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St. William's Weekly News Round 29 September 2023

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St. Therese of Lisieux, the Little Flower of the Child Jesus



1st October is the Feast Day of Therese of Lisieux. Therese is most known for her "Little Way" and her example of faith and service to God is relevant to us today. She spoke not of doing great things, but of small things with great love. She saw herself as a child who lived in complete dependence on God. Therese acknowledged her littleness and believed this showed more clearly God's greatness. She once said, "If all the lowly flowers wished to be roses, nature would lose its springtime beauty." Therese saw herself as a tiny flower in the garden of God and believed His power shone more clearly through her weakness. Her message of simplicity and childlike trust in God, our merciful father is timeless and lives on in many hearts as a spirit of courage and hope. God wants to meet us wherever we are, and He is accessible to all who seek Him. The little way is a way of forgiveness, confidence, trust, and love. It is selfless and simple. St. Therese of Lisieux is a great saint who arrived at holiness by a simple path we all can follow. She is with us and will help us.

A simple prayer to Saint Therese of Lisieux is:

O, Saint Therese, the little flower, please pick me a rose from the heavenly garden and send it to me as a message of love. O, Little Flower of Jesus, ask God to grant the favours I now place with confidence in your hands (Mention specific requests). Saint Therese, help me to always believe as you did in God's great love for me, so that I might imitate your "Little Way" each day. Amen.

Feast Day of St Vincent de Paul

Thank you to our Mini Vinnies for leading the assembly celebrating the Feast Day of St Vincent de Paul on Wednesday.



Church News

Well done to the children and parents who attended the 1st Sacramental Reconciliation Meeting. **Please come to the 2nd session today, at 4:30-5:15pm here at St. William's main entrance!**

Next Meetings:

6th Oct at 4:30-5:15pm at St. William's School.

13th Oct & 17th Nov at 4:30-5:15pm at St. Matthew's School.

Secondary School Applications for pupils in Y6.

Secondary School Applications to be completed by 31 October 2023 online. If you require any help, please contact the school office to make an appointment.

Lime Class School Mass:

Thank you Fr. Darren for celebrating Mass, on Tuesday 26 September - the children read beautifully.



Ash Class

Ash Class have enjoyed using natural objects to make themselves. They talked about what makes them special and unique!



Lime Class

Lime Class are enjoying their flute lessons.



Bradford Junior Choir

We have many talented boys and girls in school who love to sing and there is a fantastic opportunity for pupils in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 to join the Bradford Junior Choir **at NO cost at all**. Just take your child(ren) to **St. Joseph's Primary School, Park Lane, Bradford, BD5 0RB for 4pm on Wednesdays (it finishes at 5pm)**. Daniel Rodriguez, Leeds Diocese Singing Specialist Teacher leads the choir, and your child will benefit from improved wellbeing, the development of social skills and gain confidence, independence as well as enjoy the musical and spiritual benefits. This is a super opportunity for your son or daughter, and I encourage you to take your child along to see for yourselves. Daniel is a talented teacher and promise you will not regret it!

Celebrating the Word of God

A thoughtful class worship in our new prayer garden focusing on the theme of thankfulness.



Holly Class reflected on the story of Lazarus and the rich man.



Phonics/Reading Workshops

Thank you to those who were able to attend the Parents Phonics and Reading workshops this week, I hope you found the information useful.

Please check your child's Class Dojo page to view a video from the class teacher, sharing tips for parents/carers when they read with their son/daughter!



St. William's Local Academy Council

Members of the Council support me, as Headteacher, to lead the school successfully and their work is invaluable. You may remember I appealed for volunteers to consider joining this body, as Parent Governor, in the summer term; and I am pleased to inform you that Ms Ghazala Rafid offered her services. As no other parent came forward there is no need for an election. If you are interested in the work of the Local Academy Council at a Catholic School as a Foundation Governor (this role requires you to attend Mass weekly and you must be a catholic) and want any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me (Miss Parker). There are 6 Local Academy Council Meetings from Sept to July. Training to support you in this role is provided. Thank you!

Dear Parents/Carers

SCHOOL LUNCH PRICE INCREASE From 2 October 2023

£2.10 Per Day

£10.50 Per Week

Thank you

Weather



Please send your child/children prepared for our ever-changing weather conditions. Children must have a coat, preferably with a hood, everyday 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 in Education Sept 2023

All members of staff and governors complete annual safeguarding training but safeguarding children is everyone's business and I ask all of you to make it a priority to know how to protect and safeguard your child(ren). Read Part One and Annex Five of the document <https://www.gov.uk>.

