



# St Bartholomew's C.E. Primary School

**"Follow Jesus in all we do"**

Mark 1:1-8

**John the Baptist Prepares the Way** 1 The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah,<sup>[a]</sup> the Son of God,<sup>[b]</sup> 2 as it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way"<sup>3</sup> "a voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.' 4 And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5 The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptised by him in the Jordan River. 6 John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 7 And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. 8 I baptize you with<sup>[c]</sup> water, but he will baptize you with<sup>[d]</sup> the Holy Spirit."

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Dear Parents/Carers,

15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

We would like to say a HUGE Thank You to everyone who has supported us this year! It's amazing to see how much we can do together. There are just 4 days of 2023 in school to go and although we will still be learning, we have lots of fun planned for our children to get ready for Christmas!

If you have any worries, concerns or just general questions; please contact the school office or email [m.gaston@st-barts.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:m.gaston@st-barts.lancs.sch.uk) Thank you.

## CHRISTMAS!

We have a very Christmassy final 4 days in school! **Monday** is Christmas Crafts in class. **Tuesday** we have an exciting Christmas event for the whole school (PE Kit needed). **Wednesday** is our Christmas Dinner and **Thursday** is our Christmas Party Day – **children can wear their party clothes all day on Thursday**, a reminder has been sent via text message. School closes on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December.

### P.E KITS

Please make sure your child has their P.E Kit in school on Monday! We will be having a whole school fun event for the children on Tuesday.

### SCHOOL MONEY

Please contact the school office if you have trouble accessing School Money. We kindly ask that all payments are brought up-to-date before we close for the Christmas break. Thank you

### HEARTS OF ST BART'S - P.T.F.A

If you would like to join our friendly and professional P.T.F.A to help with school events and share ideas, please do not hesitate to email [heartsofstbarts@gmail.com](mailto:heartsofstbarts@gmail.com)

### CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thank you to everyone who came to our Christmas Fair on Friday. It was a great atmosphere and our children loved visiting Father Christmas in his Grotto! We raised over £600 for school, thank you so much!

## YEAR 4 SWIMMING

Y4 children will start swimming lessons on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January. Our sessions are in the morning and we will be back in school for lunch, so hot lunches can be ordered as normal on a Wednesday morning. A letter will be sent home with more information. We will be swimming at Accrington Academy Pool every week until the summer term; the final session will be 10<sup>th</sup> July. All children will need a swimming cap; these can be purchased from any sports shop, Hyndburn Sports Centre or Accrington Academy. Please ensure your child brings this as part of their kit each week.

## CHRISTMAS WORSHIP – Y5

Year 5 parents are invited to Church on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 9:15am for their Christmas worship

### FAMILY FRIDAY – CHRISTMAS ARTS YEAR 1 & YEAR 2

Thank you to everyone who came to our 'Christmas Arts Family Friday'. It was lovely to see everyone enjoying the afternoon and getting in the Christmas spirit with mince pies, Christmas biscuits and warm drinks. The next event will be our 'St Bart's Coffee Morning' on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January.

### THURSDAY CLUBS

Football for Y5/Y6 8am and Y3/Y4 afterschool have now finished. New clubs will start in January, see below for more details. Letters will go home on Monday. Places will be confirmed.

### EYFS STAY & PLAY

Thank you to everyone who came to our EYFS stay and play session on Wednesday. It was lovely to see children showing parents their favourite play areas and enjoying a warm drink and snack together.

### CRAZY CRACKERS

For before/after school childcare, please email [info@crazy-crackers.co.uk](mailto:info@crazy-crackers.co.uk)

### NATIVITY

Thank you to everyone who came to the Nativity! We are sure you will agree that all the children were amazing. Especially as this may have been their first time on a big stage! They all did us proud ☺

### NATIVITY

Our EYFS/KS1 Nativity will be uploaded to YouTube and a link will be sent to parents before we finish for Christmas, so you can enjoy this with family who may not have been able to attend. Thank you for all your donations, these help us to buy new costumes for our future Nativity productions. Thank you so much.

### PRO SPORTS

Starting on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January, there will be an **Indoor Athletics Club** before school (8am) for Y3-Y6 and a Multisports after school club for Y1 & Y2, 3:30-4:30pm. Letters will go home on Monday, please return your child's slip if they would like to join. Please note that both clubs are limited to 20 places, so these will be allocated on a first come basis. Please return your child's slip before Wednesday

### GOLF

There will be a new after school 'Golf Club' starting in January! A link will be sent to parents via email. There will be 5 weeks of golf variations for Y1-Y6. The cost of the club is £20, payable direct to Progressive Sports. Places are limited, so if your child would like a place, please book this via the link before Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>.

### CHRISTMAS BREAK

School closes on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December at the normal time and re-opens on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 8:40am.

### YEAR 5 TRIP – THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

Y5 are looking forward to their trip to Jodrell Bank in January. See S- Money for payments. A letter will go home on Monday. Please return the slip on **Tuesday** to confirm lunches.

### SWEET SHOP

Our wonderful PTA will be holding a 'Sweet Shop' after school on Tuesday in the playground. If you would like to purchase sweet treats for your child after school, please visit their stall at 3:30pm.

### ROBINWOOD

There will be a meeting for parents in school on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm**. There will be lots of information and an opportunity for parents to ask questions/speak to staff.

### FINAL CLUBS THIS TERM

**Dance final session is Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

**Fencing final session is Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

**Y5/Y6 Morning Football is Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

**Y3/Y4 3:30pm Football is Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

**Drama final session is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

### YEAR 3 TRIP – TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JUNE

Our Y3 trip has been booked to Stump Cross Caverns. Payment will be uploaded to School Money early next week so you can make payments. A letter will go home with more info

### YEAR 4 TRIP – THURSDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JUNE

Our Y4 trip has been booked to Lancaster Castle and Lancashire Police Museum. More information will go home on a letter and payments will be uploaded to School Money next week for you to make payments at your convenience.

### CHRISTMAS CARD

Thank you for your Christmas card orders, you managed to raise a fantastic £111 for school!