



## *Head Teacher's Newsletter*

June 2026

Dear Parents,

As we get ready to finish a fantastic school year, I would like to say, once again, thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm.

### **Transition**

The children have now all met their new teachers and staff are working hard to prepare for the new year ahead.

In September, we welcome two new members of staff: Miss Seals, our Y2 teacher, and Miss Taylor, our SENCO.

We also say goodbye to Miss Lally, our Y4 teacher, who is leaving St William's for a fantastic promotion to Deputy Headteacher at a school in Wigan. I am sure you will join me in wishing Miss Lally the best of luck, and we will miss her at St William's!

### **Free School Meals**

A letter regarding free school meals has been sent home this week. This is a paper copy; if you haven't seen it, please check your child's book bag. If you still haven't got it, please ask the office for one.

ALL PARENTS need to apply for free school meals as the eligibility criteria has changed. If you currently receive free school meals, you need to reapply otherwise you will no longer receive them.

The eligibility has changed so if you do not currently receive free school meals, you may now be eligible.

If you need any support, please ask me and I will help you to complete it.

### **September**

Our new school term starts on 1st September. We look forward to welcoming you back then! If you need any uniform, we have lots available at the school office but I would encourage you to buy before September so that you don't miss out.

### **Parent Link Group**

Our final meeting is on Friday at 9am, if you would like to join. A huge, huge thank you to all our parents who have joined the Parent Link Group. Working together, we can continue to make our school the best place it can be for your children.

### **Academisation**

A huge thank you too for your comments and engagement with the academisation consultation. As of yet, we have heard nothing from the diocese but when we do we will share your detailed comments and constructive feedback. If there is anything to update you on, I will do so immediately.

Many, many thanks. Have a lovely, fun-filled summer with your wonderful children!

*Miss Adams*



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### NURSERY

Nursery have had a lovely month of learning and playing. We have introduced five frames as an enhancement in our maths provision and have enjoyed building numbers 1-5, representing them in lots of ways! Our nursery rhyme is 5 currant buns; we can't wait to bake our own currant buns this week! We have enjoyed learning about celebrations with our new class story Cake! Nursery have had a blast in PE with Miss Baxter, travelling and moving around like lots of animals. Look at us hop, jump and skip!

Nursery also had a fantastic time when they went to Smithills Farm on their first ever school trip!



### RECEPTION

This term in Reception we have enjoyed our trip to Smithills Farm where we had lots of fun feeding the animals and learning about how we use milk to make cheese, yoghurt and our favourite...Ice cream! We have enjoyed learning about Fairytale and traditional tales and retelling stories in our own words. Whilst we play to learn in the provision, we have been very busy applying lots of our learning and skills all by ourselves!





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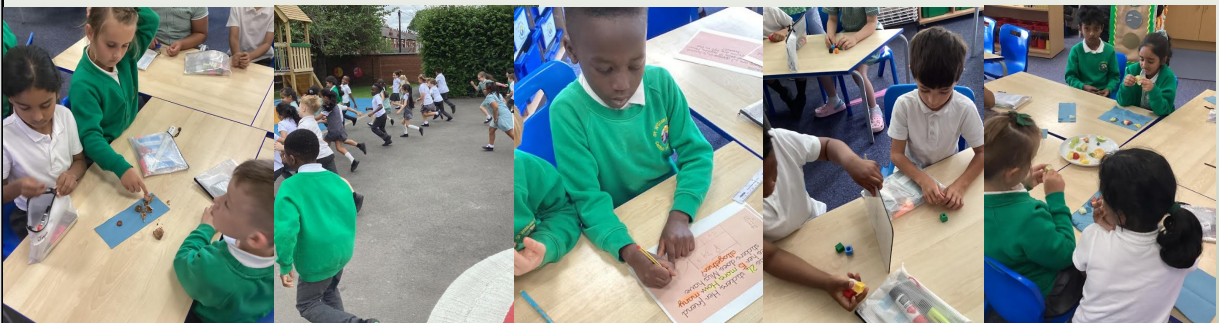
### YEAR 1

We have been learning about plants in Science. We have identified lots of flowers and have even planted our own sunflowers. In Geography we travelled to Mexico and enjoyed watching Barnaby Bear enjoy his holiday to Mexico city. We found out that the people in Mexico speak Spanish and they have lots of mountains and volcanoes. In English, we have read the book Handa's Hen. We added speech bubbles to illustrations and wrote sentences for each part of the story. We have mastered finding a half and quarter of shapes, objects and quantities in Maths. In DT we have enjoyed becoming designers and makers! We explored different materials and used them to build our favourite piece of playground equipment.