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 to collect the children from school at 3:15pm to collect other 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.

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 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:
Daniel, Doretta, Victoria, Prince, Rumaisah, Monika, Hadassah, Sebastian, Enoch and Nicola.

Hot Chocolate Friday:

Destiny-Raw, Nahom, Hoorain, Iyaan, Isla-Grace, Anna, Sofia, Jaden, Delvin and Win.

Virtue Certificates this week:

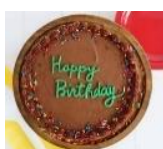
Daniel, Ethan, Chidubem, Brodie, Karolina, Zidan, Pawel, Kamsi, Fredrick and Esther.

Golden Table Monday:

Pola, Claire, Jeriel and Fredrick

'Golden Mention to our lunchtime stars'

Amaan, Juraj, Dennis, King, Kamsi, Bella, Ethan and Keyaan



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

Amelia, Lola-Mae, Helena and Sylviane

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:

03/10	10am Beech Class Mass in church
04/10	Open Day – Reception for 2024
15/10	Sunday Family School Mass 11am in (readers etc)
16/10	Oak Class – Homework Projects to be handed in
16/10	Beech Class - Homework Projects to be handed in
16/10	Parent Consultation Evening
16/10	Holly Class - Homework Projects to be handed in
17/10	Lime Class - Homework Projects to be handed in
18/10	Parent Consultation Evening
20/10	School Closes at 3.15pm and Re-Opens on Tuesday 31 October 2023

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 02/10/23

iFood quarter St William's Catholic Primary School					
WEEK 1					
	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
MAINS	Roast Beef Roast Tomato Mashed Potatoes	BBQ Chicken & Rice Vegetable Roll	Roast Sausage Roast Quorn Sausage	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Arrozito Pasta	Fish Fingers Vegetable Dippers
SIDES	Crusty Bread Seasonal Vegetables Assorted Individual Salads	New Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables Assorted Individual Salads	Dry Roast Potatoes Yorkshire Pudding Seasonal Vegetables Assorted Individual Salads	Chips Garlic Bread Seasonal Vegetables Assorted Individual Salads	Dry Roast Jacket Potatoes Wedges Baked Beans Assorted Individual Salads
OTHER OPTIONS	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Sandwiches
DESSERTS	Volcano Buns Freshly Prepared Fruit	Vanilla Ice Cream Tub & Strawberry Sauce Freshly Prepared Fruit	Paris Sandwich Fruit Jelly Freshly Prepared Fruit	Chocolate Sponge Freshly Prepared Fruit	Pineapple Mincel Freshly Prepared Fruit



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



FM SERVICES



For children and young people aged 9 - 19 who just love to sing!

AUDITIONS AUTUMN 2023



JUNIOR CHOIRS

Treble choirs for boys and girls aged 9 - 15

SENIOR CHOIR

An SATB choir for children Year 11+ and boys with changed voices

2 residential courses per year • Bursaries available

For further information please go to: www.nccgb.com
Email: info@nccgb.com or call: 07894 021279



Charity number: 109 8292

Why is Mary so important in the Catholic faith?

In all her actions she exemplifies the mission of the Church. She agreed to God's will to give birth to Jesus and supported and displayed her faith in her Son throughout His ministry. She was with him at every stage of his work on Earth and fully supported and followed his teachings. From next Monday and throughout the month of October all pupils will have the opportunity to share the 'Mary Prayer Bags' with their family; take time to pray to Mary together, knowing that she listens to all our prayers and takes these to God, the Father in heaven. In school pupils will participate in The Rosary Challenge (see Mark Mission 10). Thank you for your support!



Have a lovely weekend,
See you all on
Monday 2 October 2023
at 8.45am.



Remember, it's COOL to be in SCHOOL!



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Reception Open Day



At St. William's we have a nurturing environment where children will experience the joy of discovery, solving problems, being creative and developing self-confidence.

We would like to invite you to have a look around on

Wednesday 4th October 9.30-10.30am

and Wednesday 8th November 2.00-2.30pm

If you cannot attend one of these sessions, please call the school office and we will rearrange a time that suits you.

For further information please call or email the school office:

01274 545743 or office@wilbcwcat.co.uk

