



21st October 2025

As we reach the end of a busy and joyful first half term, I want to thank you all for your continued support, encouragement, and partnership. It has been wonderful to see our children thriving in their learning, living out our school values with kindness and enthusiasm, and embracing all that this academic year has to offer.

Half Term Prayer

Loving Father, As the leaves turn and the days grow shorter, we pause to thank You for the blessings of this half term. Thank You for the growth we've seen in our children—in their learning, their friendships, and their faith. In this season of harvest, we are grateful for the fruits of hard work, for the joy of shared moments, and for the strength You give us each day.

As we approach the feasts of All Saints and All Souls, we remember those who have gone before us— the saints who inspire us, and the loved ones we hold in our hearts. Bless our families with rest and renewal this half term. May our homes be places of peace, our hearts open to Your presence, and our lives guided by Your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Bishop Stephen's Visit

We are honoured to welcome Bishop Stephen to St William's on Thursday 6th November to bless our newly redeveloped Outdoor Prayer Garden. This special space, originally named Caden's Patch in honour of Father Caden, continues to be a place of peace and reflection for our community.

A Celebration of the Word will take place at 10:30am – all are warmly invited to join us.

Tag Rugby Club Update

Due to a scheduling clash with Netball and Dungeons and Dragons Club, Tag Rugby will be rearranged to later in the year. We are currently discussing our options with Go Well who provide the service and we will confirm the rearranged slot as soon as possible

Car Parking – Let's Work Together to Keep Everyone Safe

Following a recent Health and Safety visit, we are once again asking for your continued cooperation in ensuring the safety and accessibility of our school environment during drop-off and pick-up times.

Please be mindful when parking near the school. We kindly ask that you:

- **Avoid blocking driveways, pavements, or access points**, even briefly. These areas are essential for residents, pedestrians, and emergency services.
- **Consider parking a little further away** and walking the final stretch. This not only eases congestion around the school gates but also contributes to a calmer, safer atmosphere for our children.
- **Respect our neighbours** by ensuring their driveways and paths remain clear and accessible at all times.
- **Keep pavements clear** for families with pushchairs, wheelchair users, and children walking to school.

We understand that mornings can be busy and time is often tight, but small acts of consideration make a big difference to the wellbeing of our whole community.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a safe and respectful environment for everyone.

School Photographer – Tuesday 18th November

We're looking forward to welcoming the school photographer on site from 8:30am. This is a wonderful opportunity to capture professional photographs of your child, and we know how special these memories are for families.

If you would like younger siblings (who are not currently enrolled at the school) to be included in family or group photographs, we kindly ask that you arrive early, ideally between 8:30am and 9:00am, to allow time for these photos to be taken before the school day begins.

Please note:

- Sibling and family photos will be taken before lessons start, so punctuality is important.
- Children should arrive in full school uniform, looking smart and ready for their photo.
- If your child has PE on the day, please send them in uniform and pack their PE kit to change into later.

Parents' Afternoons – Tuesday 11th & Thursday 13th November

We're pleased to let you know that our online booking system for parent consultations will go live on Thursday morning at 9am. You will be able to book your appointment slot through your MCAS app.

We kindly ask that each family attends one session on either of the available dates. These meetings are a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress, celebrate their achievements, and talk through any areas for development as we move into the second half of the term.

In addition to your scheduled appointment, you will have the opportunity to look through your child's books and learning journey.

We hope this time together will be both informative and encouraging, and we look forward to welcoming you into school.

Teatime Club

We're proud of the continued success of our Teatime Club, which offers children a safe, relaxed, and enjoyable environment at the end of the school day. With a mix of activities, quiet time, and a light snack, it's a lovely way for children to unwind and socialise with friends.

To help our staff plan effectively and ensure we maintain high-quality care, we kindly ask families to avoid last-minute bookings or changes wherever possible. Advance notice allows us to prepare appropriate staffing, resources, and refreshments for all children attending.

If you'd like to know more about Teatime Club or are considering booking a regular slot, please contact the school office or visit our website for details.

Attendance Bingo – Congratulations Class 2!

A huge well done to Class 2, who have successfully completed their Attendance Bingo challenge! Their consistent attendance and commitment to being in school every day has earned them a Pizza Party, which will take place after half term.

This initiative is part of our wider effort to promote excellent attendance across the school. Every day in school counts, and we're so proud of Class 2 for setting such a brilliant example. We look forward to celebrating with them soon!

Dojo Shop Visit – Celebrating Positive Choices

This week, children will enjoy their first visit to the Dojo Shop, where they will be able to spend their hard-earned Dojo points on a range of exciting rewards. From stationery and toys to sweets and vouchers, the shop is a fun and meaningful way to recognise positive behaviour, effort, and kindness.

The Dojo Shop is part of our wider behaviour and rewards system, helping children understand the value of making good choices and working hard. It's wonderful to see their pride and excitement as they choose their rewards – well done to all!

Christmas Fair – Save the Date!

We're excited to announce that our Christmas Fair is provisionally booked for Friday 5th December at 1:30pm. This festive event is always a highlight of the school calendar, bringing together families, staff, and children to celebrate the season and support our school community. There will be a variety of stalls, games, seasonal treats, and raffles, as well as opportunities to purchase handmade crafts and gifts created by the children. It's a wonderful way to get into the Christmas spirit and raise funds for school projects.

More details will follow after half term, including how you can get involved, donate items, or volunteer to help on the day. For now, please save the date and we look forward to seeing you there!

Dates for your diary

Please find below a list of initial dates for your diaries		
Thursday 23 rd October	Last day of Half term for children.	
Monday 3 rd November	Children Return to School	
Thursday 6 th November	Visit of Bishop Stephen	
Thursday 6 th November	Start of After School Rugby club	
Tuesday 11 th November	Parents afternoon	Parents should attend 1 session on either day.
Thursday 13 th November	Parents Afternoon	
Thursday 13 th November	Class 4 Celebration of the Word	
Tuesday 18 th November	School Photographer	
Wednesday 19 th November	Start of after school netball league (3 weeks)	
Thursday 20 th November	Class 3 Assembly	
24 th November	Anti Bullying Week	
Friday 5 th December	Christmas Fair	
Wednesday 10 th December	Class 3 and 4 Performance (afternoon and evening)	
Thursday 11 th December	Class 1 and 2 Performance (morning and afternoon)	
Tuesday 16 th December	Class 1 and 2 Christmas Party	
Wednesday 17 th December	Class 3 and 4 Christmas Party	
Thursday 18 th December	Whole School Mass	
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day	
Friday 19 th December	Finish for Christmas Holidays.	
Monday 5 th January 2026	Training Day	
Tuesday 6 th January	Children return to school.	

