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5th Sunday of Lent



In the lead up to the Passion and death of Jesus, Sunday's Gospel, provides us with another image of Christ's death on the cross. We reflect on the image of a grain of wheat which falls to the ground and gives up its life to produce a rich harvest.

The symbol of the grain of wheat would be easily understood in people of that time close to an agricultural economy. A farmer keeps some of the year's crop of grain to be used as seed for the next season. From one seed will grow a plant of many grains. Often this new life depends on another coming to an end. Jesus chose to use this image of a wheat seed falling to the ground to help us understand how His own death would produce a harvest of new and eternal life. The death on the cross would destroy our sin and allow us to share in the new life of Jesus' glorious resurrection.

For us to achieve this, Jesus us told us we must be ready to serve Him with our lives and follow wherever He leads us in life. At Baptism we are freed from sin and filled with new life as children of God. As sons and daughters of God, we are filled with His life and love and by serving Him, sharing what we have been given with the world, we share eternal glory with God at the end of time.

Loving Father,
Make our lives pleasing to you.
As children of God, may we produce a rich harvest
For Your kingdom of love.
Amen.

Church Information:

Holy Week 2024

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
Saturday 23 March 6pm Vigil Mass at St. William's Church.

Sunday 24 March 9am Mass with the Blessing of the Palms and procession at St. Matthew's Church.
Sunday 24 March 11am Solemn Mass with the Blessing of Palms and procession at St. William's Church.

Holy Week

Monday 25 March – No public mass
Tuesday 26 March – 10am Mass at St. William's Church.
Wednesday 27 March – No Mass (Chrism Mass – Leeds Cathedral at 11am – all welcome)

The Sacred Paschal Triduum (All three liturgies will be celebrated in St. William's Church).

Maundy Thursday 28 March 2024

7pm Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper: with the washing of the feet, transfer of the Most Holy Eucharist, stripping of the Altars, and watching at the Altar of Repose until 11pm. The night office of Compline will be sung at 10.50pm.

Good Friday 29 March 2024

Confessions 11am – 12noon
3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion, with the Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion.
7pm Stations of the Cross and Veneration of the relic of the True Cross.

Holy Saturday 30 March 2024

Confession 11am – 12noon.
8pm The Easter Vigil: with the celebration of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation, and the Solemn First Mass of the Resurrection.

Easter Sunday

Sunday 31 March 2024
9.30am Mass at St. Matthew's Church
11.00am Solemn Mass at St. William's Church

Please contact Fr Jones directly if you want your son or daughter to be baptised. You can attend Mass on Saturdays at 6pm or Sundays at 11am at St. William's Church and speak to him after Mass or telephone the presbytery 01274 542534 (avoid contacting Fr Jones on Mondays, he is not available).

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 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

Family Mass – Sunday 10 March.

Thank you to Delvin, Karolina, Danielle, and Claire who read beautifully in church today for our Family Mass and Dennis and Isabella who led the Offertory procession. It was a lovely way to mark Mothering Sunday, very well done, children!



Year 6 SATs







Parents of Year 6 pupils are expected to attend a meeting, with Mr Clayton, on **Tuesday, 26 March at 2:45pm** in the school hall, to discuss KS2 Assessments for 2024. It is very important that you take this opportunity to hear this information about what SATs week involves for your son/daughter. Thank you, in advance of your attendance at this meeting.

Beech Class Mass

Well done to the children in beech class who read beautifully in church on Tuesday.



LENTEN FUNDRAISING

CLASS	DATE	WHERE	EVENT
 ASH	Ongoing during Lent	Throughout School	How many sweets in a jar? 20p a go
 OAK	Ongoing during Lent	Throughout School	Guess how many cubes in the jar? 20p a go
 BEECH	Ongoing during Lent	Throughout School	Treasure Hunt - 20p a go
 LIME	1 Week Only Commencing 18/03/24	Under Shed	Biscuit Sale - 50p a biscuit
 HOLLY	Ongoing during Lent	Throughout School	Name the Easter animal - 20p a go
 Whole School	Ongoing	Throughout School	Easter Raffle 20p each or £1 for a Strip

