



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE BOARD

The Season of Advent

During the fourth week of Advent we focus on Mary's open heart as she prepares to receive the gift of Emmanuel, 'God is with us'. The fourth candle represents love and the presence of the Saviour. God sent Jesus into the world because of his great love for us! 'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him' (Jn 3:16-17). If you want to know how to love, look at the love that sent Jesus to earth to live a life of love and pay the price for all our sins. It is all about love. This is a love that says, 'I am willing to love you no matter what'. As we approach the end of Advent let us try to love others the same way Jesus Christ loves you.

The central white candle, 'Christ Candle' is lit to mark the arrival of Christmastide, on Christmas day and represents the life of Christ.

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

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 of Our Lord at **8.00pm**

Christmas Day – Monday 25 December 2023

9.30am St Matthew's

11.00am St William's

Thank you! This has been another very successful term and I wanted to express my thanks to all of you for your continued support to bring your child to school, when we have had lots of seasonal infections to fight off! I cannot thank the staff enough for all they do to help our pupils develop and learn – we are so lucky to have such talented and dedicated staff. I know you appreciate all that they do. I wish all the staff, the children and parents a very blessed Christmas with your families and for those families not celebrating this holy time, I hope you also have a special time with those you love the most. Have a wonderful holiday and I look forward to welcoming the children back on Thursday, 4 January 2024.

Specsavers Opticians

Thank you to the team at Specsavers Gillingham, for kindly donating a selection box for every child.



Homework Projects

There have been some truly remarkable projects completed this half term, **WELL DONE** everyone!



Oak Class Oak class have been learning about the Great fire of London in 1666 which started on Pudding Lane.



Beech Class Beech class children were asked to make or draw an Iron Age roundhouse as part of their history topic.



Lime Class Lime class project was related to History/English topic of World War 2, we received posters, models and written work.



Holly Class The children created models of planets that they have created and a map of a new island an explorer might discover.

Christmas Hamper Raffle

Was drawn in the assembly this morning, congratulations to our winners Emilia & Janaya. Merry Christmas and enjoy!



Festive Fun Week

Festive week began on Monday with the whole school creating their Christingles.



Beech Class creating Nativity scenes.



KS2 Classes Spanish Singing Concert





EYFS/KS1 Christmas Nativity

It was lights, camera and action time as the curtain came up on Shine Star Shine at our EYFS/KS1 Nativity on Monday, a massive well done to all our children for starting off our festive week fantastically and retelling the Christmas Story. Thank you for coming to see their Nativity play the children have worked so hard to give you a brilliant performance. They were amazing! We are so proud.



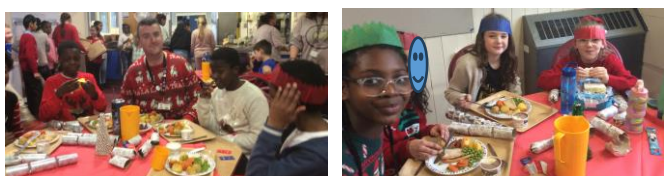
KS2 Christmas Concert

Thank you for coming to see KS2 perform their Carols and Readings for their Advent Liturgy concert on Tuesday at St. William's Church, again the children have worked so hard to give you a brilliant performance. Well done!



Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day

A huge thank you to Emma & the team in the kitchen for providing a wonderful Christmas lunch for us all today, Wednesday, well done!!! Everyone looking Christmassy with their jumpers on.



Lime Class

Beautiful artwork by Sofia, completed at home following great work in school.



Holly Class

Holly class recreating the story of the birth of Jesus using watercolours.



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

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 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 webiste 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!!!



Homework Projects

The following children have completed their homework project – well done and keep up the good work!

Jason, Lemuel, Abubakar, Michael, Amaan, Fariya, Abdul, Jethro, Kaima, Hoorain, Sylviane, Brodie, Pola, Enoch, Kacper, Anna, Oskar, Oracle, Zoe, Jeremiah, Rumaisah, Monika, Isabella, Zidan, Dennis, Riley, Karolina, Lidya, King, Kenny, Taiwo, Oliver, Bella, Sofia, Kathrine, Jeriel, Mia, Hadassah, Sebastian, Pawel, Happiness, Hakeem, Danish, Darina, Alan, Jaden, Vivienne, Amelia, Danielle, Eesah, Nicola, Elise, Win, Vania, Oliwia, Sofia, Kayla, Delvin, Ranaya, Ayra, Emilia, Cassidy, Shalom, Megan, Amaya, Faith, Ethan, Esther and Ife

100% Attendance

Kora, Shawna, Doretta, Ukom, Kiyan, David, Tymon, Dexter Marcella, Lemuel, Jethro, Fariya, Abdul, Abubakar, Miracle, Gerald, Victoria

Ishioma, Isabella, Rumaisah, Zoe, Jenny, Taiwo, Shine, Danielle, Lidya, King, Jeremiah, Emmanuel Oliver, Ife, Hadassah, Sofia

Amaya, Delvin, Keyaan, Vania, Win, Fredrick

100% Attendance (Autumn Term 2)

Julia, Mckenna, Nahom

Harper, Enoch, Iyaan, Phoebe, Michael

Oskar, Karolina, Oracle, Anna, Kacper, Vivienne, Eesah,

Kathrine, Joel, Pawel, Hakeem, Darina, Emilia

Ranaya, Oliwia, Sofia, Cassidy, Hashim, Enoch

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:

20/12

School Closes at 3.15pm and Re-Opens on 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 01/01/24.

