

St Bartholomew's News



20th October 2023

Worship – Our current theme is **Thankfulness** and this week we have been reflecting on the phrase 'Count your Blessings'. When times are difficult we have talked about looking at what we are thankful for such as our families and homes.

What we are doing to make things better: During the holidays, we have many people in completing jobs around school to make it better and safer. These include checking the emergency lights, getting the heating serviced and new paper towel holders in all the toilets (something the children have asked for).



Thank you to everyone who returned the data collection sheets, it is vital we have your current details.

We have drawn out four children whose parents will receive a £20 Asda voucher.

Well done to:

Elaine Class 2

Amira Class 6

Emily Class 11

Fiza Class 16

Lost Property – We already have a collection of jumpers and cardigans that children have lost this term, non-with names in. On Tuesday next week, we will put these out in the main corridor. If your child has lost something, please come and have a look.

PLEASE LABEL YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHING IF THEY ARE POSSIBLY GOING TO TAKE IT OFF DURING THE DAY

Help! If you have any good quality coats, shoes etc. that we could pass on to someone else please bring them to school.

Attendance – Please remember that children must attend school despite the weather. As winter approaches, we need to be ready for the rain and cold. We are also concerned about the increased level of absence on a Friday, this is still a school day and you may be asked for medical proof if we notice a pattern in your child's absence. Unfortunately as an adult, you have to go to work in the rain and on a Friday so we need to build these habits in our children. Thank you for your support with this. If you need any support around attendance or want to talk to us please see Mrs Wainwright or Miss Lawson or your child's year group leader. You can also email them directly.

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Breakfast Club - Please remember that children in Nursery to Year 4 must be brought into breakfast club by an adult.

Nursery Contracts – Reminder please return your parent declaration form by Friday 27th October if you have not already done so, if you have misplaced it please call at the office to get another one.

Great British Brunch Theme Menu - We will be serving a theme menu on Friday 10th November, if your child normally has packed lunch and would like a dinner on this day, please order and pay at the office by Monday 6th November, and inform us of any allergies. The cost is £2, unless paying for something else at the same time we can only accept cash. You can see the Menu on our website and in the notice boards.



Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week was seeing how hard Daria worked on her homework project. She had to finish her space poster and it was fantastic and showed how much effort she put into it. Well done!



Headteachers Awards – Well done to the children who have had a great week in school.

The teachers in school have decided these children have worked particularly hard this week and should receive a special mention and certificate, presented on a Friday afternoon in our assembly. Well done!

Class 1 Laiken-Leigh	Class 2 Zahran	Class 3 Aroush	Class 4 Evania	Class 5 Denis
Class 6 Hasnain	Class 7 Ayra	Class 8 Patric	Class 9 Amandeep	Class 10 Micheal
Class 11 Casper	Class 12 Hafsa	Class 13 Sebastian	Class 14 Denis	Class 15 Colby
Class 16 Odai	Class 17 Recreasha			

Best Classes in School- These classes worked well this week and together earned the most points for their work and behaviour. **KS1 – Class 2** **KS2 – Class 10**



Attendance Winners for last week:

KS1 - Class 7 – 99.2% **KS2 – Class 14 & 16 – 98.7%**

Whole School Attendance for last week: Nursery to Year 6: 95.1% Year 1 to Year 6: 96.1%



Weekly Round Up

Nursery - This week we have been celebrating Black History Month. We have talked about inspirational people. We have learnt that amber traffic light has been invented by Garret Morgan. We have learnt 'traffic lights' song and played traffic lights game. We looked at traditional clothes and food. We would like to thank all the parents who sent in the photographs as well as 'greetings' in their home languages - the children enjoyed sharing them with their peers and grown-ups. We have read 'Handa's Surprise' and tasted delicious exotic fruit. We have learnt 'African drum' song and explored African drums 'djembe'. The children also enjoyed moving to African beats. We have made lovely colourful necklaces and did observational drawings and paintings of fruit.

Reception – This week in Reception, we have been talking about the changes in our environment. We have been creating lots of Autumn artwork and have been exploring leaves, conkers pumpkins and acorns. We have enjoyed rolling conkers down the drainpipes and talking about who has more and who has fewer. We have been asking many questions about nocturnal animals and are looking forward to learning more about hedgehogs next week.

