kg to 18kg (Approx. 9 months to 4 years)

- I am much safer rear facing, if the seat allows it.
- Some child seats have a maximum weight limit of 25kg.
- Use until I have reached the maximum weight or height (check the seat's guidelines).

Booster Seat from 15kg upwards (Approx. 4 to 12 years)

- Do not move me into a booster seat until I have fully outgrown the child seat.
- I am safer in a booster seat rather than a booster cushion.
- A booster seat has side impact protection - it protects my head, neck and back, booster cushions do not.
- I am always forward facing.

Booster Cushion above 22kg and 120cm

- You can still buy a booster cushion for children over 125cm and 22kg.
- However these are no longer recommended.
- A booster cushion does not have side impact protection.

I am 135cm tall or over 12 years. I can use the adult seat belt, but I am much safer if I use a booster seat or booster cushion until I am 150cm tall.

TT Rockstars



Times Tables Rock Stars is a maths programme that takes all the worry out of learning times tables and has a proven track record of boosting children's fluency. For more information click the following link [What is Times Tables Rock Stars? Parents and Carers Guide - YouTube](#) Each child will be given a unique login/password, and this will be sent home on Monday.

Parent Guide

We recommend a "title and other" approach, 3 minutes practice a day, 4 or 5 times a week is a good target.

What are the different Game Modes?

Game Mode	Description
Simple Player	The only game mode without a timer, players choose the table and operation (x or ÷) or both; they want to practice. Answer 10, 20 or 30 questions.
Gig	Gig games last 5 minutes and contain up to 100 questions, which come in "waves", starting with the 20s, then the 30s, 40s, 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s, 100s and 120s. However are not expected to get past the 50. Gigs require the child and teacher with a simple measure of their current skills, which is why teachers should concentrate fully for the whole Gig as they won't get another to until next month.
Garage	Players are given a personalised set of 6 multiplication questions (and their matching division questions) in each round. The questions they get keep adjusting to provide the best fit for every learner's needs. This is probably the best game made for improving their recall while they're still learning.
Studio	Here your child earns their Rock Status, which is based on their Studio Speed. The faster they are the better their status. Studio Speed is the average of their most recent 10 Studio games. Suitable for confident players.
Soundcheck	Soundcheck games ask 25 multiplication questions (up to 12x12), allowing 30 seconds for each question. Suitable for confident players.
Multi Player	Children compete against others from around the world, with their identities protected behind their rock names. Suitable for confident players.
Festival	1 coin per correct answer
Arena	1 coin per correct answer
Rock Star	1 coin per correct answer
Tournaments	1 coin per correct answer

Parent Guide

Learners with different needs

How can I hide the timer? Start a game and press > Hide Practice Clock. You could also play a game in Learning.

How can I increase the length of Garage games? Single player > Garage > press the little arrow below "play solo" > choose 1, 2 or 3 Minutes.

The tables are too hard Make sure your child is playing in Garage or Arena game modes. If they do not resolve the issue, please speak to your child's teacher. Remember that learning mode allows the child to choose the tables themselves.

My child gets anxious Try the three show plus setting (only goals, i.e. complete 2 minutes today, get 1 more point in the next game, pass 1 level), having a break from online play come back in a couple of days, and reminding them of Rock's words: "A good rock star stays chilled by accepting they make mistakes."

My child has visual impairments what settings are available? Head to the Profile page where you can change the colour scheme, reduce the visual stimuli with Deafster mode, increase the font size or switch to a Dyslexia-Friendly font called Laidla. Play Rockstars.com is also screen reader compatible.

Can I turn off division? Yes in Learning mode but not in the other games. The reason for that is that practicing multiplication and division at the same time supports the recall of both and is the most successful approach. If your child is finding division confusing, please speak to their teacher about starting with the 30s only and for advice on how to help at home.

Troubleshooting

My child's coin and/or Studio speed have suddenly dropped Another child may have logged in as your child. Please reassure your child that this can be rectified. Contact their teacher who can set a new password, refund any coins, delete Studio games and talk to the class about online safety.

