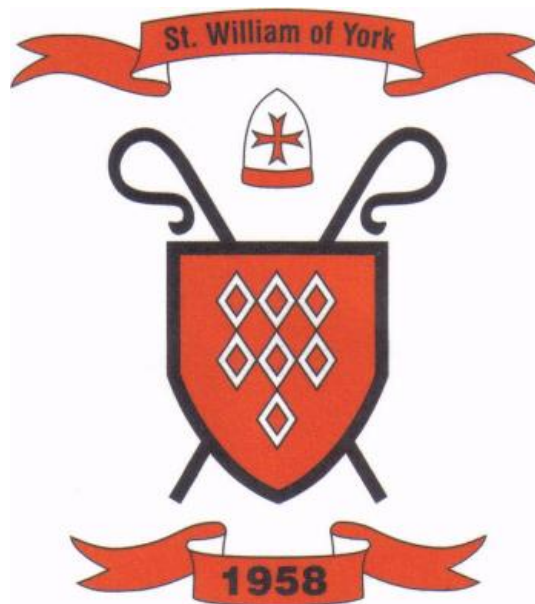


St William of York Catholic Primary School



Climate Action Plan

2025 - 26



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Together Everyone Achieves More.

To go forward in Christ, to respect our neighbour and to always give our best.

Introduction

St William of York is a Catholic Primary school providing a Christian Education based upon the Gospel values of: Honesty, Compassion, Forgiveness, Justice and Peace.

A fulfilment of our mission is when we see our children demonstrate these gospel values, when we see their positive views of themselves and the wider world, their excitement and their love of learning. By building their confidence, their inner belief, we equip them with the skills necessary to become lifelong learners and we prepare them for the next stage in their lives.

Our Aims

- To encourage children to become independent learners in a climate of joy, freedom, respect, challenge, cooperation and celebration.
- To enrich the lives of all pupils through their intellectual, physical, spiritual, moral, social and emotional development. Preparing the children to flourish in an ever changing world.
- To provide an education which promotes the dignity, self-esteem and full development of each person.
- Promote British Values through social justice, global awareness and concern for others, creating a culture of tolerance where people of diverse identities are welcome, respected and cherished.
- To have strong links with home, parish, neighbouring communities and High Schools.
- Ensure access for all pupils to a broad, balanced and differentiated curriculum, whilst encouraging every child's unique talents and spiritual growth.
- Create an environment which is both inspirational and harmonious and allows children to thrive and reach their full potential.

To achieve these aims and bring joy and brightness to the lives of our pupils we will:

- Value and celebrate the contributions and commitment made by all members of the community including pupils, parents, carers, professional staff, volunteers and members of the wider community
- Provide trained, qualified, enthusiastic, caring staff who will work with pupils in a safe, stimulating environment using appropriate, high quality resources
- Through the teaching of the Come and See Programme, educate our pupils in the traditions of the Church and give them an understanding and knowledge of the life and teachings of Jesus Christ

- Regularly review and evaluate the work of the school in order to maintain the high standards we expect of ourselves
- Through our own personal behaviour and example create an environment where everybody feels secure, valued and respected
- Provide a balanced curriculum which fully meets all statutory requirements
- Provide for our pupils experiences and opportunities beyond the curriculum to develop their interests and enhance their enjoyment

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Wildlife	Increase opportunities for children to observe and protect local wildlife	<p>Achievements to Date: Wildlife garden established with pond to encourage habitats and pond life.</p> <p>Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Add bird feeders, bug hotels, and hedgehog houses.- Organise 'Wildlife Week' with themed lessons and pupil-led projects.- Saplings received from the Woodland Trust to be planted as a wildlife hedgerow in February 2026.	Eco-Council / Science Lead / Site Manager	Photographs, pupil voice, Eco-Council minutes	Autumn & Spring Terms	Materials for feeders and houses (£100)

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Biodiversity	Enhance biodiversity across the school grounds	<p>Achievements to Date: Wildlife garden planted with native species to encourage pollinators and pond life.</p> <p>Next Steps: - Extend wildflower planting to other areas of the site. - Partner with local wildlife organisations for biodiversity surveys. - Install additional log piles and nesting boxes.</p>	Eco-Council / Gardening Club / Site Manager	Site survey before & after planting; link with local experts	Year-round	Charitable donations / local grants

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Nature	Strengthen pupils' connection with nature and outdoor learning	<p>Achievements to Date: Greenhouse constructed from recycled plastic bottles for growing plants and vegetables.</p> <p>Next Steps: - Use greenhouse produce in cooking/healthy eating lessons. - Develop a nature trail with QR codes for learning. - Celebrate Earth Day and Outdoor Classroom Day.</p>	Class Teachers / Science Lead/EYFS Coordinator	Lesson observations, pupil feedback, photos	Ongoing	Outdoor equipment (£300)

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Energy Saving	Reduce school energy consumption by 10% and increase awareness	<p>Achievements to Date: New energy-efficient boiler installed (Oct 2024). Light sensors fitted in classrooms so lights turn off automatically when empty.</p> <p>Next Steps: - Conduct pupil-led energy audits. - Run 'Switch Off' campaigns. - Display energy data in classrooms. - Review potential for solar panels or renewable energy options.</p>	Site Manager / Eco-Council / Office Manager	Meter readings, staff & pupil surveys	Review termly	Minimal – existing systems; future renewable exploration

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Waste / Recycling	Reduce waste, improve recycling habits, and promote pupil responsibility for sustainability	<p>Achievements to Date: Food waste is already collected and recycled. Greenhouse built using recycled plastic bottles, promoting reuse.</p> <p>Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establish a team of Eco-Council Recycling Warriors to monitor lunch waste and sort recyclable materials (e.g. yoghurt pots, plastic cartons). - Introduce classroom recycling bins and clear signage. - Continue composting food and garden waste. - Run a 'Zero Waste Week' challenge. - Encourage reuse of paper and reduce printing where possible. - Work with the local high school on a community project involving litter picking and caring for the local environment. 	Eco-Council / Kitchen Staff / Class Teachers / Admin	Waste audits termly, Eco-Council feedback, pupil engagement records	Ongoing	Recycling bins (£150), gloves/aprons for pupil sorters (£30), Litter pickers/gloves and bin bags (£250)

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Transport	Encourage sustainable travel to and from school	<p>Achievements to Date: Parents encouraged to park away from school and walk short distances ('Park & Stride').</p> <p>Next Steps: - Promote walk-to-school weeks. - Set up bike/scooter club. (Bikeability to continue with workshops for the different year groups; KS2 Initially) - Reward pupils for walking/cycling. - Liaise with local council for safe routes.</p>	Headteacher / PE / PSHE Coordinator/ Parents	Surveys of travel modes each term	Autumn – Summer	Incentives (£100), bike racks (£300)