### YEAR 2

Year 2 have had a very exciting few weeks! They have been taste testing fruits in preparation for making some tasty treats in DT and have been getting very excited for their class trip to Manchester in Geography. They have found so many fantastic features of our city and are looking forward to seeing a few of them in real life. They have been learning how to save documents on the computer so that they can go back to them later and edit them. They discovered that plants can survive better without sunlight than without water but that they don't grow well! They have also talked about the importance of being a good neighbour in RE - not just at home but all around the world - and about how we can keep different parts of our body healthy, especially our skin in the sunshine!



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### YEAR 3

Year 3 have had a fantastic term, enjoying a range of exciting learning experiences across the curriculum. In Geography, the children have been learning about Italy. They have located Italy within Europe, explored its physical features, including the impressive Alps mountain range, and developed their understanding of the country's geography. This learning has linked beautifully with Design and Technology, where the children have been investigating mechanisms. They have explored a variety of pop-up books, discovering how levers and sliders create movement. By the end of the unit, they will have designed and made their own moving information page inspired by their learning about Italy. We concluded our time involved in the School Linking Project by inviting the Year 4 children from Lostock Primary School to our school. We spent a fun morning playing sports activities with them on a very sunny day! It was great fun and we further cemented our friendships. In Science, our focus has been on plants. The children have investigated what plants need to grow healthily and have set up a series of experiments to explore how different conditions affect plant growth. They are enjoying observing these investigations over time and making thoughtful predictions and observations. In RE we have been learning about special places in our lives and special places to Jesus when he lived on Earth.



### YEAR 4

In Year 4, we have spent June enjoying the lovely weather and even managed to take some of our learning outside in the sunshine. In English, we have written some persuasive letters from the point of view of a dog who wanted to persuade his owner to move to the countryside for a better life. In maths, we have been learning about the properties of shapes, including lines of symmetry and angles. RE has encouraged us to reflect on the marvelous work of God's followers and how they inspire us in our own lives. We have started learning about New York in Geography and we all agree that it's a very interesting place. We have now finished our Lightboxes and are beginning to work on making bookmarks using our sewing skills. We are lucky to have Miss Shercliffe for music this half term and we have been learning all about musical notation and composing short rhythms using musical notes and their rests. Science has been great; learning all about Living things and their Habitats, classifying animals and grouping them in different ways.



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### YEAR 5

In Year 5 we have had a wonderful time learning all about World War II and have created posters in Art displaying our knowledge of themes such as rationing, digging for victory and evacuees. We have begun our final Geography unit of the year with a wonderful rivers trip to explore and study Bradshaw Brook and we are also beginning a brand-new DT project where we are creating recipes and cooking meals inspired by war time rationing (ask us what a Woolton Pie is)! A lot of the class have been enjoying taking advantage of our after-school clubs and all have enjoyed the cricket and outdoor adventurous activities units which we have been learning in PE. Science has taught us about the effects of gravity and air resistance, and we have performed a number of experiments to test out our forces hypotheses. In Maths, we have been translating shapes and in English, we are well on the way to writing up character descriptions of the mythical monsters which we have designed! Finally, we have been learning about Pentecost, the Holy Spirit, Confirmation and the Glorious Mysteries in RE and were lucky enough to invite CAFOD in who gave us a charity budget and tasked us to decide how to spend it to help most people! Another lovely month in year 5, we can't wait to see where our learning takes us in July.



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### YEAR 6

Year 6 have had a fantastic final term at St William's. We have been busy preparing ourselves for high school and thinking about moving on from primary. We have been writing about our memories in primary school for our leavers book to look back on in year to come and have even spent a day at our new schools! We have been busily rehearsing for our end of year play, Matilda, and can't wait for our families and friends to see the finished result. In science, we have been learning about how animals adapt to their environments and how we as humans have evolved over time. In history, we have delved into the Early Islamic Civilisation and have enjoyed learning more about how they lived. We were so lucky in DT as we were able to work with Neil on creating fairground rides that actually moved! We had to use our coding skills to achieve this but were very proud of the final results. We are looking forward to our final week at St William's and the adventures that lie ahead. Miss Neille is incredibly proud!