My child plays too much Set firm TTB time limits, reward healthy choices, take away devices before bed.

My child's name is showing in a school leaderboard Please ask your child's teacher to change the settings at their end so that their name does not show on the leaderboards instead of real names.

What does the icon mean? If this symbol appears over a game tile (e.g. over Garage) it means the teacher has set your child a certain number of minutes to practice in that game mode for homework. Once they complete those minutes the other game units.

Beech Class

Beech Class children were shocked to find their classroom was a crime scene when they arrived at school last Friday morning!



Beech Class making their undercover detective disguises, as we try to solve the mystery of the missing dogs.



Beech Class detectives worked extremely hard to find clues to help them solve the mystery.



Lime Class

Lime Class worked well to sort food into the different food groups and to create their own healthy meal plate in science.



Male Voice Choir

Thank you to the Male Voice Choir for attending our school and singing some beautiful pieces of music. The children really enjoyed the interaction.



Swimming Gala

Well done to **Emilia, Oliwia, Kayla, Cassidy, Delvin, Enoch, Win** for taking part in the BCWCAT Swimming Gala and representing St. William's on Wednesday, you did amazing!



Eid Card Design Competition

Congratulations to Anna. Anna's entry had been chosen as a winner in a recent art competition to design an Eid card, in a district wide art initiative for the Bradford Schools.

From several hundred designs hers was chosen to be made into an official electronic card for Strategic Director of Children's Services: Marium Haque.

A presentation event was made on Thursday evening 18 April 2024, at Margaret McMillan Towers, where she received a prize and a certificate, and her fantastic artwork was seen by thousands of individuals over the Eid period.

Well done Anna, we are so proud!





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

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:
Aurelijus, Anham, Pola, Ethan, Oskar, Lou, Eva, Bella, Sahil and Megan.

Hot Chocolate Friday:

Grayson, McKenna, Elizabeth, Muhammad, Kenny, Oracle, Pawel, Joel, Win and Delvin.

Virtue Certificates this week:

Kora, Amelia, Marcella, Nina, Connor, Taiwo, Darina, Arzo, Kayla and ife.

Golden Table Monday:

Kora, Elizabeth, Kenny, Eva and Win

'Golden Mention to our lunchtime stars'

Ewa, Mia, Abubakar, Lochlan, Ella, Connor, Sebastian, Pawel, Enoch and Sahil.



Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you,
 happy birthday dear
Monika & Jeremiah
 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:

22/04	Earth Day – Oak Class
23/04	10am Lime Class Mass at St. William’s Church
23/04	Trust Social Day
25/04	Ash Class Reading Workshop Every Thursday 8.45am – 9.00am
26/04	Sacramental Preparation Course Session 2 – Friday 26 April at 4.15pm at St. William’s School.
30/04	10am Holly Class Mass at St. William’s Church
02/05	Ash Class Reading Workshop Every Thursday 8.45am – 9.00am
03/05	Sacramental Preparation Course Session 3 – Friday 3 May at 4.15pm at St. William’s Church Hall
06/05	May Day Bank Holiday Closed for 1 day only re-opens 7 May 2024
07/05	May Procession in Honour of Our Lady Flower donations appreciated
09/05	Ash Class Reading Workshop Every Thursday 8.45am – 9.00am
12/05	School Family Mass 11am at St. William’s Church – All welcome
13/05 – 16/05	Y6 SATs Week 13/05 Spelling Punctuation and Grammar 14/05 Reading 15/05 Arithmetic and Reasoning 1 16/05 Reasoning 2
16/05	Ash Class Reading Workshop Every Thursday 8.45am – 9.00am
17/05	Sacramental Preparation Course

