



Shining as we learn in
Faith, Family and Friendship!



Weekly Newsletter



Together, as God's family we are learning through love, forgiveness, respect and compassion to use our unique gifts, challenging and transforming our world.



Lenten Fundraising

During this most special season of Lent, as we journey towards Easter, we encourage our children to get involved in fundraising as part of their Lenten almsgiving. Therefore, we encourage all families to fill their St. Joseph's Penny boxes with spare change as they journey through Lent. Please send your filled boxes back into school by 28th March. The money we raise will go to the St. Joseph's Penny Appeal, led by Caritas, who do an amazing job supporting those in need within the diocese. This includes supporting families with additional food and essential items.



Year 5 voices for Equality

This week Year 5 took part in a two day 'Voices for Equality' workshop, where they learned more about the ongoing fight for equality across many marginalised groups. Thank you to the Anne Frank Trust who delivered a very engaging couple of days, which the children thoroughly enjoyed!



Year 5 and 1 Mass

On Wednesday, the children in Years 1 and 5 attended Mass, where they joined in with hymns, and led the readings and prayers. This is just a small part of our Lenten preparations, as we look forward to Easter. Please look out for our Spring RE newsletter coming very soon, which outlines all our Faith life events in school!



Foodbank Friday

We continue to ask for food donations, to support our donations to Emmaus, Bolton. The Emmaus centre does wonderful work in Bolton, supporting those who need it. Please support by sending in tinned packs, items or other dry foods every Friday. Thank you for your support with this!

Year 3 Sacramental Programme

The children in Year 3 who have chosen to set out on their wonderful journey to celebrate their first Reconciliation and First Holy Communion have completed their sessions on understanding baptism as their first sacrament and the importance of prayer. They will be making their first confession (Reconciliation) in Church at 7.00pm on Tuesday 25th March. All within the St. Williams community, including parents and carers, are welcome to join us. We support them on their journey and pray for them.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 25th March 7pm	Sacramental Programme Reconciliation Service in Church
Wednesday 26th March	Year 1 trip to Blackpool Zoo
Thursday 27th March @ 9.00am	Mother's day Coffee Morning for KS2.
Thursday 27th March @ 2.45pm	Year 2 Catholic Social Teaching Assembly
Friday 28th March	Mother's Day Stay and Play Nursery 8.45am-9.30am Year 1 and 2 9.00am-10.00am Reception and Nursery 2.15-3.10pm

Friday 21st March

Prayer theme for the week...

God loves us and wants us to be strong enough to say sorry when we hurt others.
3rd week of Lent

This week's
Certificate
Winners

- ☺ Year 1: Umar
- ☺ Year 2: Farhan
- ☺ Year 3: Janelle
- ☺ Year 4: Amin
- ☺ Year 5: Jacob
- ☺ Year 6: Dennis

Attendance

This week's attendance is as follows:

Reception: 93.1%↓ (-0.4%)
Year 1: 94.4%→ (-0.0%)
Year 2: 96.5%→ (-0.0%)
Year 3: 96.8%↑ (+0.1%)
Year 4: 97%↑ (+0.2%)
Year 5: 96.1%↓ (-0.2%)
Year 6: 97%↑ (+0.2%)

Just a reminder that we aim for every child's attendance to be at least 97%.