



Shining as we learn in
Faith, Family and Friendship!



Weekly Newsletter



Friday 22nd November

Prayer theme for the week...

We remember that when we choose what is good, we feel good about ourselves.

This week's Certificate Winners

- ☺ Year 1: John
- ☺ Year 2: Adriana
- ☺ Year 3: Eliza
- ☺ Year 4: George
- ☺ Year 5: Franek
- ☺ Year 6: Madyson

Lantern Festival

Our annual Lantern Festival will be held in school on Thursday 12th December. Every child in school makes a lantern, which is then lit and we create a 'lantern walk' through our school grounds.

We will open our school hall at 4pm. From 4-5pm, we will have a range of stalls for you to enjoy, including a chocolate tombola, a 'Guess the Name of the Teddy' stall and a henna stall. We will also be serving hot and cold drinks and snacks, and will have a band playing festive music. From 5pm, our lantern festival will start. We will again be serving hot chocolate to keep you warm!

We look forward to seeing you

Our Core Values are LOVE, RESPECT, FORGIVENESS and COMPASSION.

We have these values so that all our children can work and play co-operatively together in a happy, peaceful school where each child is loved and valued.

Snow!

Our Early Years children have had so much fun exploring the snow and ice outside this week! They've loved seeing which objects would freeze overnight, and have loved jumping and stomping in the crunchy snow.



Reception and KS1 Entrance

Just a reminder that now that we have our KS1 playground back, the car park gate will no longer be open. Entrance and exit will be through the pedestrian gate. If you have a child in Reception, please can you collect them from the green gate by their outdoor area before collecting older children. Thank you!

GIFT Team

Our GIFT team have been to Mount St Joseph's High School this week. They had a brilliant time. If you see them around school, ask them about everything they learnt!



Life Bus

The Life Bus is in school next week, working with children from Nursery-Year 6. The focus will be on our children knowing how to keep themselves mentally healthy. The sessions are always really enjoyable and I am sure they will gain a lot from them!

Parish Fayre

This is on Saturday 30th November. Raffle tickets for the Parish raffle will be on sale next week from the school office. The first prize is £100, and the raffle will be drawn during the Parish Fayre.

Book Looks

Thanks to all of our parents who came to our Book Look sessions this week. It is so lovely to have you in school and for your children to share their work with you. We are so proud of their achievements this term, and I am sure you are too!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 27th November at 9.15am	Whole school mass for Advent
Wednesday 27th November at 1.30pm	KS2 Water Safety Assembly
Thursday 28th November 9-10.30am	Triple P Behaviour Support Parent Workshop
Thursday 28th November	Y4 at Bolton Museum-Rainforest Workshop
Friday 29th November	Y1 and Y2 Parent Reading
Friday 29th November (afternoon)	Gold Award- Mayors Christmas concert
Saturday 30th November 12-2pm	Parish Christmas Fayre
Friday 6th December	Y3 and Y4 Financial Capability Workshop
Thursday 12th December 4-6pm	School Christmas Fayre and Lantern Festival

Attendance

We aim for every child's attendance to be at least 97%.

Our attendance for our classes this week is:

Reception: 94%

Year 1: 96%

Year 2: 97%

Year 3: 98%

Year 4: 95%

Year 5: 98%

Year 6: 96%

We celebrate attendance at St William's as we believe that every day in school matters!

Core Values

This week, we have introduced four awards in our Celebration Assembly, each one linked to our school values of love, compassion, forgiveness and respect. Congratulations to this week's four award winners! We are very proud of you. If you see a member of our school community wearing one of our values stickers, ask them why they received it!

Our four school values help us live and work together harmoniously and happily in school. Well done to this week's role models!



Christmas Events

December is just around the corner! Just a reminder of all the fun events we have planned in school to celebrate Christmas. We look forward to seeing you there!

Wednesday 27th November	Whole school mass in school at 9.15am. Parents welcome! The hall will be open from 9am.
Saturday 30th November	St William's Church Parish Fayre
Thursday 12th December	KS1 Nativity at 2pm
Thursday 12th December	KS2 Choir singing at Lever Edge Care Home at 1.30pm
Thursday 12th December	St William's Christmas Stalls (4-5pm) and Lantern Festival (5-6pm)
Friday 13th December	Years 1-6 at the Pantomime
Friday 13th December	Parishioners Coffee Afternoon (2-3pm)
Monday 16th December	EYFS Nativity (2pm)
Monday 16th December	Journey to Bethlehem Day
Wednesday 18th December	Whole school mass in school at 9.15am. Parents welcome! The hall will be open from 9am.
Wednesday 18th December	Whole school Christmas party lunch/ Christmas jumper day
Friday 20th December	Whole school Christmas Carol Concert in school at 9am



Animal Magic

Year 1 had a brilliant day on Monday as the Animal Man was in school! He brought with him so many amazing reptiles!



Financial Capability

All our KS2 children have been learning about financial capability this half term. This week, Years 5 and 6 had a workshop delivered by a financial expert from 'The Money Charity'. They had a great time learning about the different ways we can pay for things, and about credit and debt, as well as budgeting. Years 3 and 4 have their workshop next week!



School Uniform

Just a reminder about our uniform expectations! Please can girls wear either grey tights or white socks. All shoes should be school shoes—no trainers or boots please. All hair bobbles or hairclips should be green or dark colours, to match the uniform.

Boys haircuts need to be sensible, with no lines or patterns cut in.

Thank you for your continued support with this!