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St. Therese of Lisieux, the Little Flower of the Child Jesus



Today, 1st October, is the Feast Day of Therese of Lisieux. Therese is most known for her "Little Way" and her example of faith and service to God is relevant to us today. She spoke not of doing great things, but of small things with great love. She saw herself as a child who lived in complete dependence on God. Therese acknowledged her littleness and believed this showed more clearly God's greatness. She once said, "If all the lowly flowers wished to be roses, nature would lose its springtime beauty." Therese saw herself as a tiny flower in the garden of God and believed His power shone more clearly through her weakness. Her message of simplicity and childlike trust in God, our merciful father is timeless and lives on in many hearts as a spirit of courage and hope. God wants to meet us wherever we are and He is accessible to all who seek Him. The little way is a way of forgiveness, confidence, trust, and love. It is selfless and simple. St. Therese of Lisieux is a great saint who arrived at holiness by a simple path we all can follow. She is with us and will help us.

A simple prayer to Saint Therese of Lisieux is:

O Saint Therese the little flower please pick me a rose from the heavenly garden and send it to me as a message of love. O Little Flower of Jesus, ask God to grant the favours I now place with confidence in your hands (Mention specific requests). Saint Therese, help me to always believe as you did in God's great love for me, so that I might imitate your "Little Way" each day. Amen.

CAFOD Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

'WEAR IT GREEN DAY'



Thursday 7 October 2021
50p per child
or
£1 per family

This autumn we would like to help the CAFOD charity by raising money to tackle poverty caused by the climate crisis. As part of our fund raising, **Thursday 7 October** will be 'Wear it Green Day'. Children are asked to attend school wearing clothes in green colours. We are asking for a donation of 50p per child or £1 per family. Together we can shine a light on some of the causes of the climate emergency while doing our bit to guard God's creation and protect our common home. Let me thank you in advance for your kind generosity.

Bradford Catholic Youth Choir is recruiting!

The acclaimed Bradford Catholic Youth Choir is recruiting new members in all three of its choirs. Singing in a choir is a sociable and fun way to improve physical and mental health, learn invaluable life skills and make new friends. Any musically gifted boys or girls between 7–18 years old are invited to attend one of our open rehearsals next week, where drinks and snacks will be provided!

Monday 4th October, 4-5.30pm at St Bede's and St Joseph's Catholic College, Senior Girls Choir for girls aged 11-18

Wednesday 6th October, 4-5pm at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Junior Choir for boys and girls aged 7-11

Thursday 7th October, 4-5.30pm at St Bede's and St Joseph's Catholic College, Senior Boys Choir for boys aged 9-18

To book a place at an open rehearsal, email office@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk or call 0113 244 8634.

DIocese of Leeds Schools Singing Programme
BRADFORD CATHOLIC YOUTH CHOIR



“I enjoy being a part of BYC because I've made lots of new friends. I've been given so many opportunities and I have built my passion for singing and music with the help of expert teaching and advice. It's a great group to be a part of and I'd recommend it to anybody”
(Amy, choir member)

- Expert vocal coaching
- Concerts
- Radio and TV broadcasts
- Tours

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SUPERB VOCAL AND MUSICAL TRAINING FROM EXPERT CHORAL DIRECTORS:

- Part of the Diocese of Leeds internationally acclaimed Schools Singing Programme
- The staff are expert vocal leaders and have achieved DBS checks from the Diocese
- Develop musical skills and vocal technique

AMAZING PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES:

- BBC national radio and television broadcasts
- Sing for Masses and concerts
- Work with orchestras and bands
- Tours and residential courses
- Work with the world-famous Gabrieli Consort as part of their youth choir programme.

FANTASTIC MUSIC, POSITIVE REHEARSALS:


- Sing a huge range of music - sacred and secular, classical, jazz and pop
- Positive and engaging rehearsals
- Lots of fun, lots of hard work!
- Educational and social benefits

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL BENEFITS:

Singing develops musical learning and organisational skills that last a lifetime - listening, adapting, exploring, persevering, problem-solving, thinking laterally and performing without fear.

“My children joined the choir over six years ago when they were nine. The choir has given them some fantastic opportunities: they have sung on the TV, radio, in many competitions and for charity. Their musical ability and confidence has developed hugely through being members of the choir. Their passion for music will last a lifetime - thank you!”
(Julie, choir parent)

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:
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Bradford City Football Club have match day tickets at an exclusive price of £2.50 per ticket for the following matches

Bradford City vs Bristol Rovers Sat 16 October & Bradford City vs Hartlepool United Tues 19 October.