St William's Catholic Primary School					
WEEK 1					
MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	
MAINS	Sausage in a Bun Hot Chicken Meatballs & Rice Quorn Sausage in a Bun	Pasta Bolognese Arancini Pasta	Roast of the Day Hot Roast Chicken Breast Cheese & Biscuit Quiche	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Mexican Burrito	Fish Fingers Veg Dippers
SIDES	New Potatoes Assorted Individual Salads Assorted Vegetables	Garlic Bread Assorted Individual Salads Assorted Vegetables	Dry Roast Potatoes Yorkshire Pudding Assorted Vegetables Assorted Individual Salads	Chips Baked Beans Assorted Individual Salads Assorted Vegetables	Dry Roast Jacket Potatoes Wedges Assorted Individual Salads Assorted Vegetables
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 Pesto Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Pesto Assorted Sandwiches
DESSERTS	Lemon Shortcake Freshly Prepared Fruit	Apple Cakes Freshly Prepared Fruit	Vanilla Buns Freshly Prepared Fruit	Chocolatey Spagetti Freshly Prepared Fruit	Q&A Cakes Freshly Prepared Fruit

2023/2024 Academic Year Holiday's

Aug 2023	Sep 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2023
Mon: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31	Mon: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31	Mon: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31	Mon: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31
Dec 2023	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Mar 2024
Mon: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31	Mon: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31	Mon: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31	Mon: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31
Apr 2024	May 2024	Jun 2024	Jul 2024
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12 Tips for Christmas

From foodbanks, to community pantries, to emergency food provision - if you're struggling to afford food, help is out there. You only need to ask.

Visit bradfordfoodbanks.org.uk to find out where you can access food resources.

Visit costoflivingbradford.co.uk

My Living Well – www.mylivingwell.co.uk

OUR DECEMBER NEWSLETTER IS OUT NOW!

Farfield Family Hub

Do you care for a child or young person with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities?

At Farfield Family Hub, we offer a range of support services for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

Our services include:

- Assessment
- Supportive interventions
- Educational support
- Behaviour support
- Mental health support
- Speech and language support
- Occupational therapy
- Physiotherapy
- Music and drama
- Art and craft
- Gardening
- Horse riding
- Football
- Basketball
- Netball
- Rugby
- Hockey
- Badminton
- Table tennis
- Chess
- Coding
- Robotics
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Check the dates for 2024 10.30am to 12 noon

Monday 15th January
Monday 15th February
Monday 18th March – Learn more about the support offered by your local family hub
Monday 15th April
Monday 20th May
Monday 24th June – SENDIAS will be discussing their work.
Monday 15th July

Bradford West area Family Hub

Farcliffe Family Hub
11 Toller Lane, BC18 5QH

Our events for November

Adult course parent groups - help with early learning resources, enhance both parents and children's learning. **Monday's 10.30am to 12 noon**

Parenting programmes

We have a range of parenting programmes delivered at various times and places. **Monday's 10.30am to 12 noon**

Family Link Workshop - supporting positive parenting and exploring the emotional needs of children. **Monday's 10.30am to 12 noon**

Health Day and Play - Come to our family hub and play games while you wait for your health appointment. **Monday's 10.30am to 12 noon**

Special Spots Initiative Group - **Monday's 10.30am to 12 noon**

West Family Hub - December timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Family Link Workshop 10.30am - 12 noon Drop in Farcliffe Family Hub 11 Toller Lane, BC18 5QH	Family Link Workshop 10.30am - 12 noon Drop in Farcliffe Family Hub 11 Toller Lane, BC18 5QH	Family Link Workshop 10.30am - 12 noon Drop in Farcliffe Family Hub 11 Toller Lane, BC18 5QH	Family Link Workshop 10.30am - 12 noon Drop in Farcliffe Family Hub 11 Toller Lane, BC18 5QH	Family Link Workshop 10.30am - 12 noon Drop in Farcliffe Family Hub 11 Toller Lane, BC18 5QH

Have a lovely break,
See you all on
Thursday 4 January 2024
at 8.45am.



Remember, it's COOL to be in SCHOOL!