

St Joseph's NEWSLETTER

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OUR WEEKLY WORSHIP

This week we have been thinking about Remembrance. We have learnt about when it was first marked. Remembrance Day is also known as Poppy Day because we wear the poppy to remember and reflect. We often gather together in parades or services where we remember those who died during the Great War and all conflicts since. We stand in silence while we remember their sacrifice and we pray for a lasting peace.

We listened to John's Gospel when Jesus said:

'***Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends***'.

When someone's death in a war has helped secure peace for others, then it reminds us of the great sacrifice that Jesus made to bring us peace with God.



Eternal rest,
grant unto them oh Lord and let
perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.

Amen.

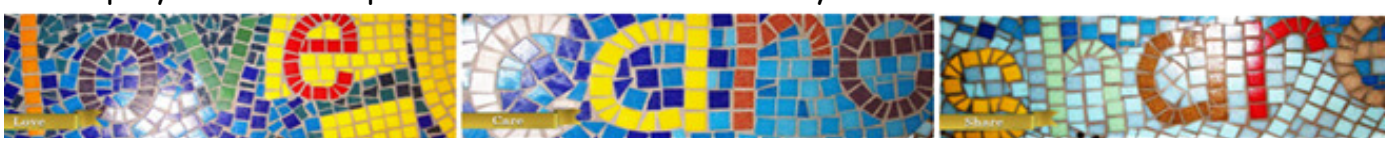
Our Virtue: PRAYER

I spend time with God

This half term we are looking at the virtue of 'Prayer'.
If you practise this virtue, you spend time with God, listening to God and resting in his presence. You tell God that you love him, that you cherish his tenderness, his closeness in every situation, and his love that protects you. You grow in a loving friendship with God. Your prayer comes from the heart; it is a sign of warm love for God.
This week's winners all demonstrated a care and respect for their prayer and time spent with God. Well done everyone!

This week's virtue winners:

St Therese: Oliver
St Francis: Leo
St Peter: Sophie
St Vincent: Blake
St Josephine: Cyrus



NEWS:

CLASS	ATTENDANCE	
	This week	To date
St Therese	96.19	97.65
St Francis	98.33	97.76
St Peter	99.38	98.06
St Vincent	100	97.69
St Josephine	97.27	96.51
WHOLE SCHOOL	98/37	97.5

This week's ATTENDANCE

GOLD MEDALS

CLASS	GOLD MEDALS	LEADER BOARD
St Therese	26	
St Francis	29	
St Peter	55	
St Vincent	37	
St Josephine	22	

Weekly News:

Remembrance:

Thank you to our Faith Leaders who represented our school in the annual Bingley Remembrance Parade last Sunday. As always, it was a solemn but beautiful service to remember the sacrifice of those that have gone before us and those that continue to protect us today.
The leaders laid our school wreath at the cenetaph, showing great respect, and joined those gathered in prayer.
All of the Faith Leaders led a special Celebration of the Word on Wednesday 11th for the whole school and our community. They wrote the worship themselves, including some information, but also centering around the Gospel, Jesus' message of love and peace and prayer. They led so confidently and set such a great example to all of the other children. Well done!





Poppies and snapbands etc from the Royal British Legion have continued to be on sale this week and next week, should children wish to buy one.

Bluey came to join us at our 'Stay and Play' this week! The new children enjoyed playing at school inside the classroom and in the outside learning area and were delighted to see Bluey show up to say hello! Bluey will make an appearance at next Wednesday's 'Stay and Play' too! If you know someone who would like to come and play, who are starting school next September, remind them to check our website for further details!

A message from Caterlink:
As part of our commitment to continually improving our catering service, we would be grateful for your support in completing the Parent & Pupil Survey.
The survey can be completed by parents alongside their child at home. It takes approximately 9 minutes to complete and will provide us with valuable feedback on what we are doing well and, importantly, where we can improve our service.
To make participation as easy as possible, we have also provided a QR code which can be used.
The survey will remain open until 20 December, and we encourage as many families and pupils as possible to take part.
Once all responses have been reviewed in the New Year, we will share a summary of the feedback and key findings with the schools that have participated.
Thank you for your support in helping us gather this important feedback. The insights provided by pupils and parents will help shape our service moving forward.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SCYZD5L







We have been celebrating **World Kindness Day** today throughout the school and our Trust. Our Wellbeing Warriors confidently led an amazing assembly this morning all about World Kindness Day. The whole school have been talking about the virtue of kindness, looking after each other and saying thank you. Each class made a thank you card for the staff at Abbeyfield residential care home to say thanks for all of their hard work looking after the residents, which the Wellbeing Warriors took over for them.
The children watched a special World Kindness Day online assembly and completed lots of activities to encourage friendship and kindness throughout the day. They were all also given the opportunity to choose a free book from school too!

Our new school dog, Barney came for a visit today! He is here to help children and staff with their wellbeing! The children have enjoyed spending time with him. Our Wellbeing Warriors enjoyed meeting our Wellbeing Dog too - I'm sure they'll hatch some plans together!!

If you are worried or concerned about the safeguarding of any of our pupils, please make an appointment to speak to Mrs Robinson , Miss Lister or Miss Leach who are our safeguarding leaders.
Any other concerns should be raised with the class teacher.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING SPOTLIGHT

This week we will think about how our Catholic Social Teaching principles fits beautifully with our school's mission.



We have linked the CST principles to our 'Love, Care, Share' motto.