LENTEN FUNDRAISING Easter Egg Raffle 20p a ticket £1 for a strip



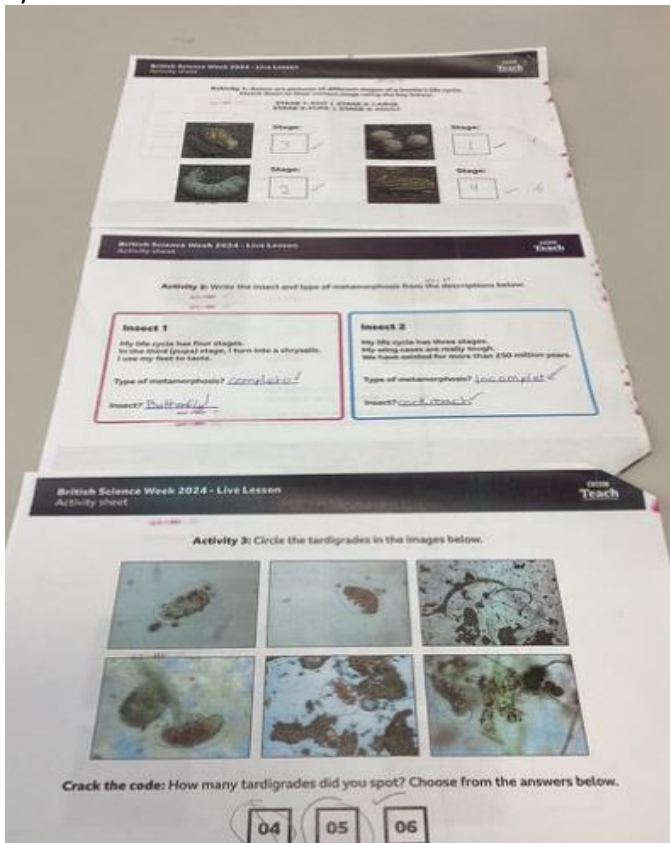
Lime Class

Lime Class were amazed when they created their own rainbows for British Science Week.



Holly Class

Holly Class had a great live lesson all about life cycles for British Science Week.



School Governors

Ms Andrea Pritchard is now the Chair of the Local Academy Council (LAC) as from 12th March- 31st August 2024 and Mr Chris Spillane is Vice Chair.

If any parent is interested in the role of parent governor and would like to join St. William's Local Academy Council, please do not hesitate to speak to me (Miss Parker) directly. Thank you.

CAFOD Big Walk



Will take place on Wednesday, 20 March, don't forget to wear weather resistant shoes, or bring a pair of wellies as they will be on the school field – Thank you. All money raised will go to CAFOD raising money for those affected by war around the world. All contributions welcome!

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:
Destiny-Rae, Michael, Ethan, Gerald, Emmanuel, Daniel, Darina, Lola-Mae, Fred and Keyaan.

Hot Chocolate Friday:

David, Semilore, Jibrael, Nina, Dennis, Isabella, Ralfs, Sarina, Sahil and Megan.

Virtue Certificates this week:

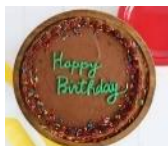
Doretta, Kiyan, Enoch, Alexis-Marie, Anna, Riley, Sofia, Jeffery, Sofia and Sahil.

Golden Table Tuesday:

Michael, Elizabeth, Raheem, Lola-Mae and Sahil.

'Golden Mention to our lunchtime stars'

Fabian, Julian, Amaan, Pola, Lidya, Ramina, David, Pawel, Megan and Sofia.



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

Dennis & Alan

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:

19/03	EYFS/KS1 St. Joseph's Day Liturgy with Fr Jones in school
19/03	KS2 Sacrament of Reconciliation in school Chapel
20/03	Sponsored Walk – CAFOD Appeal to support those in war torn countries
25/03	Holy Week Liturgies 25/03 Ash & Oak Palm Sunday, Mass 10am on 26/03/24 – all parents welcome, 27 th & 28 th Beech Class the Last Supper/Jesus Arrest, Lime & Holly Passion & Crucifixion of Jesus
25/03	Oak Class Homework Project to be returned
26/03	Y6 SATs information parents meeting 2.45pm
26/03	Beech Class Homework Project to be returned
26/03	Lime Class Homework Project to be returned
26/03	Whole School Mass at St. William's Church
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 William's'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 18/03/24.