	Session 4 – Friday 17 May at 4.15pm at St. William’s Church Hall
20/05	Pentecost Day
20/05	Oak Class – Homework Project to be returned
21/05	Beech Class – Homework Project to be returned
21/05	10am Beech Class Mass at St. William’s Church
21/05	Lime Class – Homework Project to be returned
21/05	Holly Class – Homework Project to be returned
23/05	Ash Class Reading Workshop Every Thursday 8.45am – 9.00am
24/05	Sacramental Preparation Course Session 5 – Friday 24 May at 4.15pm at St. William’s Church Hall
24/05	School Closes at 3.15pm and Re-opens on Monday 10 June 2024 Summer 2
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.
11/06	10am Holly Class Mass at St. William’s Church
16/06	School Family Mass 11am at St. William’s Church – All welcome
18/06	10am Lime Class Mass at St. William’s Church
25/06	10am Beech Class Mass at St. William’s Church
16/07	10am End of Year Mass Whole School at St. William’s Church

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

Have a lovely weekend,

See you all on

Monday 22 April 2024

at 8.45am.



Remember, it’s COOL to be in SCHOOL!

Lunch Menu – Week Commencing 22/04/24.

St William's Catholic Primary School
W/C 22nd Apr, 13th May, 3rd June, 24th June, 15th July

WEEK 3

For full allergen & nutritional information head to <https://schoolmeals-bradford.gov.uk>

Choose from...

MON

Pasta Bolognaise
Hotpot Pasta Bolognaise
Cheese Pasta Bake
Assorted Sandwiches
Cheddar & Muesli Hot Biquette

TUE

Mexican Chicken Pastabowl
Seaweed Roll
Assorted Sandwiches

WED

Rice of the Day
Hotpot Roast Chicken Breast
Quorn Bake
Assorted Sandwiches
Cheese & Tomato Hot Biquette

THUR

Cheese & Tomato Pizza
Arancini Pasta
Assorted Sandwiches
Jacket Potato with Cheese & Tuna

FRI

Fish Fingers
Cheese & Potato Fries
Assorted Sandwiches
Jacket Potato with Cheese

Desserts...

Galettes
Assorted Individual Salads
Lemon Mousse
Freshly Prepared Fruit

Desserts...

Oiled Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables, Assorted Individual Salads
Jam Sponge
Freshly Prepared Fruit

Desserts...

Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding
Seasonal Vegetables, Assorted Individual Salads
Banana Mousse
Freshly Prepared Fruit

Desserts...

Chips
Baked Beans, Assorted Individual Salads
Chocolate Sponge
Freshly Prepared Fruit

Desserts...

Jacket Potato Wedges
Sweetcorn, Assorted Individual Salads
Oat Cookie
Freshly Prepared Fruit

Suitable for... VEGAN VEGETARIAN



Parent/Carer workshops from the Mental Health Champions Project
(Part of Bradford Educational Psychology Team)

Bradford Educational Psychology Team offer free group workshops for parents and carers, via the Mental Health Champions project.

Parents and carers are eligible if they or a child/young person (up to age 18) in their care live in the Bradford area*.

The theme for the next round of parent workshops is:

Supporting Your Child With Transitions

This workshop will help parents/carers to understand:

- The factors that might impact on a child or young person when experiencing school transitions.
- How to support children and young people to have a positive experience during key school transition points e.g. from primary to secondary school.



Please note that these are group events and we are unable to offer any individual advice during or following these sessions

The dates of the next round of sessions are:

- Tues 11th June 2024 9.30-11am or
- Thurs 13th June 2024 1-2.30pm



All sessions are live and online, via Microsoft Teams

Participants need only attend one date as this is a single-session workshop, not a series of events.

Please note: Sessions may be cancelled if minimum numbers are not met, and any parents/carers booked onto sessions that are cancelled will be offered an alternative wherever possible.

Booking details: To book can parents/carers please email MHChampions@Bradford.gov.uk We will ask for your preferred date, the name of the school your child/young person attends, and ask you to confirm that you are a Bradford resident*.

Once your place has been confirmed, login details and passwords will be sent nearer the time.

*Please note that we are commissioned to provide this service to families who live in the Bradford area only. If you child attends a Bradford school but you live outside the area, please contact us before attempting to book a place.