Love: The principles of Human Dignity and Solidarity link with the idea of loving everyone, looking after each other and standing together.
This part of our motto and mission is embodied by our Faith Leaders, who demonstrate Jesus' teachings, model love and worship for everyone. They really are role models for the other children in school and show how to 'do everything in love'.

Care: The principle of Stewardship matches our care part of our motto. We care for each other, our school and the world in which we live. We think about Pope Francis' encyclical 'Laudato Si', where he reminds us that God tasked us to be stewards of our common home. Our Laudato Leaders are great role models in this aspect. They have already organised recycling bins across the school, made posters to remind everyone to save energy, litter pick weekly and they have plans for a gardening club in Spring!

Share: Our Mini Vinnies really show everyone how to practise the principle of Preferential Option for the Poor. They take an active role in our charity work. Alongside our parish SVP, they organise and collect food at Harvest to share with St Patrick's to feed the homeless, they organise collection for Bradford Baby Bank that supports vulnerable mothers and raise money for Cafod and the Good Shepherd fund to name a few of their activities. Their outreach work and practical application of putting their faith into practise is a great example to us all.

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COMMUNITY NEWS:

RADICAL JOY

Visit giant puppets, whales that might swallow you and explore the wonderful world of street performance and outdoor arts.
Radical Joy celebrates outdoor arts in the UK; from community arts, street arts, carnival, agitprop to radical theatre, events made for public space, parks, civic squares, streets, shopping centres and more!
Outdoor Arts are where boundaries are blurred and fun is to be had, audiences joining in, dancing, twirling, and watching, their faces reflecting back to the performers – an invitation for people to say yes and jump straight in!
Discover the story of how art in public spaces helped people reclaim them from the 1960s to now!
Mischief Making Discussion
Do you make or work in street performance, theatre, circus?
Come along to Radical Joy – Making Mischief to see the exhibition, hear stories of the joys, trails and tribulations involved in making work for the streets, and meet some of the people involved in that making.
There will be a series of hosted conversations that you can join in with if you wish, with plenty of time around them to explore the Radical Joy exhibition, socialise, and watch some short films from contributors to the exhibition.

https://bradfordculture.co.uk/event/radical-joy/



Loading Bay
1 Duke Street
Bradford
BD1 3QR

Date	Fri 9 Oct - Sun 20 Dec 2026 (Thu - Sun)
Times	Thu - Sat: 12pm - 5pm Sun: 12pm - 4pm
Location	Loading Bay
Tickets	Free, no ticket required ↓
Ages	All ages welcome
Access	Accessible toilet Wheelchair user access Level Access Relaxed environment Audio described



Bradford's Festive Spin Spectacular

Get ready to spin into the festive spirit!

The **Bradford BID Wheel** is returning, alongside a charming classic **Victorian Carousel**, to Centenary Square from **November 24th to December 23rd**.

Soar 22 metres high for breathtaking, panoramic views of our glowing city centre, then whirl back down to enjoy a timeless carousel ride. Perfect to get you into the festive spirit and ideal for all ages, tickets are just £4 (under-3s ride free!). Opening daily from **12pm-7pm**.

Gather your family, head into the heart of Bradford, and make unforgettable festive memories this season!



Kanga Sports



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUBS

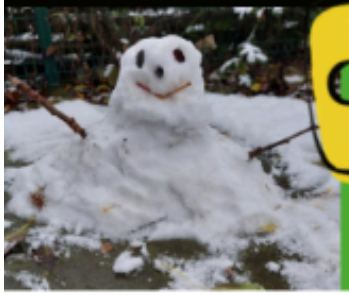
Active Holiday Fun

For children in Reception - Year 6

Sibling and full week discounts available!

Shipley - St Walburga's Catholic Primary
Bingley - St Joseph's Primary
Keighley - Worth Valley Primary
Queensbury - Shibden Head Primary
Skipton - Greatwood Primary
Elland - Old Earth Primary





JUST £25 per day!

SCAN ME!

Standard day: 8.30am - 3.30pm
Extended day: 8.00am - 5.00pm

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BOOK
kangasports.co.uk/holidayclubs

WILD EXPLORERS

Wild Explorers

Where nature, fun and adventure collide!

A child-led, fun and nurturing holiday club set in beautiful woodland on the Broughton Estate.

We are an OFSTED registered outdoor holiday club where children can play, enjoy a campfire, woodland crafts, tools and much more!



Price
£35 per child per day
Childcare vouchers accepted

Age
Reception - Age 13

Upcoming Dates

21st - 23rd December
29th - 31st December

Into the Wild running on selected dates for children in years 6 - 11



Time
9.30am - 3.30pm

Location
Broughton Hall Estate



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www.wildexplorers.org.uk

De-escalation course

Stripes
The West Yorkshire ADHD Charity

There's comfort in knowing you're a normal zebra, not a strange horse

The session will give participants an overview of ADHD and how to support children and young adults living with ADHD

This one day session looks at managing and reducing challenging behaviours and covers the following:

- Brain development - especially developmental differences in neurotypical and neurodivergent brains
- Reasons behind certain behaviours
- The science behind dysregulation
- Strategies to help you de-escalate a dysregulated child/young person

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ADHD: What I Wish I'd Known Earlier

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A 4-Week Course for Parents and Carers of children and young people with ADHD

Week 1
Understanding ADHD - what it actually is, commonly co-occurring conditions and dispelling myths

Week 2
Behaviour as communication and de-escalation strategies

Week 3
Behaviour management, ADHD medication and support in school

Week 4
Financial support (DLA and Carers Allowance), self-care strategies and building support networks

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