Year 1 & 2 – This week the children in Year 1 have been creative and have enjoyed making their own skeletons and looking at different X-rays to see what our different body parts look like. Through reading story of Funny Bones, the children have been writing about the house the skeletons lived in and how it compares to their own house. Children in Year 2 have investigated 3D shapes in Maths looking at the names and features of the different shapes. In English they have been comparing the 2 different characters of Rapunzel and The Paper Bag Princess and have used the conjunction 'but' to show how they are different. All children in Year 2 will have received their Skipton Castle trip letter. Please can you check your child's book bag if you have not received a letter. As the weather is getting cooler please can all children come to school in suitable, named clothing for cold weather including a coat and on PE days a jumper as well as their red PE top.

Year 3 & 4 - This week, Years 3 and 4 have been continuing our work on play scripts in English. Last week we looked at the features of layout of them, and this week, we wrote our own based on Oliver Twist. In science and history, we have been reviewing our learning on sound and the Victorians. Classes 8 and 9 have also attended Armley Mills. The children had a great day in role as Victorian children at school. The schools were very strict and it helped us with our understanding of what it would have been like in that era.

Year 5 & 6- Lessons: In Geography, we have started our topic 'What is a river?' We have investigated the water cycle. In Art, we received a video message from the Bartsy Banksy setting us a children: to create a piece of activism art to be put up around school! In swimming, we cannot believe we have been going for six weeks – we are all working hard developing our swimming skills! Swimming lessons are still taking place next week.

Year 6 SATs Week: A reminder that Year 6 SATs week will begin on Monday 13th May 2024. It is vital that all children in Year 6 attend school that week. The test timetable will be as follows:

- Monday 13th May: Grammar, punctuation & spelling
- Tuesday 14th May: Reading
- Wednesday 15th May: Arithmetic & reasoning
- Thursday 16th May: Reasoning

High School Applications

High school applications for children in Year 6 are now open (closing date is 31st October 2023) – an information pack has been sent home and there is information on the school website (in the news section at the top of the home page). Next week is the last week you will be able to ask for help applying online for a secondary school – please contact Mr Needham if you need help. Mr Needham will also be available Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th October 3:30 until 6:00 – ask for Mr Needham on the radio outside the main entrance.

School Dates 2023 - 2024:

Friday 27 th October 2023	School Closes at 3.30pm
Monday 6 th November 2023	School Opens at 8.30am
Friday 24th November 2023	Training Day- No Children in School
Friday 22 nd December 2023	School Closes at 3.30pm
Monday 8 th January 2024	School Opens at 8.30am
(Please note change of day, as previous day was incorrect school opens Monday 8th not Tuesday 9th January)	
Friday 26th January 2024	Training Day- No Children in School
Friday 9 th February 2024	School Closes at 3.30pm
Monday 19 th February 2024	School Opens at 8.30am
Thursday 28 th March 2024	School Closes at 3.30pm
Monday 15 th April 2024	School Opens at 8.30am
Friday 3 rd May 2024	School Closes at 3.30pm
Tuesday 7 th May 2024	School Opens at 8.30am
Friday 24 th May 2024	School Closes at 3.30pm
Monday 3 rd June 2024	School Opens at 8.30am
Friday 14th June 2024	Training Day- No Children in School
Friday 19 th July 2024	School Closes Summer Break at 3.30pm
Monday 22nd July 2024	Training Day – No Children in School
Tuesday 23rd July 2024	Training Day – No Children in School

School Dates 2024-2025:

Monday 2 nd September 2024	School Opens at 8.30am
Friday 25 th October 2024	School Closes at 3.30pm
Monday 4 th November 2024	School Opens at 8.30am
Friday 20 th December 2024	School Closes at 3.30pm
Monday 6 th January 2025	School Opens at 8.30am
Friday 14 th February 2025	School Closes at 3.30pm
Monday 24 th February 2025	School Opens at 8.30am
Friday 4 th April 2025	School Closes at 3.30pm
Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	School Opens at 8.30am
Friday 2 nd May 2025	School Closes at 3.30pm
Tuesday 6 th May 2025	School Opens at 8.30am
Friday 23 rd May 2025	School Closes at 3.30pm
Monday 2 nd June 2025	School Opens at 8.30am
Monday 21 st & Tuesday 22 nd July 2025	Training Days to be confirmed