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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE BOARD

### Holy Week

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week  
"This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'" Jesus had become somewhat of a celebrity among people who had heard of the miraculous raising of Lazarus from the dead, and they wanted to see Him and treat Him like a king. As Jesus rode a donkey into the town of Jerusalem a large crowd gathered and laid palm branches and their cloaks across the road, giving Jesus royal treatment. The hundreds of people shouted 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' However, this joy and celebration quickly turned; and the people and soldiers tortured and mocked Him and then finally crucified Him on a cross.

**Lord, let us pray, that our eyes can be opened today, so that we too, can see, the God in our own lives and in those in whom we encounter.**



Parents are invited to the Holy Week Liturgies in school next week but please note, these are solemn reflections, retelling the events of Holy Week, (the suffering, humiliation of Jesus after His arrest and His death on a cross). We enter in silence and leave in silence. Thank you for your support if you attend these.  
**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> 9:05-9:25 Palm Sunday Ash & Oak Classes**  
**Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Mass @ St. William's 10am & 1:05-1:25pm Last Supper & Jesus' Arrest Beech Class**  
**Wed 27<sup>th</sup> 9:05-9:25 Stations of the Cross (1) Lime Class**  
**Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> 9:05-9:25 Stations of the Cross (2) Holly Class**

## 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

### 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.

## LENTEN FUNDRAISING

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

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



### CAFOD Big Walk

As you are aware, as part of the Lenten Almsgiving, we are collecting for the charity, CAFOD, they help those living in war torn countries. On Wednesday, the children took part in the Big Walk for Lent. They all did amazing. Please send the forms and monies raised into school asap and no later than Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> March so we can send the donation to CAFOD. Thank you!



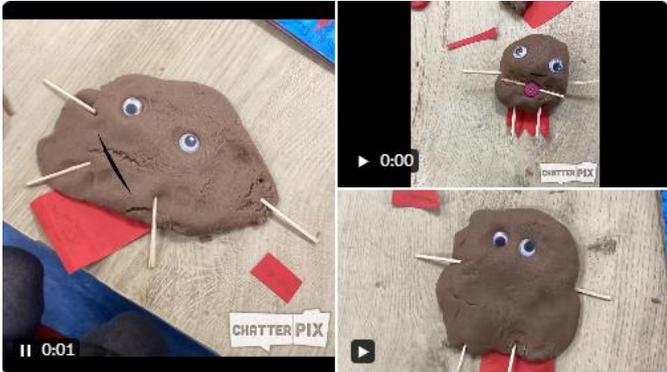
## St Joseph's Liturgy

Oak and Ash Classes celebrated the Feast of St Joseph on Tuesday. Thank you to Pola and Nina for reading and thank you to Fr Jones for participating in this celebration with the children.



## Ash Class

Ash Class had a fantastic computing lesson adding voiceovers to their own Supertato! Head on over and check them out on Twitter, they are amazing.



## Oak Class

Spring artwork from Oak Class.



## Beech Class

Beech Class conducted a survey of their local habitat this week.



Well done to Beech Class for their music performance!



## Lime Class

Last week during Science Week, Lime Class were amazed when they created their own rainbows.



## Holly Class

Holly Class collecting data as part of their science lesson on healthy lifestyles.



## End of Term Assembly

You are all welcome to join us for our end of term assembly next Thursday at 2:40pm.

## 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:

**Ewa, Kora, Elizabeth, Gerald, Nella, Rumaisah, Konrad, Vivienne, Hashim and Sofia.**

### Hot Chocolate Friday:

**Fabian, Anthony, Amaan, Ethan, Isabella, Nella, Darina, Mia, Ethan and Romana**

**Virtue Certificates this week:**

Adriana, Semilore, Brodie, Alexis-Marie, Dennis, Isla-Grace, Shalom and Ranaya.

**Golden Table Monday:**

Grayson, Miracle, Nella, David and Emilia

**'Golden Mention to our lunchtime stars'**

Aurelijus, Kiyon, Pola, Phoebe, Lidya, Oskar, Hakeem, Hadassah, Ayra and Elise.



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

**Lou**

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!**

**NO AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS  
NEXT WEEK – Holy Week**

**Dates for your diary:**

25/03	Holy Week Liturgies 25/03 Ash & Oak Palm Sunday, Mass 10am on 26/03/24 – all parents welcome, 27 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> 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	10am Whole School Mass at St. William's Church – all welcome
27/03	Holly Class Homework Project to be returned
28/03	School Closes at 3.15pm and <b>re-opens on Tuesday 9 April</b>

19/04	<b>Sacramental Preparation Course</b> Session 1 – Friday 19 April at 4.15pm at St Matthew's School
26/04	<b>Sacramental Preparation Course</b> Session 2 – Friday 26 April at 4.15pm at St. William's School.
03/05	<b>Sacramental Preparation Course</b> Session 3 – Friday 3 May at 4.15pm at St. William's Church Hall
17/05	<b>Sacramental Preparation Course</b> Session 4 – Friday 17 May at 4.15pm at St. William's Church Hall
24/05	<b>Sacramental Preparation Course</b> Session 5 – Friday 24 May at 4.15pm at St. William's Church Hall
01/06	<b>Sacramental Preparation Course</b> 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 <b>The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Corpus Christi.</b>

**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 25/03/24.**



29th April 7-8pm

Come and join us online, we're talking about

## Helping kids back into school



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Book online [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](https://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)  
go to the PARENT page



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# Newsletter

Happy Easter...summer term bookings happening now!



Approved CPD training for anyone who works with children or teenagers.  
**National Standards CPD accredited with certificate**

Monday 29 April 19:00 - 21:00 FREE	 <p><b>Helping kids back into school</b> School refusal is a growing concern. This session looks at why it is occurring and offers supportive ideas to assist parents.</p>
Tuesday 9 April 19:00 - 21:00 £24	 <p><b>Cannabis Awareness</b> Still on the increase, are you able to talk to young people about this drug? Get the facts and the confidence to be able to have the conversation.</p>
Thursday 18 April 19:00 - 21:00 £24	 <p><b>Understanding Addictive Behaviour</b> Screens, gaming, social media. What is happening to the brain and body and how can we control it.</p>

[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](https://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)    [info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk](mailto:info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

Have a lovely weekend,

See you all on

**Monday 25 March 2024**

at 8.45am.



Remember, it's COOL to be in SCHOOL!