St William's Catholic Primary School					13th Nov, 4th Dec, 15th Jan, 5th Feb, 26th Feb, 18th Mar
WEEK 3					
	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
MAINS	Sticky Chicken Mac n Cheese Honey Mustard Bolognaise Soya Mince Bolognaise	Minced Beef & Onion Pie Cheese & Potato Flan	Braised Sausage Honey Chicken Roll Braised Quorn Sausage	Cheese & Tomato Pizz Vegetarian Chili & Noodles	Battered Fillet of Fish Southern Fried Quorn Burger
SIDES	Garlic Bread Assorted Individual Salads	Grilled 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
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 Panini Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Sandwiches
DESSERTS	Decorated Fruit Jelly Freshly Prepared Fruit	Oat Cake Freshly Prepared Fruit	Apple Crumble Yoghurt Freshly Prepared Fruit	Milkshake Freshly Prepared Fruit	Shortbread Freshly Prepared Fruit

Have a lovely weekend,
See you all on
Monday 18 March 2024
at 8.45am.



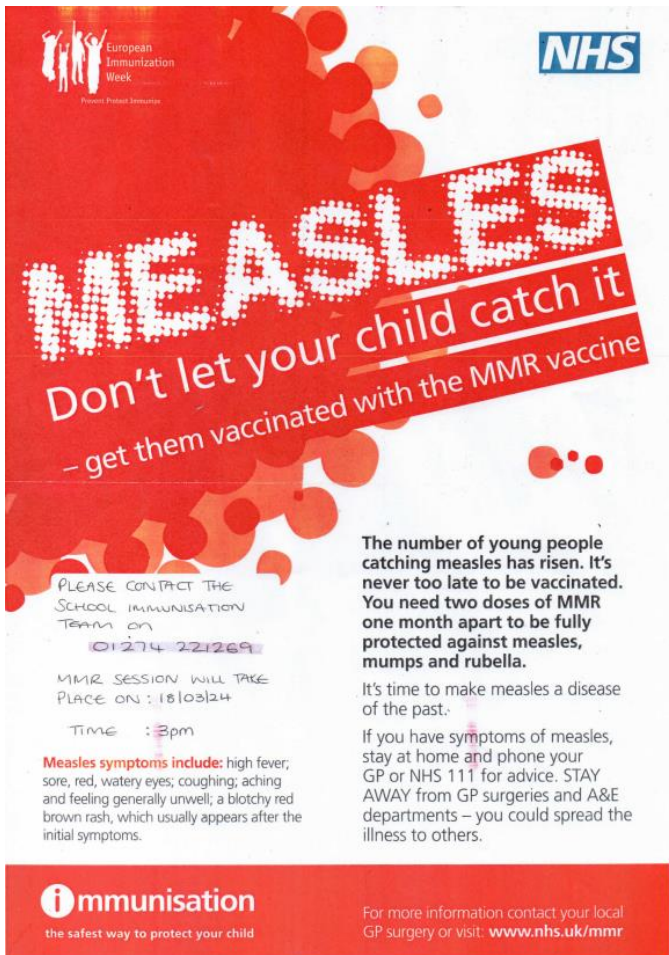
Remember, it's COOL to be in SCHOOL!

MMR Vaccine

If you have consented to your child receiving the MMR Vaccine, this will take place on **Monday 18 March 2024 at 3.15pm – School Hall**

Immunisations will only be given if a parent is present.

Please collect your child at 3.15pm and make your way to school office. – Thank you



MEASLES
Don't let your child catch it
– get them vaccinated with the MMR vaccine

PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL IMMUNISATION TEAM ON 01274 221269

MMR SESSION WILL TAKE PLACE ON: 18/03/24
TIME: 3pm

Measles symptoms include: high fever; sore, red, watery eyes; coughing; aching and feeling generally unwell; a blotchy red brown rash, which usually appears after the initial symptoms.