If you would like to attend either or both matches, please see Mrs Gadd at the school office before Thursday 7 October and confirm how many tickets are required along with your full payment in cash. Thank you.



We are collecting the tokens as part of the scheme Morrisons are currently running for free **Gardening Equipment for schools.**

For every £10 you spend (in store or online) at Morrisons, you'll get a Grow Token to help schools get everything they need to get growing. We would be delighted if you choose our school to donate them to.

Help us get FREE gardening equipment for our school



It's Good to Grow from Morrisons

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To take part, join MyMorrisons today and swipe each time you shop to collect **Grow Tokens**. One token for every £10 you spend between Monday 6th September and Sunday 24th October.

How do I get started?

- 1 Sign up to MyMorrisons today. Simply go to mymorrisons.com or download the MyMorrisons app.
- 2 Once registered you can collect **Grow Tokens** for any shopping you do online or in store. *Remember to ask your staff when you shop!*
- 3 On your first visit to MyMorrisons you'll be asked to select the school you'd like to donate your **Grow Tokens** to.
- 4 Then after each shop log onto your MyMorrisons account and donate.

Scan to download the app or for more information visit itsgoodtogrow.co.uk

Class MacMillan Coffee Mornings



A huge 'thank you' to everyone who has donated and helped us support the MacMillan Cancer Charity we raised an amazing **£265**

Free Online Safety Guide

What parents need to know about Pokémon GO

How often do you see someone not paying attention to where they're walking because they're engrossed in their phone? Those distractions might just last for a matter of seconds – but Pokémon GO is a game which actually relies on players focusing on their screen for long periods while they're out and about – with all the glaring physical hazards that entails.

Pokémon GO was rightly heralded as a game-changing release thanks to its pioneering use of augmented reality on mobile phones (in fact it was the first ever title to utilise that feature on Android devices). As today's #WakeUpWednesday guide explains, however, an increased likelihood of injury isn't the only safety concern around the game.

[Read on to access your free guide ...](#)



Pokémon GO was released in July 2016, and had amassed more than 100 million downloads by the end of that month. The following year, an academic study by an American university reported that people playing Pokémon GO in areas near traffic had been a named factor in 31 injuries and two fatalities in the US alone.

That's not to say that the game itself is dangerous – just that eager young Pokémon trainers may regularly need reminding about the importance of staying aware of their surroundings. That's just one of the safety tips in our #WakeUpWednesday guide to Pokémon GO, which also touches on the visibility of young players' locations and possibility of contact from strangers.

Addressing any concerns, regarding your child.

Please see your child's class teacher, if you have any concerns regarding any incidents of inappropriate behaviour towards your child, from another pupil; rather than approaching another pupil's parent/carer directly. As a staff, we do try hard to be on the playground at the start and the end of the school day, for you to approach to make a mutually convenient time to meet and discuss any issues or concerns you may have. Equally, you can contact Mrs Gadd 01274 545743 to arrange an appointment with your child's class teacher. Teachers and support staff share the responsibility to engage and interact with children during breaks and lunchtimes and often we are able to give a full account of what may have been said or happened at these times. We will listen and investigate any issues raised to us, thank you. Our children are choosing to play in specific playground zones at breaks

and lunchtimes. They are playing with a range of equipment purposefully and co-operatively.

Secondary School Applications.

Secondary School Applications to be completed by 31 October 2021 online. If you require any help, please contact the school office to make an appointment.

Warning: No Holidays in Term Time

Please book holidays for when school is closed. We do not authorise any holidays in term time **and fines will be issued for taking your child/children out of school during term time.**

Attendance and Punctuality is a HUGE part of Keeping Children Safe

Staff in school have a **legal duty of care** for all pupils in school and **it is the law that children attend school every day.** Parents/carers must contact school on the 1st day of their child's absence by either telephoning 01274 545743 or by text message on 07624806369. We expect pupils to **arrive on time, ready for learning.** Punctuality is an essential life skill needed for the world of work. **Please understand that there is a child-care fee of £1, per child, for every 5 minutes pupils are collected late at the end of the school day. Thank you for your support to be on time.**

Attendance & Punctuality

Give your child the best start in life – every school day counts!

This week's Trophy Winners!

Class	%	Number of Lates per class	Time lost through lateness	Number of pupils on time
Ash	94.1%	8	3hrs 45m	19
Oak	96.9%	5	1hr 45m	21
Beech	94.4%	8	2hrs 10m	18
Lime	88.5%	4	1hr 15m	24
Holly	96.6%	2	20m	27

94.1% Overall school attendance

94.6% Overall school attendance to date

Congratulations...Bravo...Well done!!!