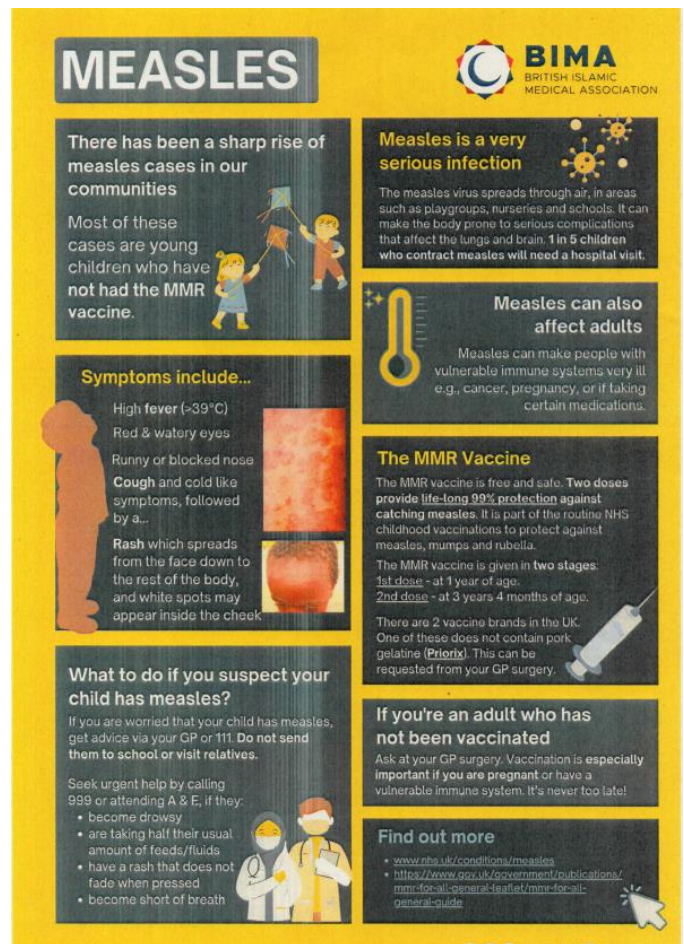
The number of young people catching measles has risen. It's never too late to be vaccinated. You need two doses of MMR one month apart to be fully protected against measles, mumps and rubella.

It's time to make measles a disease of the past.

If you have symptoms of measles, stay at home and phone your GP or NHS 111 for advice. STAY AWAY from GP surgeries and A&E departments – you could spread the illness to others.

Immunisation
the safest way to protect your child

For more information contact your local GP surgery or visit: www.nhs.uk/mmr



MEASLES

There has been a sharp rise of measles cases in our communities

Most of these cases are young children who have not had the MMR vaccine.

Symptoms include...

- High fever (>39°C)
- Red & watery eyes
- Runny or blocked nose
- Cough and cold like symptoms, followed by a...
- Rash which spreads from the face down to the rest of the body, and white spots may appear inside the cheek

What to do if you suspect your child has measles?

If you are worried that your child has measles, get advice via your GP or 111. Do not send them to school or visit relatives.

Seek urgent help by calling 999 or attending A & E, if they:

- become drowsy
- are taking half their usual amount of feeds/fluids
- have a rash that does not fade when pressed
- become short of breath

Measles is a very serious infection

The measles virus spreads through air, in areas such as playgroups, nurseries and schools. It can make the body prone to serious complications that affect the lungs and brain. 1 in 5 children who contract measles will need a hospital visit.

Measles can also affect adults

Measles can make people with vulnerable immune systems very ill e.g., cancer, pregnancy, or if taking certain medications.

The MMR Vaccine

The MMR vaccine is free and safe. Two doses provide life-long 99% protection against catching measles. It is part of the routine NHS childhood vaccinations to protect against measles, mumps and rubella.

The MMR vaccine is given in two stages:

- 1st dose - at 1 year of age.
- 2nd dose - at 3 years 4 months of age.

There are 2 vaccine brands in the UK. One of these does not contain pork gelatine (Priorix). This can be requested from your GP surgery.

If you're an adult who has not been vaccinated

Ask at your GP surgery. Vaccination is especially important if you are pregnant or have a vulnerable immune system. It's never too late!

Find out more

- www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mmr-for-all-general-leaflet/mmr-for-all-general-guide>