Class teachers' Achievement Awards:

Congratulations to these fabulous award winners: **Jibrael, Muhammed, Jeremiah, Eesah, Helena, Konrad, Ahmad, Ruby, Funmilayo and Leodette**

Hot Chocolate Friday:

Amaan, Enoch, Leo, Zoe, Cassidy, Keyaan, Hashim, Zdenko, Sofia and Nikoletta

Virtue Certificates this week:

Layton – Love, Vivienne – Faith, Oliwia – Faith, Umayma – Faith and Hassan - Faith

Golden Table Monday:

Frantiska, Jeremiah, Romana, Muntaha, Jaden

'Golden Mention to our lunchtime stars'

Enoch, Alexis-Marie, Anna, Isla-Grace, Ranaya, Helena, Ingrid, Kristians, Filip and Eleanor



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

Lola, Helena, Harvey, Sylviane, Jozsef

happy birthday to you! Hope you have a special day.

Dates for your diary:

04.10.21	Phonics & Reading class visits for parents of Ash Class 2.40pm – 3.05pm
04.10.21	Tony Bullock – Art Teacher - Ash Class
05.10.21	Phonics & Reading class visits for parents of Holly Class 2.40pm – 3.05pm
06.10.21	Phonics & Reading class visits for parents of Beech Class 2.40pm – 3.05pm
07.10.21	Phonics & Reading class visits for parents of Oak & Lime Class 2.40pm – 3.05pm
07.10.21	CAFOD Go Green 'Wear it Green' 50p per child or £1 per family
07.10.21	October Harvest Celebration
13.10.21	Lime Class – Homework Project due in
18.10.21	Oak Class – Homework Project due in
18.10.21	Holly Class – Homework Project due in
18.10.21	Parents' Consultation Evening 3.30-6pm
20.10.21	Parents' Consultation Evening 3.30-5.30pm

20.10.21	Beech Class – Homework Project due in
22.10.21	School Closes at 3.15pm and re-opens on Tuesday, 2 November 2021

Parent visits to their child's class!

Reading is FUNdamental to your child's learning and at St. William's we strive to help all pupils develop an enjoyment for reading. Each class will host a session for parents to visit the classroom, 2:40-3:05pm and share what the children have been learning in reading and phonics. We look forward to seeing you there!

Monday, 4th October – Ash Class

Tuesday, 5th October – Holly Class

Wednesday 6th October – Beech Class

Thursday 7th October – Oak and Lime Classes

For safeguarding measures parents/carers visiting must sign in at the main office and will then be taken to the classroom.

After School Clubs

Monday's **Mindfulness Club 3.15pm – 4.00pm in Beech Class**

Tuesday's **Minecraft Club 3.15pm – 4.00pm in Lime Class**

Movie Club 3.15pm – 4.00pm in Ash Class

Thursday's **Team Games 3.15pm – 4.15pm Outside/Hall**

Homework Club 12.25pm – 12.55pm in Lime Class

Friday's **Choir Club 12.25pm – 12.55pm in the Hall**

Risk Assessment and Contingency Planning for any Covid-19 outbreak – where we are now? Have a lovely weekend and see you all Monday, at 8.45am

Unfortunately, Covid-19 has not gone away and we must all continue to work together to protect our children and ourselves as much as possible to reduce the risk of this in our school family. Please visit the school's website to view the current Risk Assessment and the Contingency Plan for any outbreaks of Covid-19. Face coverings/masks are not required to be worn by adults on the

playground, however, if you feel safer and more secure wearing one, then please do so. Equally, the rules on social distancing have also relaxed but please be respectful of others and observe the personal space of those around you. There are no longer any staggered starts/finish times for classes – all pupils need to arrive at 8.45am to start at 8.55am and all pupils finish at 3.15pm every day.

It is essential that those pupils who have tested positive or are showing symptoms of Covid-19 DO NOT come into school. Parents must organise a PCR test for their son/daughter with: a high temperature – this means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual) a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Only when a pupil has tested positive, themselves, must they self-isolate for 10 days. If a member of their household tests positive they do not need to self-isolate unless they start to show symptoms of Covid-19 (and then the parent must arrange a PCR Test for them asap). **When a child is absent because they have Covid-19, teachers will provide remote learning for them, via Class Dojo.**

Have a lovely weekend and see you all Monday, at 8.45am



HOW TO CONTACT US



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Use **class dojo** to send home learning work back to your child's class teacher to be checked.

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